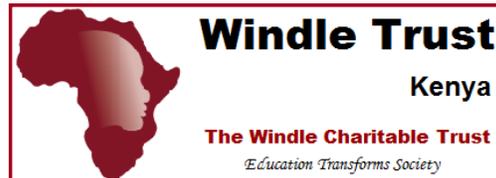




INSET: A PACKED LOUIS LEAKEY AUDITORIUM WATCHING A BURUNDIAN DANCE



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## World Refugee Day

June 20th 2016 marked yet another celebration for World refugee day annual event.

The colorful event was held at the National Museums of Kenya. The theme of this year's celebrations was "Get to know Refugees- People like you and me" which was similar to the message adopted in the previous year.

### WTK Participation in the WRD Build-Up activities.

WTK was represented at the planning stage of this event which involved attending several meetings and participation in the build-up activities. One such build up activity was the Media breakfast that was hosted at the Intercontinental hotel. Our Country Director- Dr.Marangu graced the event with his presence including other invited guests who took to the podium to discuss pertinent refugee matters to create sensitization and bring a positive outlook about refugees especially in the face of the current repatriation discussion.

WTK also got the opportunity to showcase a video documentary on DAFI scholarship Program and the impact it has made in the lives of students who have benefitted from the program. Two DAFI scholars were present at the event upon invitation by WTK and got an

opportunity to share their insights from a refugee perspective.

### WTK Participation at WRD main event

The culmination of the WRD Planning was the main event held at the National Museums of Kenya. WTK staff were present including a handful of WTK scholars who had been invited to celebrate the day together with their fellow refugees. The celebrations were jubilant and involved performances from talented refugee groups that included traditional cultural dances, skits and poems.

Exhibition stands were available for partners to display and or sell their merchandise. WTK took the opportunity to display and sell t-shirts and umbrellas from DAFIKESO. The staff present also got the chance to interact and answer queries from interested parties regarding our operations.

Some of the highlights of the eventful day was the Refugee Athletes project by Tegla Loroupe Peace Foundation which presented the refugees from Kakuma Refugee Camp who will be participating in The 2016 Rio Olympics. The five are from S.Sudan and will be joined by two refugees from Syria, two from DRC and one from Ethiopia to fly the Refugees Olympics Team flag at the games.

**"Every world leader wants quality education for their children. They need to think of the rest of the world's children as their own children."**

*Malala Yousafzai, Pakistani education campaigner*

Key note speeches were presented by invited dignitaries that included UNHCR Representative to Kenya-Raouf Mazou, UNHCR Resident Coordinator to Kenya- Sahle-Work Zewde, US ambassador to Kenya- Robert F. Godec and Government Representative.

The day ended with performance from the renowned rapper Octopizzo of the "Artists for Refugees" a project that seeks to provide a platform where talented refugees can discover, explore, hone and display their talents as well as getting mentorship, life coaching and training.

## A courtesy Call from Founders of the CTA Project, Waberi Dadaab.



Waberi School is one of the beneficiaries of the Instant Network Schools (INS) programme sponsored by the Vodafone foundation. The integration of ICT in teaching and learning at

Waberi School has brought with it many benefits to the entire school fraternity. The programme has most especially benefited the learners who find it intriguing when having ICT integrated lessons at the Modern Computer Laboratory in the school where they have access to tablets and the teacher guides them through the content which is already pre-installed or can be accessed in the internet through the tablets. More so, the teacher projects the same content on the whiteboard thus making teaching and learning is very interactive. The teachers too, find it easy to prepare the content for every class as materials are sourced from custom made internet site known as Rachel developed by the Khan Academy. The learning experiences have gone a long way to increase the Girl child retention rates and attendance since it has made teaching and learning interesting.

The school received a courtesy call from a pulchritudinous lady, Erin Hayba, University of Geneva who was among the initiators of the ICT project in the school under the CTA project. Erin mentioned that her friends and she had cycled for several miles for charity towards the project. She was pleased to see the project in progress and after attending to one of the ICT Integrated lessons, she was impressed of its success. She urged the learners to embrace technology and utilise the opportunity of having an ICT programme in school. The charismatic beautiful lass was accompanied by Alex Bruisse (Alex Bruisse Photography), Geart Hendricks (AISTS), Rex Laissecfaire (UNHCR Dadaab) and Hassan Aden (UNHCR Community Service).