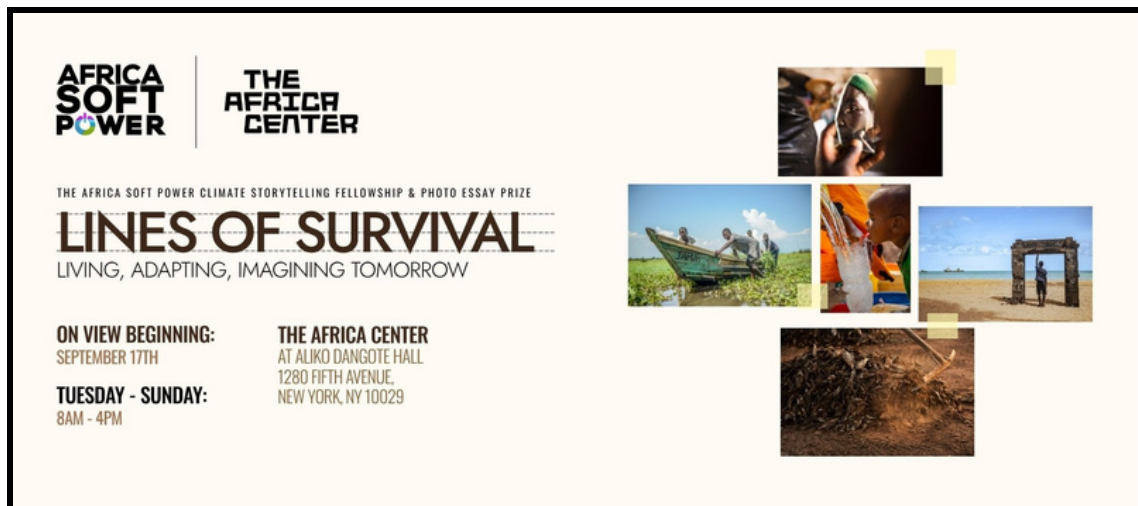




*Africa Soft Power Climate Storytelling Fellowship & Photo Essay Prize*

# LINES OF SURVIVAL COMES TO NEW YORK!



This September, Africa Soft Power brings *Lines of Survival: Living, Adapting, Imagining Tomorrow* to **New York**, showcasing the work of the 2026 Climate Storytelling Fellow and finalists at **The Africa Center**.

Through powerful visual stories, the exhibition captures environmental change as it is being lived: how communities are adapting, sustaining livelihoods, and imagining what comes next.

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## THE 2026 CLIMATE STORYTELLING FELLOW: Mpumelelo Buthelezi

*E'Plazini: A Place to Call Home for Waste Collectors Soweto, South Africa*



Amid the waste and discarded materials of Johannesburg's informal recycling economy, Mpumelelo Buthelezi's winning series follows the people who make a living recovering what others throw away — sustaining livelihoods while quietly reducing what ends up in landfill.

*“Through E'Plazini: A Place to Call Home for Waste Collectors, I explore the hidden connection between waste, climate change and survival. The waste collectors I photograph live and work within an environment shaped by consumption, pollution and inadequate waste-management systems. Their daily labour exposes a side of the climate crisis that is often invisible: the people who are closest to environmental damage are frequently those with the fewest resources to escape it.”*

His work will be presented alongside the 2026 finalists at The Africa Center in New York.

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The Africa Soft Power Group brings together Africa Soft Power, African Women on Board, and ASP Global around a shared mission: to bring vital, and too often unseen, African perspectives into the mainstream of global conversations shaping business, culture, leadership, and society.

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