

Ways Forward for Heritage

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(Summary of key points made)

Looking at the future of Kenya's heritage, it will be important to take cognizance of a number of factors that will impact on this. To begin with, students both in schools and colleges do not wish to study history because they do not see its relevance to their lives. This, therefore, makes history an endangered species. Indeed, history is now a component under social studies. A campaign of sorts will need to be carried out to reverse this trend.

Another area of concern is the role of women in peace making. Women's studies have come of age. Unfortunately, in Kenya not much has been done. Yet the meagre studies available clearly show that women played a crucial role in making warriors go to war or persuading them to make peace.

Peace museums have begun to appear on the Kenyan scene. But to date, not much is known regarding their role in society. There is a dire need to embark on educating Kenyans about them. In short, civic education must be given priority in order to show that peace museums do not exist simply a method of extracting a few dollars from gullible foreign tourists.

Finally, extant historical studies in Kenya have been regarded as having excluded a number of communities. Hence the problem of marginalization has to be addressed. This calls for the preparation of a research agenda that ought to cover all counties and communities.