

Sub-Saharan Africa's Key 2026 Public Holidays & Recent Observance Changes

African Holidays · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Which country in Sub-Saharan Africa is implementing a new holiday reform law in 2026, changing some public holidays to 'Days of Remembrance and Commemoration'?

- A) Ghana
- B) Burkina Faso**
- C) Nigeria
- D) Senegal

2. In South Africa, what significant historical event does Youth Day, observed on June 16, commemorate?

- A) The end of apartheid
- B) The Soweto Uprising**
- C) Nelson Mandela's release
- D) The first democratic elections

3. Sir Seretse Khama Day, celebrated on July 1 in Botswana, honors which important figure in the country's history?

- A) The national bird
- B) A traditional chief
- C) The first President**
- D) A liberation hero

4. In which month does Liberia celebrate its Independence Day in 2026, with an observed holiday on July 27?

- A) June
- B) July**
- C) August
- D) September

5. When is Independence Day celebrated in the Central African Republic in 2026?

- A) August 13**
- B) September 1
- C) July 1
- D) October 15

6. Which Sub-Saharan African country observes National Heroes' Day in September 2026, with the observed holiday on September 18?

- A) Kenya
- B) Angola**
- C) Tanzania
- D) Uganda

7. What is the date for the Ethiopian New Year, also known as Enkutatash, in 2026?

- A) September 11**
- B) January 1
- C) March 21
- D) August 20

8. South Africa's Heritage Day, celebrated on September 24, focuses primarily on recognizing what aspect of the country?

- A) Economic growth
- B) Sporting achievements
- C) Cultural identity and diversity**
- D) Scientific advancements

9. On what date does Nigeria celebrate its Independence Day in 2026?

- A) October 1**
- B) September 1
- C) December 1
- D) August 1

10. Kenya's Mashujaa Day, celebrated on October 20, was formerly known by what name?

- A) Uhuru Day
- B) Kenyatta Day**
- C) Freedom Day
- D) Republic Day