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UNESCO, European Union and National Partners for Heritage Project Inaugurate Mwalimu Nyerere African Liberation Memorial Studio at Tanzania Broadcasting Corporation (TBC)

UNESCO in collaboration with the Partners and Associates of the European Union (EU) funded Project, Safeguarding, Preservation and Promotion of the Heritage Archives of Tanzania, the African Liberation Heritage Archives in particular, will inaugurate the Mwalimu Nyerere African Liberation Memorial Studio at Tanzania Broadcasting Corporation (TBC) on Friday 27 July 2018.

The refurbishment of the facility was made possible with the support of UNESCO and the EU funded project, *Safeguarding, Preservation and Promotion of the Heritage Archives of Tanzania, the African Liberation Heritage Archives*. The project aimed to ensure the sustainability of audio and print heritage archives by increasing accountability, accessibility and enhancing coordination of the management of this important heritage in the United Republic of Tanzania.

The Studio is an important heritage asset, as a monumental site that was prominently used in the Liberation era as a broadcasting station with an external service channel dedicated to the Struggle in Southern Africa. TBC (then known as Radio Tanzania) aired programmes and recruited journalists from nearly all the liberation movements. The renovation of the space, supported by UNESCO, and the restoration of the repositories funded by the EU, permits the facility to be used as a permanent display/exhibition of the Liberation Heritage Archives through a Radio Museum, for greater public access to documentary heritage. The restored section currently hosts two (2) digitization rooms and repositories, two (2) listening rooms and a memorial space.

National Institutions partners and associates in the Project are Tanzania Broadcasting Corporation, National Museum of Tanzania, Tanzania National Records and Archives and the Mwalimu Nyerere Foundation in collaboration with the Africa Liberation Heritage Programme at the Ministry of Information, Culture, Arts and Sports.

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