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Dear friends & family,

Welcome to Q3 2023... we have some exciting news for you, as we look to kick the second half of the year off with a bang!

Securing the Future: Youth Power, Culture & Creative Economy

Happening THIS WEEK (on Friday, 21st July) is our all-new event on the transformative power of Africa's creative and digital industries, and the young people that are now driving their evolution. We'll be live in Lagos, so mark your calendar and come and join us for what promises to be an inspiring afternoon of conversation. We'll be talking to youth and government groups on topics such as engagement, participation, and the social contract necessary for effective democratic governance today – you can find out more and register [here](#).



The Africa Soft Power Climate Change Photo Essay Prize

Judging is now underway on the [ASP Climate Change Photo Essay Prize](#), with considerations being made by the expert eyes of:

- Julie Crooks - Curator, Arts of Global Africa and the Diaspora at the Art Gallery of Ontario
- Kenneth Montague - Founding Director, Wedge Curatorial Projects
- Renée Mussai – Curator, Scholar & Artistic Director, The Walther Collection

The finalists will go on to have their work exhibited all over the world, including at the following events:

- Nairobi, September 2023, during a special Africa Soft Power display held against the backdrop of Africa Climate Week
- New York, September 2023, during the UN General Assembly
- London, October 2023, during Frieze Week
- Lagos, November 2023, during ART X Lagos

We'll have further details on all of these exhibitions in due course and in the meantime it's all part of our wider Road to 100 Million Climate Soldiers in Africa programme, which you can [find out more about here](#).



United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)

Finally, we couldn't be more excited to be once again heading across to the United Nations General Assembly in New York, which this year is scheduled to commence Monday, 4th September. We'll be teaming up with our sister-organisation, African Women on Board; and from an ASP pov, carrying a strong voice for African youth inclusion and African women's leadership within the context of this year's event's key theme:

'Rebuilding trust and reigniting global solidarity: Accelerating action on the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals towards peace, prosperity, progress, and sustainability for all.'

And Finally...

We can't believe that we're already halfway through the year, but are delighted to report that we've ALREADY reached 500,000 social accounts directly, and millions through our partner network! Integral to this success has been ASP and AWB's growing range of 'real life' events post-Covid, which are helping to strengthen connectivity and conversations around some of our most important intersectional themes.

Stay tuned to our site for the latest updates, and in the meantime, here is a round-up of press from some of our key convenings over the first half of this year:

World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting, in collaboration with Africa House, Davos, January 2023: [a three-day conference programme hosted at Africa House, Davos](#)

- Africa Prosperity Dialogues, in partnership with Africa Prosperity Network, Ghana, January 2023: a high-level three-day convening featuring business, politics, and creative [leaders from across the continent](#)

- Africa Soft Power + Hollywood, in collaboration with African Women on Board, LA, March 2023: a celebration of women in the art and entertainment industry, shining the light on how they continue to shift the narrative for the continent and the diaspora at large. [See gallery here.](#)

Africa Soft Power Summit, Kigali, May 2023: our flagship annual event, [including the inaugural RAW Women's Leadership Conference](#)

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