

Project in Support to the Protection of Historical Buildings in Kampala, Jinja and Entebbe

Background

Uganda's built heritage is under threat. Loss of historic sites means a lost connection with shared past, and a risk of losing those unique features which prevent Ugandan cities from becoming indistinguishable from each other. Each building has a story to tell about people who lived or worked there and about the history of this country.

The EU has long been a leading light in the celebration and preservation of built heritage. The *2018 European Year of Cultural Heritage* has provided an ideal opportunity to share, with Ugandan likeminded institutions, the European experience and know-how in protection and valorization of cultural heritage. The European Union Delegation to Uganda has thus positively responded to the call for support from the *Cross Cultural Foundation of Uganda* (CCFU) to implement this innovative project. The foundations of the project were laid down in 2014, with the support of the Embassy of Ireland, when CCFU produced a map of a number of historical buildings and sites in Kampala only.

This EU funded project paves the way for a ground-breaking understanding and perspective about historical buildings in Uganda and to an innovative approach to their use, re-use and management.

It will not only raise awareness on the value of historical buildings in Uganda, but will also generate opportunities to create new jobs and develop innovative business, especially for young people.

Main project's activities

- 3-day training for professional photographers, researchers, local authorities, to acquire standardized methodology and tools for data collection and photography (September 2018, Kampala). The training was delivered by two European experts.
- Research and data collection, and photography: the trained researchers and photographers were dispatched to Entebbe, Jinja and Kampala to document historical buildings and sites in each city.
- 2-day awareness events, one in each city, for a wide range of stakeholders (Ministry of Tourism, traditional authorities, local authorities, Civil Society Organizations, private sector representatives, culture professionals and architects (November 2018). The events were broken down into:
 - Day 1): seminar to discuss the importance of historical properties as a source of social cohesion and as an entry point for economic development through heritage preservation and re-functionalization;
 - Day 2: guided tour to visit the historical buildings and sites and unveiling ceremony of commemorative plaques (3 in each city).

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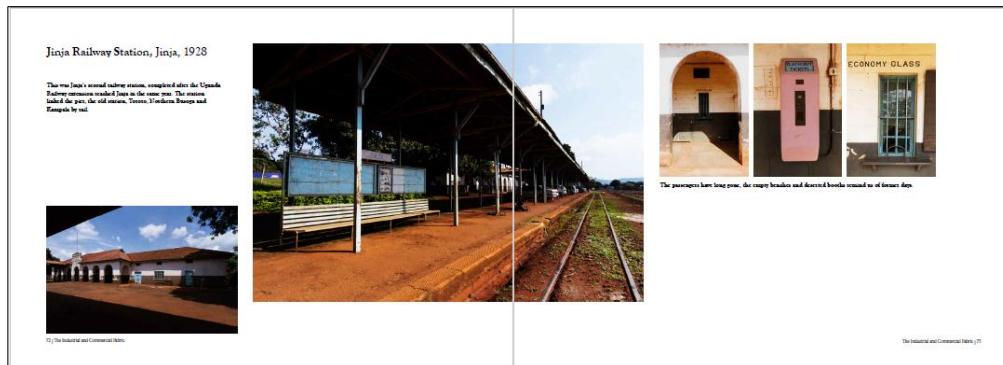
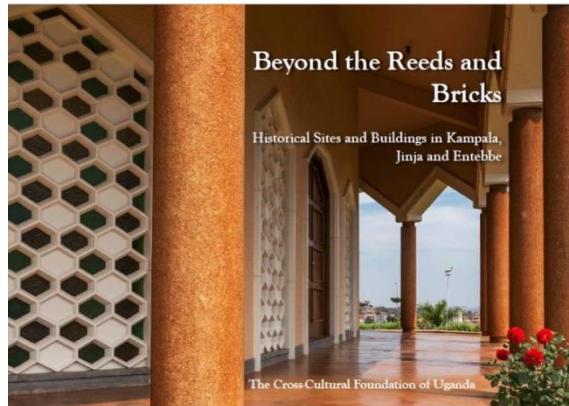
"Beyond the Reeds and Bricks – Historical Sites and Buildings in Kampala, Jinja and Entebbe"

Produced by the Cross-Cultural Foundation of Uganda (CCFU), with support from the European Union,

this book bears witness to the richness of Uganda's historical buildings and sites (some hidden, some prominent) surrounding us in Kampala, Jinja and Entebbe. From the legacy of pre-colonial kingdoms, to the introduction of western education, medicine and religions, the growth of commerce and industry, right through to Uganda's endeavour to forge a new independent identity, this book documents our country's story through those historical buildings and sites still in existence today.

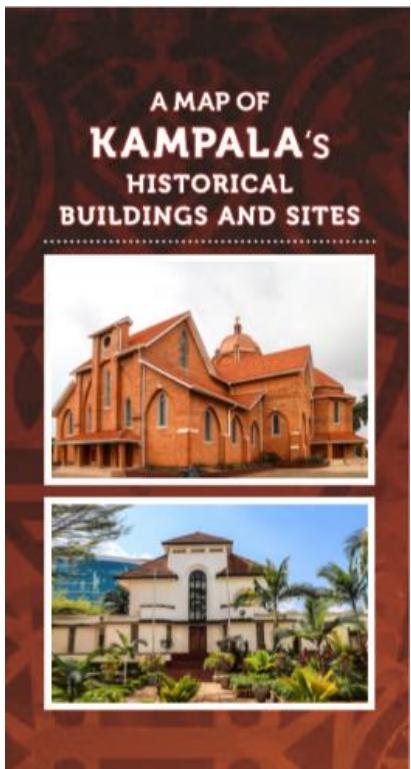
Set over 8 chapters, the book combines beautiful photographs of over 60 notable historical locations, accompanied by a narrative which sets the locations in their historical, social and political contexts and highlights why they still matter today.

With forewords by the Hon. Ephraim Kamuntu (Minister of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities), His Excellency Ambassador Attilio Pacifici, (Head of Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Uganda), and Ms Emily Drani, Executive Director of CCFU, it is hoped that this publication will demonstrate that Uganda's built heritage should be a source of pride, and encourage its protection and conservation in the coming years.



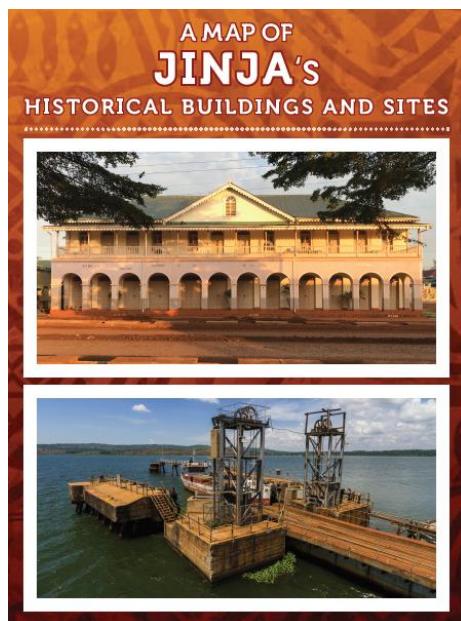
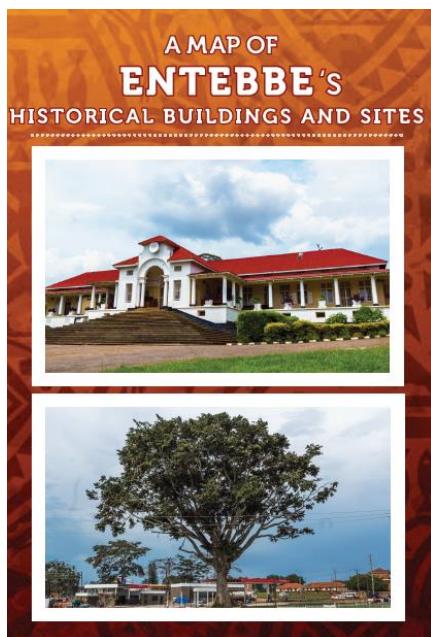
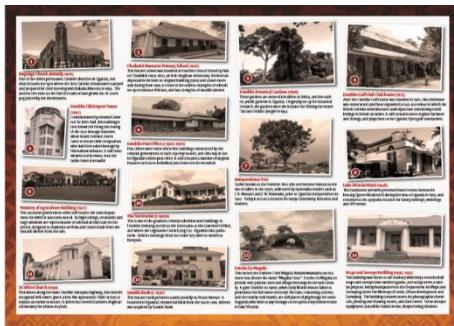
Maps - explore Uganda's historical towns and cities:

1. *A Map of Kampala's Historical Buildings and Sites*
2. *A Map of Jinja's Historical Buildings and Sites*
3. *A Map of Entebbe's Historical Buildings and Sites*



These high-quality maps have been produced to help tourists and members of the public understand and appreciate the history surrounding them. Containing photos of notable historical sites, interesting facts, and a clear annotated street plan, the maps also include an overview of the towns and their history.

PDF versions of the maps will also be available to download free from the website of the Cross-Cultural Foundation of Uganda (www.crossculturalfoundation.or.ug).



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Welcome to the **Uganda's Built Heritage** app - bringing Uganda's history to life as you walk down the street!

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- Build a favourites list
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