





South African Cultural Observatory

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What is the creative economy?

The "creative economy" looks at the relationship between creativity and economics, leading to a growing understanding of the nature of the relationshiptural observatory between the two and the ability to create wealth and extensive social value.

Its an evolving concept based on creative assets potentially generating economic growth and development.

- It can foster income generation, job creation and expert earnings while promoting social cohesion, cultural diversity and human development
- It embraces economic, cultural and social aspects interacting with technology, intellectual property and tourism objectives
- It is a set of knowledgebase economic activities with a development dimension and cross-cutting linkages at macro and micro levels to the overall economy.
- It is a feasible development option calling for innovative, multidisciplinary policy responses and inter-ministerial action



Wide variety of work using diverse research methods: Some examples from SACO 1



Measuring the value of culture



Intrinsic cultural values

- Unique value of culture itself
- The aim of production in the first place
- "Art for art's sake"

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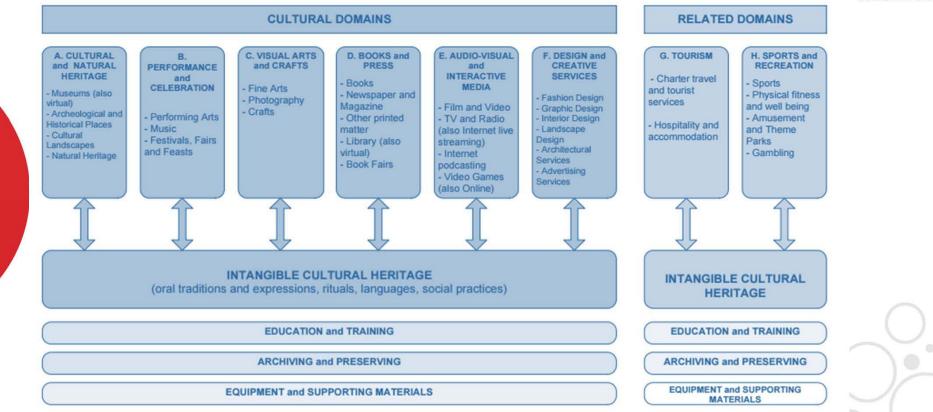
- For example: to entertain, delight, explain, explore, challenge, question, make meaning, enhance national pride & identity, educate
- Measured by: Social surveys; opinion questions; Willingness to pay; quality of life; historical analysis

Instrumental values

- May not be unique to culture
- Not the primary purpose of cultural production
- For example: tourist spending leading to economic growth & development; job creation; infrastructure investment; "image" enhancement ...
- Measured by: Economic impact



Defining the creative sector







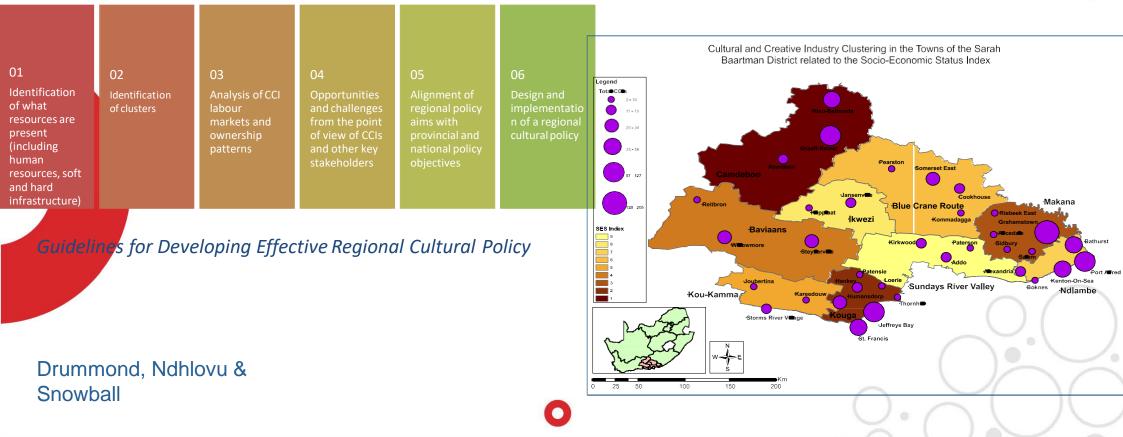
Cultural Festivals and Events





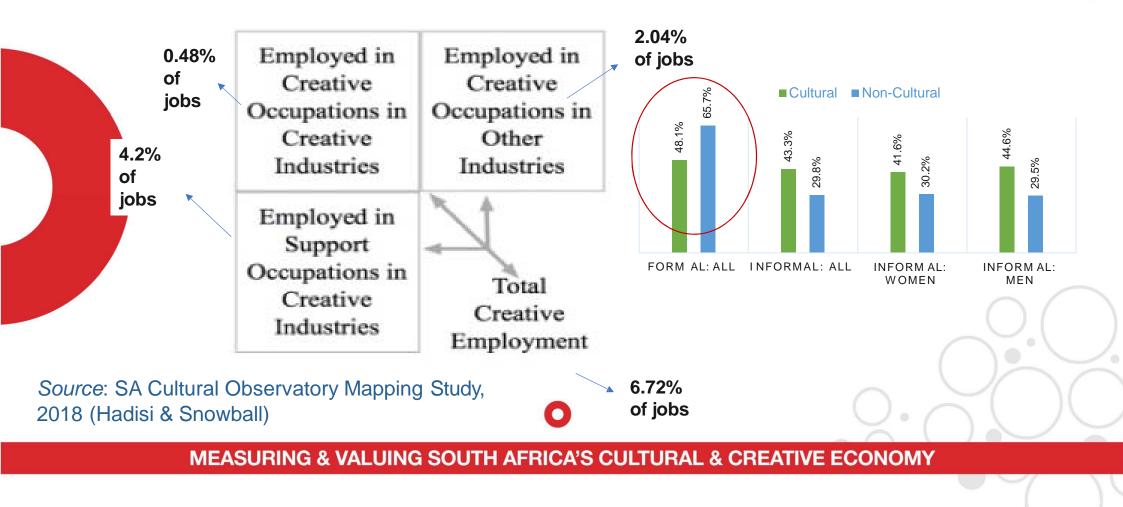


Cultural mapping and regional culture policy





Working in the cultural & creative sector



The impact of intellectual property in the (micro) creative industries: Shweshwe in South Africa



In addition to direct production and sales, Shweshwe is used as an input by more than 5000 small businesses in SA, which are associated with 10 to 12 thousand jobs.

The import of ready-made "fake" Shweshwe garments, especially those that also copy the back stamp, thus will impact negatively the SMMEs and jobs in the sector.

Mapuma & Snowball

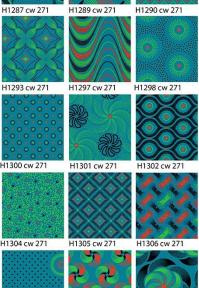




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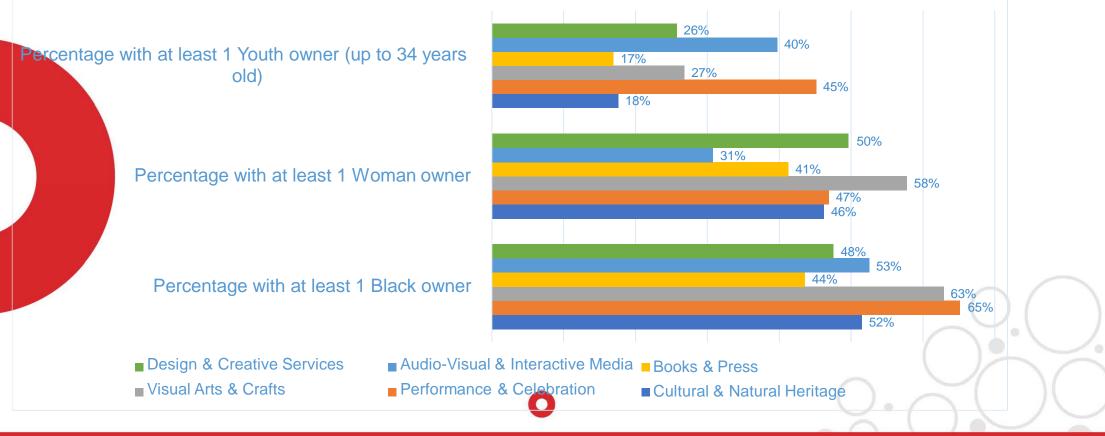
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Transformation & the creative sector



MEASURING & VALUING SOUTH AFRICA'S CULTURAL & CREATIVE ECONOMY

Collins, Tarentaal & Snowball

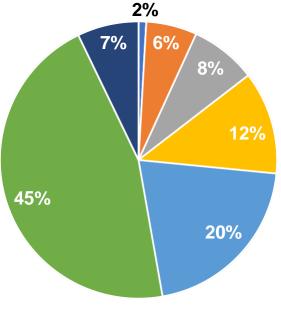
National level statistics & policy



1.7% of GDP (2016)

CCI growth rate of 4.9% (2011-2016) compared to 1.6% for whole economy

Fastest growth rate in Domains E & F



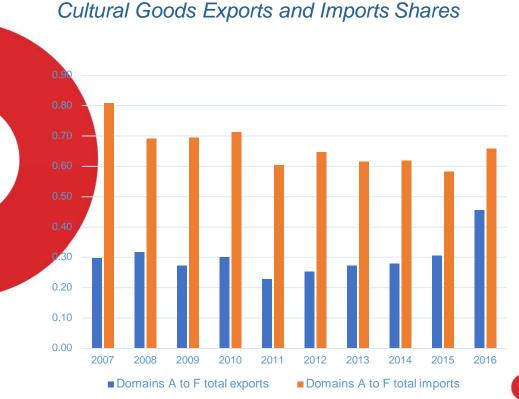
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- A.Cultural & Natural
 Heritage
- B.Performance & Celebration
- C. Visual Arts & Crafts
- D. Books & Press
- E.Audio-Visual & Interactive Media
- F.Design & Creative Services
- G. Cultural education

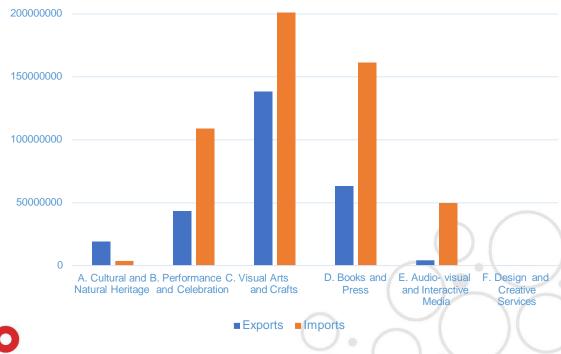
Source: SA Cultural Observatory Mapping Study, 2018



International Trade in Cultural Goods

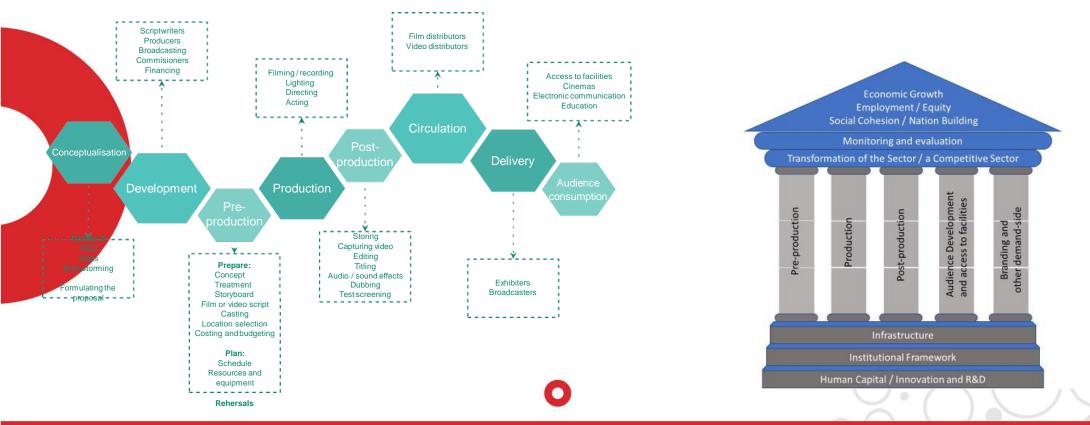


Exports and Imports by Domain (US \$) 2014-2016 averages





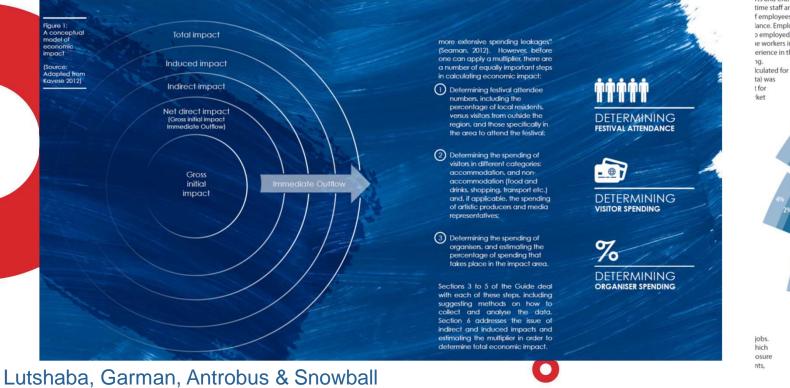
Film & Television Strategy for SA



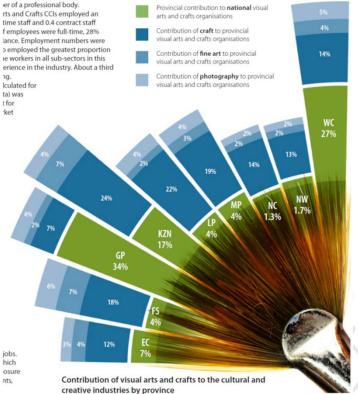
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Gouws, Snowball, Vermeulen, Ndhlovu, Shelver

Communicating results Workshops & Infographics









Interested? Next steps







What does SACO fund?

- Each output is different, and has different funding requirements, so the budget is negotiated. It could include funding for:
 - Research assistants (students)
 - Consulting time (academics & other researchers)
 - Fieldwork costs (travel, data collection & capture, specialist equipment and databases etc.)
- SACO does not fund ACH events or groups: it is primarily based on research and capacity building (training workshops).



What to do next?

- Communicate your interest: Contact Unathi Lutshaba (SACO Executive Director) <u>unathi.lutshaba@mandela.ac.za</u>
- Tell us about your interests, expertise, past and current research, postgrad students.
- Read the SACO research agenda to see where you could fit in;
- Think about the policy relevant output (report/tool) or capacity development (short-course/workshop) that you could develop.















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