

## **Wiki Africa Workshop**

WikiAfrica launches a series of workshops, which will create new articles for Wikipedia, and provide a technical overview of the operative systems of the most famous online encyclopedia. Meetings and discussions with authors and experts will generate new debates and entries for WikiAfrica.

The workshops produce new contents through a collaborative writing process that takes place both on- and off-line. Two keynote speakers introduce a topic; participants contribute to the discussion sharing their expertise; a Wikipedia administrator offers technical support in relation to the formatting and rules of Wiki projects; three editors upload the contents online in real time, while a cameraman films the event while it unfolds.

WikiAfrica Workshop is intended to offer a space where a range of issues relating African cultural productions can be explored in depth. It will also function as a forum, where participants can consider Wikipedia's controversial encyclopedism.

Up to the present, there have been two WikiAfrica workshops: in Mantova in 2007 and Pisa in 2008.