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Dear Friends and Family,

After an incredibly successful 2023 Africa Soft Power Summit, we are now rested, reinvigorated, and raring to go on the next chapter of ASP's development! This week we're looking ahead to upcoming African soft power projects around the world, calling for final entries on our [Climate Photo Essay Prize](#) contest, and asking for YOUR input on what you might like to see from future events. But first...

Summit highlights

To all those who attended the event, and particularly our partners, we extend a huge thank-you/Murakoze, and will of course see you all again soon! For those who were unable to make it on this occasion, some highlights for you here:

ASP Insta: For all the images, videos, and thoughts from the summit as they were [captured in real-time](#)

The official photographs, segmented by individual event components, [can be found here](#) – tag yourself!

5 key themes: Africa Soft Power Founder & Creative Director, Dr Nkiru Balonwu, provides her own top five takeaway headlines [from the summit here](#)

The winners of the inaugural Africa Soft Power Awards, hosted at a [special presentation during the summit here](#)



Back on track

We also this week have the latest incarnation of our Africa Soft Power Tracker... Sitting on the ASP website and open to all, this live doc [charts the latest developments](#) in African creativity and innovation around the world, including of course our own afore-mentioned summit, which has also been making the headlines this week!

Climate Photo Essay Prize: Final Call!

As part of Africa Soft Power (ASP) and African Women on Board's (AWB) Road to 100 Million Climate Soldiers in Africa campaign, we've been inviting young people to participate in our photo essay prize contest, charting the changing landscapes around them from the frontlines of the fight against climate change. It's free to enter, participants retain all image rights over their own work, and all shortlisted entries will be showcased at special exhibitions in leading galleries around the world. But hurry... entry into the contest [closes this coming Friday 9th June!](#)



What's next?

We were absolutely bowled over by the popularity and success of the 2023 Africa Soft Power Summit, and are looking forward to our next round of upcoming events, including around UNGA and COP28, over the course of the coming year. Additionally, we'll be expanding both our digital and 'real-life' programmes during the coming months, and would like to get YOUR feedback on the sorts of projects and accompanying events you'd like to see introduced.

Whether you attended the summit, are currently involved in a wider ASP, AWB, or related project, or are completely new to our network and would just like to let us know what you would like to achieve from participation in the organisation, simply drop us a note directly at asp@theafricasoftpowerproject.com and let's go global together!



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