SWAZILAND

ACP Region: Southern Africa
Population: 1.1 million
Official Language: English
Capital: Mbabane

National authority responsible for culture: Ministry of Home Affairs-Department of Sports and Culture.

Culture policy: A culture policy was drawn up in 1992, but was never adopted. It should be reviewed for better integration of culture into the global development policy and thus for a better articulation of the activities of the different ministries concerned. There is also no copyright law in Swaziland.

Principal public cultural bodies:
- Swaziland National Council of Arts and Culture. PO Box 5626, Mbabane. Tel: +268 505 4437. E-mail: artsandculture@africaonline.co.sz. Website: http://www.artsandculture.co.sz. Set up in 1997, it has an extensive mandate and has drafted a detailed plan of action for the 2004-2007 period, but it is weakened by the absence of a clear legal framework.
- Swaziland National Trust Commission. It is responsible for conservation of natural and cultural heritage, the National Museum and archaeological research. PO Box 100, Lobamba. Tel: +268 416 11 79. Fax: +268 416 18 75. E-mail: staff@swazimus.org.sz

Some professional organisations:
- Association of Christian Artists of Swaziland (ACASWA)
- Association of Swaziland Theatre Groups (ASTG)
- Book Sellers Association
- Independent Producers Association
- Musician’s Association
- Swaziland Arts and Music Association (SWAMA)
- Swaziland Book Traders Association
- Swaziland Film Makers Association. (SFMA)
- Swaziland National Choral Music Association.(SNCMA)
- Swaziland National Umbholohlo Association. (SNUA)
- Swaziland Reading Association
- Umdlandla Writers and Authors Association. (UWAA)
- Lutsango Lwaka Ngwane (LLN)
- Imigidvo Yesintfu kaNgwane (IYK)

Some events:
- Siyavuka Festival

COOPERATION WITH THE EC

Cultural cooperation: The EDF helped finance a tour of a dance troupe in Europe (€51,000) and a study of Swazi music and dance (€26,000).

Regional cooperation: EC/SADC Programme and EC/Southern, East and Indian Ocean Africa Programme.

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