5 Photographers.
5 Ways of Seeing Climate Change in Africa.



Discover Lines of Survival at The Africa Center in New York, where five young African photographers bring the continent's climate realities into focus.

Lines of Survival: Living, Adapting, Imagining Tomorrow, currently on view at **The Africa Center in New York**, brings together five young African photographers documenting different climate realities across the continent.

There is no single African climate story here. There are people making a living, adapting to changing environments, navigating loss and finding ways to keep going.

If you haven't visited '*Lines of Survival: Living, Adapting, Imaging Tomorrow*' at The Africa Center in New York, now is the time. This exhibition brings you into the lived, everyday realities of communities adapting to a rapidly changing continent. Here's a preview of what's waiting for you on the gallery walls:

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01 - Mpumelelo Buthelezi

Survival as livelihoo d

InJohannesburg,wastecollectors navigate the informal economy, finding value in what others have discarded.

Buthelezi's *E'Plazini: A Place to Call Home for Waste Collectors* looks closely at the people behind this work, their environment and the lives they have built around it.
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From the 2026 selection: ***Mpumelelo Buthelezi****, E'Plazini: A Place to Call Home for Waste Collectors (winner)*

02 - Brian Ongoro

Survival in the face of water

Rising floodwaters are a permanent neighbor in Kisumu County. Ongoro's *When the Water Stays* follows communities in Kisumu County living with flooding caused by backflow from the lake and rivers breaking their banks.

The photographs hold space for the everyday lives that continue around the disruption.
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From the 2026 selection: ***Brian Ongoro,*** *When the Water Stays*

03 - Vanessa Mulondo

Translate

Survival through resilience

At Lake Eyasiinnorthern Tanzania,fishing is powered by muscle, strain, and patience.

In *The Fishermen's Tale*, Vanessa Mulondo captures fishermen leveraging their full body weight to haul nets manually onto changing shorelines, adapting day-by-day to an unpredictable ecosystem.

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From the 2026 selection: ***Vanessa Mulondo,*** *The Fishermen's Tale*

04 - Kevin Ochieng Onyango

Survival through adaptation

Drought doesn'thappenwithacrash;it arrives in a whisper that stretches for years. In *Climate Realities*, Onyango documents drought across Kenya between 2021 and 2024, bringing the focus down to the people, animals and landscapes living through increasingly unpredictable conditions.

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From the 2026 selection: ***Kevin Ochieng Onyango,*** *Climate Realities*

05 - Nicolas Vava

Survival at the end

Alongthe coast ofTogo,the relationship between people and the sea is changing.

In *Stand in the Sand*, Vava documents coastal life while paying attention to the places, people and everyday realities shaped by a changing shoreline.
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From the 2026 selection: ***Nicolas Vava,*** *Stand in the Sand*

PLAN YOUR VISIT TO THE AFRICA CENTER

Don't miss the opportunity to experience these works up close.

Location: The Africa Center, Aliko Dangote Hall, 1280 Fifth Avenue, New York, USA

Exhibition Dates: On view through November 1, 2026

Gallery Hours: Tuesday - Sunday | 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Get Directions: https://maps.app.goo.gl/3W4ZeVzATyksjdb36

Be Part of the Story

'Lines of Survival' is an opportunity to bring African perspectives into global conversations about climate, culture and resilience.

We invite organisations, brands and institutions who share this vision to explore partnership opportunities and help take these stories further.

EXPLORE PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

About The Africa Soft Power Group

The Africa Soft Power Group brings togetherAfrica SoftPower,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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