

LESOTHO

ACP Region: Southern Africa
Population: 1.8 million
Official Language: English and Sesotho
Capital: Maseru

National authority responsible for culture: Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Culture. PO Box 52, Maseru 100. Tel: +266 2231 3034. Fax: +266 2231 0194. E-mail: minister@tourism.gov.ls Web site: <http://www.lesotho.gov.ls/gender/>

Culture policy: A white paper was drafted in 2002.

Principal public cultural bodies:

- Lesotho Academy of the Arts
- Lesotho National Arts Council
- National Archives
- National Library
- National Museum

Some professional organisations:

- Lesotho Association of Theatre Artists
- Lesotho Booksellers Association
- Lesotho Publishers Association
- Lesotho Writers Association

Some events:

- Morija Arts and Culture Fest

COOPERATION WITH THE EC

Cultural cooperation: National funds of the 8th EDF financed a Support Fund for actions in information, workshops, conferences and cultural initiatives (€476,000).

Regional cooperation: EC/SADC Programme

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