

## GUINEA

<b>ACP Region:</b>	West Africa
<b>Population:</b>	9 million
<b>Official Language:</b>	French
<b>Capital:</b>	Conakry

**National authority responsible for culture:** Ministère de la Jeunesse, des Sports et de la Culture.

**Culture policy:** A national culture Charter was promulgated in 1990, followed in 1993 by a *Déclaration de politique culturelle*. In 1999, the national culture days resulted in new recommendations. A plan of action was drawn up in 2000.

**Principal public cultural bodies:**

- Bureau Guinéen du Droit d'Auteur (BGDA)
- Institut Supérieur des Arts de Guinée

**Some professional organisations:**

- Association des Artistes Créateurs de Guinée
- Association des Ecrivains de Guinée
- Association des Femmes Poètes et Ecrivains de Guinée
- Association des Musiciens Interprètes de Guinée
- Coalition Guinéenne pour la Diversité Culturelle
- Fédération des Festivals de Guinée

**Some events:**

- Biennale Internationale de Percussions/International Percussion Biennial
- Festival Africain de Folklore de Guinée
- Festival des Arts du Conte Kiini Afrika
- Festival de Cordes et de Kora M'Bady Kouyate
- Festival International Le Rap Aussi
- Festival International de Musique d'Ici et d'Ailleurs
- Festival de Jazz de Guinée
- Festival de Théâtre de Guinée
- Rencontres Poétiques de Conakry

**COOPERATION WITH THE EC**

**Cultural cooperation:** The 7<sup>th</sup> EDF backed 5 films (total €750,000), publication of the book *Conakry Porte de la Guinée* (€80,000) and training for the national theatre troupe. The 8<sup>th</sup> EDF allocated over €3.7 million to the culture sector by financing 2 films (€400,000), the 1999 International Percussion Biennial (€280,000), a support programme to develop and spread percussion (€1,430,000) and a *Programme de Soutien aux Initiatives Culturelles* (€1,585,000). Culture is not mentioned in the 9<sup>th</sup> EDF CSP/NIP.

**Other programmes that may interest cultural participants:** The 9<sup>th</sup> EDF CSP/NIP provided for a support programme for SCO initiatives, particularly in social action for youth and promotion of citizenship and human rights, as well as a €1,000,000 support fund for conferences, workshops and cultural initiatives ensuring visibility of EC interventions in the field. But, for political reasons, the document has not yet been signed. The decentralised cooperation budget allows for supporting projects that promote the participation of civil society, decentralisation and social dialogue.

**Regional cooperation:** EC/West Africa

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