

## **Press Release**

The first **Kisumu Peace Festival** is set to take place in Jomo Kenyatta Grounds in Kisumu City between the **4th and 6th August**.

The event will be a combination of performing arts entertainment, educational workshops, sporting events and a peace forum. Those invited to perform on the main stage will include Makadem, Dola Kabarry, Kenge Kenge, Winyo, Iterio Zion Youth Group, Pamoja Peace Youth Initiative and YAWA Dance Company.

The **Opening Ceremony**, which will take place from **2pm on Thursday 4th August**, will be graced by the **Guest of Honour, the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister Raila Odinga**.

The festival is a free event and is aimed at bringing together all communities in Kisumu as one, to unite in the common cause of making Kisumu and Kenya a peaceful place. So we invite all to join the people of Kisumu in “Celebrating Diversity in Unity”.

Workshops:

Artists’ workshop - Willis Otiene & Isaac Musula, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm/ 2pm-5pm, both days.

Dance Workshop – With YAWA dancers, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>, from 9am-12pm/ 2pm-5pm

Business Skills for Creative Entrepreneurs Workshop – From the British Council, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>, from 9am-12pm/1pm-4pm

Children’s Crafts Workshop -Children’s craft workshop, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>, from 9am-12pm/ 1pm-4pm

Story Moja Workshop – Children’s peace-building book, titled ‘In the Land of the Kitchen’, on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm/ 2pm -5pm

Meditation Workshop – By Brahma Kumaris, on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> from 9am-5pm each day.

Music and Business Workshop – By musician George Kenge Kenge, on Friday 5<sup>th</sup>, from 10am-12pm

Benga Music Workshop – By musician Winyo, on Friday 5<sup>th</sup>, from 2pm-5pm

Introductory French Workshop - Alliance Française, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm.

Registration for this workshop can be done by emailing your details to [kisumupeace festival@gmail.com](mailto:kisumupeace festival@gmail.com) or by coming in person to the Festival Bureau, located at Jomo Kenyatta Sports Ground, on Wednesday 3rd August.