



Voice of America®

VOA Broadcasting in French to Africa

VOA's French to Africa Service produces a broad mix of news and interactive programming for radio, television, and the Internet. On shortwave radio, VOA targets to 22 francophone countries in sub-Saharan Africa, and has FM transmitters operating in several key capitals across the region. VOA provides an alternative to state-owned and/or supported media that dominate the airwaves in many of these countries. Although independent radio and television stations are making some advances, many remain subject to government interference.

Quick Facts

Established:	March 1960
Target Areas:	22 francophone sub-Saharan countries
Languages:	French, Bambara, Sango
SW Radio:	22.5 hours per week (3.5 hours, Monday - Friday, and 2.5 hours, Saturday & Sunday)
TV Programming:	60 minutes per week

Programs and features available at:

www.VOAAfrique.com
www.VOANews.com/French

Facebook:
[VOAAfrique](https://www.facebook.com/VOAAfrique)

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FM Stream:
www.voanews.com/wm/live/live-frenchtoafrika-a.aspx

Features and Programs

Radio

Le Monde Aujourd'hui (LMA), a 30-minute news magazine, focuses on issues and perspectives of greatest relevance to the francophone Africa region. Following a ten-minute roundup of African, U.S. and international news, LMA features interviews and Q&A's with stringers and newsmakers who discuss in depth the latest developments and issues of interest to listeners in francophone Africa. *Le Monde Aujourd'hui* airs Monday through Friday at 0530, 0600, 1830, and 1930 UTC on shortwave. On most FM streams the show can be heard from 0530 to 0830 UTC and at 1730, 1830, and 1930 UTC.

L'Amérique et Vous is a Friday 19:05 UTC interactive radio program with experts, reports, and listeners by phone and Facebook who discuss American issues and U.S. foreign policy as it affects Africa.

Le Dialogue des Religions is an interactive radio program every Wednesday at 1905 UTC in which theologians, religious leaders, and listeners use the phone and Facebook to discuss topical issues of religion, including traditional African religions.

RM Show is a fun, lively interactive issues and entertainment show with host Roger Muntu, heard every Monday to Friday from 2000 UTC. Roger uses music and chat to entertain and discuss serious social issues with mostly young listeners from across the continent.

Sporama is a popular, fast-paced magazine show every Monday at 1905 for the continent's sports fans. Scores, highlights, analysis with experts, sports reporters, and athletes plus discussion with listeners make this show a must following every weekend's sporting events.

TV

Washington Forum is Francophone Africa's best in-depth debate and discussion program. It airs via dozens of top TV affiliates in the region.

Vous+Nous focuses on the positive, even incredible things young people are doing in the US and Africa to improve their lives and communities.

VOA60 Afrique is a one-minute roundup of the region's top stories each day. It is published online and shown on affiliate TV stations.

Digital

French-to-Africa is very active on Facebook and the web, providing breaking news, features, and discussion forums throughout the week.