



Why we launched AFRONEWS -**Ortel Mobile African Community in Germany Awards** 

Welcome to this special edition of Afronews.de published on the occasion of the first Annual AFRONEWS - Ortel **Mobile African Community in Germany** Awards.

The awards are organised by Afronews.de, the newspaper for Africans in Germany in partnership with Ortel Mobile, Germany's leading prepaid sim cards provider for people with a migration background.

### The AFRONEWS - Ortel Mobile African

Community in Germany Awards celebrate and recognise outstanding achievements of Africans in different fields in Germany.

There are so many Africans in Germany who have excelled in different fields.

There are also many African associations carrying out important activities to safeguard the wellbeing of our people, promote a positive image of Africa and Africans, support the needy and facilitate integration of Africans in Germany. Unfortunately, most of these efforts are hardly recognised.

This is why we have launched the AFRONEWS - Ortel Mobile African Community in Germany Awards to recognise and celebrate these African achievers in Germany. These role models from our communities deserve not only to be recognised and celebrated but also encouraged to continue the good work they are doing.

We need to proudly display these outstanding people, these role models in order to help our younger ones find a source of inspiration from withing our communities while, at the same time changing the narrative about our communities.

We plan to organise the African Community in Germany Awards every year to fulfil that important mission of recognising and celebrating our achievers. Welcome once more and enjoy reading

the profiles of the people and associations nominated for AFRONEWS - Ortel African Community in Germany Awards 2021. Thank you.

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Philly Yambo Makora is a talented Corporate Communication Expert living in Germany.

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Gillian Lwangu Piroth, a Kenyan born lady is making it possible for people in Germany to eniov delicious Kenvan meals without having travel all the way to Kenya.

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### 2000 at the Court of law (Amtsgericht – Registergericht) in

Munich.

Prior to this date it was known as the Nigerian Student Union Munich (NSUM), which metamorphosized into the present-day Nigerian Community Bayern. The association was established to promote patriotic spirit and unity among the people of Nigerian origin living in the free state of Bavaria and across Germany.

One of its objectives is to render support, charity, and humanitarian services to Nigerians, desiring individuals, organizations, or groups on matters relating to social, economic, legal, and political well-being in Germany.

The Nigerian Community Bayern Germany (NCBG) e.V. offers trainings and lessons to families and children of the Nigerian diaspora, as part of its projects aimed at educating young Nigerians in the Diaspora on the Nigerian cultures and local languages. It offers language classes in Yoruba, Igbo, and Hausa.

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### THE BEST AFRICAN ASSOCIATION IN GERMANY NOMINEES

Kenyan Women in Germany e.V.

enyan Women in Germany e.V. (KWIG) is a community-based women empowerment association founded in May 2020. Founded and led by Jacky Achieng' Kuhn, KWIG's mission is to support the social and economic integration, promotion and empowerment of Kenyan women in Germany through contextual support.

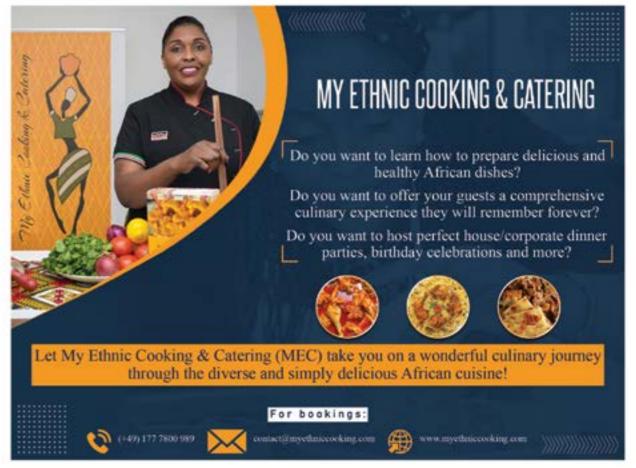
KWIG's vision is to offer Kenyan women in Germany a place where they can preserve their family unity and join new communities. Some of the activities of the association include organising exhibitions, lectures and vocational training.

The Kenyan Women in Germany e.V. organises intercultural activities, development projects and humanitarian projects and promotes partnerships between Germans and Kenyans who live both here in Germany and in Kenya. The association has a project fighting against and supporting victims of domestic violence. It also carries out campaigns against racism.

"One of the most striking initiatives of KWIG is Bonga Table, which is an interactive media project that brings people together to discuss issues affecting black communities and find possible solutions for a better future.

KWIG also has a Leadership Mentorship program to inspire and motivate women to have self-confidence, be more productive, more effective and more agile in their work positions.

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# RAISE – The Gambian helping Hands

RAISE – The Gambian helping Hands promotes international relations between the Gambians and Germans.

It facilitates connections between the schools in Germany and the Gambia and supports Gambian schools and teachers with educational materials.

Through Mr Yahya Sonko, an experienced Gambian refugee activist who is the Vice Chair of the association, RAISE – The Gambian helping Hands works with Gambian refugees in Germany.

It organises seminars and workshops about asylum and integration procedures in Germany. It also provides legal support to enable Gambians in Germany obtain their national documents.

The association raises funds to support Gambian refugees in case of emergency. During deportations, RAISE – The Gambian helping Hands normally helps deportees pack and transport back home their valuable belongings.

It also takes care of transporting to the Gambia the bodies of Gambian refugees and immigrants who die in Germany.

### Tumaini Dala e.V.

Tumaini Dala e.V., is a charity organisation carrying out development projects in Kisumu, Kenya. Tumaini Dala means hope in the village. It is a small organisation but with a great impact on the lives of the less fortunate in Kenya. It has indeed changed the lives of many people with the limited resources it has. Led by Josephine Achieng Hohpe, the Kenyanborn lady who lives with her family in Ober-Ramstadt, Tumaini Dala e.V., would like to give hope to poor families. It supports the education and nutrition of the needy children in Kenya. Tumaini Dala e.V. is organized from Germany but has responsible contacts in Kenya. Apart from supporting the education of the needy children, it also provides a tailoring course to unemployed women so that they can later on have the opportunity to earn a living for themselves and cater for their families. Tumaini Dala e.V. also supplies sanitary towels and school uniforms to poor children, donates wheelchairs, sanitary masks and disinfectants to the local schools. The association feeds street children and donates water tanks to the community.

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# African Mums in Deutschland e.V.



The motto of African Mums in Deutschland e.V. is Supporting African Women in Germany to thrive.

It was initiated by
Maame Dentaa Amoo
as a support group on
Facebook in August
2018 with the aim
of empowering and
enabling women of
African backgrounds,
most especially mothers
with their journey to
integration in Germany.

African Mums in Deutschland e.V. has grown to over 5200 members currently. Its dedicated team consists mostly of women who are from African and migrant backgrounds working tirelessly to give others a better future.

The vision of African Mums in Deutschland e.V. is to empower and enable women of African heritage and their families achieve successful integration in Germany and achieve whatever socio-economic goals they have set for themselves.

The association does this by providing specialist information, advice,

guidance, resources and programmes to help lift the barriers women face which prevent them from taking charge of their futures and achieving their socio-economic goals.

Throughout the years, the association has opened its door to hundreds of women and families who, without its support may not have had any future at all.

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African Youth Abroad Empowerment (AYAE) was founded by James Obed Kitson to empower and support the African youth living in the diaspora.

Mr Obed Kitson is the C.E.O. of PEECOM PLUS UG, and he has played a wonderful role to mentor young Africans in Germany through workshops and seminars.

The African Youth Abroad Empowerment (AYAE) organizes workshops and events that help its members and interested individuals add to their skills and also improve their lifestyle and career.

It educates the youth on matters that relate to them and gives them information that they need to grow personally and professionally.

Mr James Obed Kitson, Founder of AYAE once said: "It has come to our notice that most African youth living abroad do not have the prerequisite knowledge of immigration laws, for example in Germany the vouth who arrive to study or to work usually have close to no knowledge about the rights they are entitled to, as well as the responsibilities they must fulfil."

Hearsay information which has been handed down from generation to generation is what they are told and what they apply.

Unfortunately, this kind of information lacks basis and is not based on facts, hence we find our youth either getting into trouble with the authorities or missing out on opportunities they are entitled to."

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ADAN e.V. is a registered and recognized charity organisation that was founded in 2014 by young ambitious students with African roots in Frankfurt am Main.

The association's goal is to make diversity visible and promote it in the German society. It has over 300 active members and continues to grow.

The ADAN e.V. is an inclusive network of Afro-German and Africainterested students, professionals, trainees and academics that aims to convey a differentiated image of the African continent, Africans and Afro-Germans.

ADAN e.V. is a unique network that offers its members a platform to connect with businesses and organizations, promote personal and professional development, and actively influence issues affecting Black People of Colour (BPoC) and the African Diaspora.

ADAN members have the opportunity to gain useful experience through their volunteer work by engaging in diverse projects and contributing and implementing their own ideas.

Project management, communication skills, strategic planning, event organization and intercultural competencies are just a few of the many skills you can acquire from ADAN and successfully apply in your professional life.

### CONTACTS

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# The AG-Career Hub is an information and consulting platform founded in 2018 by Kenyan Professionals based in Germany.

It shares career and business opportunities in Germany and in Africa with the goal of connecting companies & organisations, professionals and students with the opportunities.

The two questions at the heart of its activities are:

- 1. Which role can African Professionals in the Diaspora play in building and establishing sustainable partnerships and collaborations in the academia and industry sectors between Germany and Africa?
- 2. What needs to be done to make sure that young people in the African continent get access to career and business opportunities, connecting them with universities, companies and industries and funding organisations?

The main goals of the organisation are to:
1. Establish a sustainable platform connecting universities, companies and social communities with students and professionals looking for

opportunities in Germany or back in Africa.

- 2. Establish a Business Directory of Companies & Organisations with focus on Africa.
- 3. Identify sustainable and suitable technologies for the African market.
- 4. Identify funding programmes for studies and research in Germany and in Africa.
- 5. Build an academic home in Germany for Africans in the diaspora and offer mentoring programmes.
- 6. Support Brain Gain by highlighting job openings and funding programmes to support returnees and projects back in Africa.
- 7. Knowledge transfer through conducting workshops and business events and career events.
- 8. Identify and showcase innovations in Africa.

Together with a team and a pool of experts and mentors with different academic and professional skills who have trained, worked in Germany and who have also happily relocated back to their countries of origin, the AGCareer Hub is dedicated to establishing that sustainable collaboration

between Germany and the African countries with the goal of creating a win-win environment for all.
The AG-Career Hub has been on the forefront assisting students-to-be, students and professionals in Germany.

It offers consolidated information that can enable one to achieve their dreams in Germany. Through success stories of professionals based in Germany and Africa, AG-Career Hub motivates people in daring to dream.

Its website contains all kind of information in regard to studying and working in Germany, especially current calls for scholarships.

On top of that they post current jobs in Germany and Africa. Recently they partnered with the EBu University to offer scholarships for business related courses.

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# Help to Help Foundation

The main objective of Help to Help Foundation is to support African immigrants in Germany, especially those facing difficulties settling down in the country.

It facilitates their integration and provides them legal advice. It was founded and is headed by the Gambianborn Christopher Mendy alias Chris Black. Help to Help Foundation helps poor Africans in Germany have access to medical care and transports back home the bodies of those who die here.

Chris Black has been implementing different projects ranging from empowering Africans to invest back home, to nurturing talents of emerging African musicians and DJs, and organising multicultural exchange events bringing together Africans, Germans and other nationals living in Germany.

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### THE BEST AFRICAN FESTIVAL IN GERMANY

Ehizoya Golden Entertainment e.V. is the organizer of Nollywood Film Festival Germany

- NFFG, a viable platform designed for Nollywood (Nigerian/African) film makers to showcase their movies to Europeans and Nollywood fans in the Diaspora.

It is also the organiser of Nollywood Europe Golden Awards (NEGA), which comes up as a closing ceremony of NFFG event held annually in Frankfurt. NEGA Awards is designed to honour Nollywood stakeholders, stars, comedians, musicians (both in Africa and in the Diaspora).

NFFG & NEGA are two rare opportunities of meeting and interacting with Nollywood mega stars and stake holders.

Ehizoya Golden
Entertainment e.V., has
been organizing these
events since 2014 in
alliance with Hessen
State Ministry of Arts and
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Kulturamt), The Ministry of
Multicultural Affairs (Amt
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Angelegenheiten - AMKA), Nigeria Embassy - Berlin, Germany, the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Nigeria -Frankfurt, Germany and of course, the Nigeria Community Frankfurt Am Main e.V. among others.

Ehizoya Golden Entertainment e.V., is headed by Isaac Izoya, a Cultural/Safety Ambassador and the first Nollywood Actor/Producer in Germany.

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### The International Afrika Festival Tübingen is a platform that proudly celebrates African cultures.

Launched in 2007, the International Afrika Festival Tübingen is a cultural festival with a strong business bias.

Dr Susan Tatah, the founder of the Festival, has always been keen to ensure it markets African countries as tourist and investment destinations.

The appealing African cultural activities are used to attract people to the Festival in order to enable them to learn about Africa, Africans, their traditions, and above all, let them discover investment opportunities in African countries.

Convinced that foreigners can't effectively do business in Africa without proper knowledge of the continent and its cultures, Dr Tatah always makes sure the Afrika
Festival Tübingen provides
Germans a good platform
to learn about African
countries and their
cultures.

The Festival is also a platform for Africans in Germany to gain more knowledge about their traditional and modern cultures and become proud of them.

The Festival has created networking opportunities for African and German businesspeople.

It has made Germans appreciate African music to an extent that many German FM radio stations now continuously play African music.

"It brings together more than 10.000 visitors each year to the beautiful university Town of Tübingen." The Afrika Festival
Tübingen is indeed a
perfect platform for
integration of immigrants.
It creates a unique
opportunity for Germans
and Africans from all
parts of Germany to
come together and get
immersed in African
cultural activities.

At the Festival participants always have a chance of tasting and enjoying a variety of African dishes. It brings together more than 10.000 visitors each year to the beautiful university Town of Tübingen.

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It presents the cultural diversity of Africa with an African bazaar, gastronomy, an exciting stage program, lectures and a children's program.

The Afrikafestival Stuttgart e.V. is a registered association committed to upholding human rights. It is not bound by any denomination or party politics.

The purpose of the association is exclusively to bring the cultures of Africa closer to a broad audience in Stuttgart and the surrounding area.

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### THE BEST AFRICAN MUSICIAN/BAND IN GERMANY



### Jesty B is a Nigerian musician based in Ibbenbüren, Germany.

He plays Afrobeat, Dancehall, Makosa and Hip hop. Jesty B mainly sings about love, though once in a while he criticizes some bad behaviours in the society.

In his song "Blow papa" ft Sking, a German rapper, Jesty B condemned old rich men who run after young girls. In 2016 Jesty B's song "Kalongolo Love" won the Best Afrobeat Song Award at a colourful event in Berlin that attracted several hundreds of African music lovers.

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Rebellion the Recaller is the name of the exceptional reggae singer from The Gambia, who is exciting producers and crowds around the world. Rebellion the Recaller's powerful voice combines astonishingly versatile melodies with the rhythms of his profound lyrics into a unique style.

The music of this deeply spiritual soul is inspired by a message of understanding, peace and dignity, which he finds in his faith.

Rebellion the Recaller wants to reach out to others, touch their heart, and reflect with them. His fascinating music is a call for humbleness and reason amidst a world of globalized excess, bloodshed and confusion.

He is also a ghetto youth, a child of our times and spiritual warrior in the middle of the concrete jungles from Banjul to Berlin, from London to Kingston. He dedicates his music to people of all walks of life.

Through his dedication to music, Rebellion the Recaller aims to break down all barriers created by race, religion, etc., with a commitment to make the world a better place for all. He now lives in Berlin. CONTACTS
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### THE BEST AFRICAN DJ IN GERMANY

Deejay Aisher - The turntable goddess

DJ Aisher is one of the fastest rising African DJs in Berlin, Germany because of her knowledge and mastery of the art.

Fondly known as the incredible and undisputed Turntable Goddess, DJ Aisher, is the first and only Kenyan female DJ in Europe.

She decided to become a DJ because of the passion and love she had and has for music.

DJ Aisher has proved that she can make people dance like hell. She is extremely popular in Germany and has backed most of the famous African artists who come for shows in the country.

DJ Aisher is one of the few African celebrities in Germany who are critical of gross human rights violations and election malpractices in African countries.

"She has in fact been challenging African celebrities to have courage and speak up against human rights violations."

Earlier this year, DJ Aisher publicly declared her support for Mr Bobi Wine, the leading Ugandan opposition leader who claimed to have won the recent presidential elections but was robbed of his victory.

The Turntable Goddess is keen on mentoring young girls and ladies willing to become DJs.

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DJ Buuchezo is a Kenyan professional DJ based in Frankfurt. The allrounder DJ plays all types of music including the hottest and latest African hits.

DJ Buuchezo offers top notch deejay services. He plays music fit for people of all ages for all occasions in real time thus giving you a taste of quality entertainment.

Always a step ahead of his contemporaries in the entertainment industry, DJ Buuchezo combines years of industry experience, an eclectic taste in music and sound technical know-how to consistently produce a quality entertainment experience.

His 'feel' for what the crowd wants guarantees that whether you are a party goer, corporate client or concert attendee, you always get an experience that is custom made to fit the occasion.

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Borno Sylvester Adjabeng Ankrah in Accra, Ghana on 08/20/1987 in Accra, Ghana, DJ Ajazz has been living in Germany since 2000. He is now based in Osnabrück.

His favourite genres are: Afrobeats, Afrotrap, Afrohouse, Dancehall, Hip Hop/Trap, Rnb, Old School, Rnbass, Reggae, Reggaeton, Ragga, Moombathon, Charts, Deutschrap, Crunk, Dirtysouth, Jerk, Twerk and Dance.



PeaceBoy Cham VybzBoss was born and raised in Gambia. He now lives in Stuttgart. He describes himself

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DJ Selekta Adi is originally from The Gambia but lives in Stuttgart. Born Bakary Jammeh in a town called Tanji, he developed passion for music at a tender age.

His favourite Genres are Reggae, Dancehall, Bashment and Afrobeat.

DJ Selekta Adi has become one of the most wanted DJs in South Germany. He has played with many DJs and artistes from The Gambia, Germany, Jamaica, Nigeria, Ghana and many more.





### **Hotel Restaurant** Haus Mühlenbrock in Schermbeck is owned by Kenvan chef Carol Waithira Mühlenbrock

who cooks and serves authentic Kenyan food by combining modern and traditional methods. She has been described as open minded to try new dishes.

The restaurant serves delicious African foods and is a place where one has a feeling of coming home. The decorations remind guests of being somewhere in Kenya.

The Restaurant Hotel Haus Mühlenbrock is a place to enjoy mainly Kenyan food including the famous nyama choma (Kenyan BBQ).

Ms Mühlenbrock says it is important to show people our culture through food. The restaurant also organises events such as Ngoma Afrika - African Festival which takes place for three days every year.

Their hotel rooms are also decorated the African way. It's fabulous how this restaurant brings the Kenyan style to Germany.

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La Villageoise is an Afro Bar and Restaurant in Frankfurt. It is the place to have a taste of Afro food, especially the Cameroonian cuisine.

In fact, the Cameroonian cuisine served here is unique and fascinating. The restaurant combines the tastiest food from all regions of Cameroon as well as from different parts of Africa.

La Villageoise is a unique place for magic moments. From the terrace you have a fantastic view of the Frankfurt mountains from a distance.

The decoration and furnishings are carefully planned. Having dinner here while enjoying African wine will make you believe vou are in an African country.

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### THE BEST AFRICAN FASHION DESIGNER IN GERMANY

### **Oriwo Design Fashion** label is the brainchild of Florence Oriwo, a selftaught Kenyan Fashion Designer.

Florence has succeeded in conquering Germany with her beautiful line of African prints, colours and patterns inspired by modern European cuts and shapes. Oriwo Design is a mix of comfortable classic and modern styles which can be worn any day.

The elegance of her designs, and her attention to detail have made them win the hearts of both African and German clients. Florence designs beautiful clothes for women, men and kids.

She obtained a Degree in Business Administration (Accounting Option) from Maseno University in Kenya in December 2007 and came to Germany in September 2008.

Fashion design had been Florence's passion since childhood. As a young girl, she used to design and make her own clothes using a needle and thread

because she couldn't afford a sewing machine. It is indeed challenging being self-employed in the creative world.

### "There is nothing so demanding as expecting your creativity to provide for you and your family."

It is an unending rollercoaster of emotions as you to try to align your emotions which obviously influence your creativity with the rationale which is basically required in the financial part of any business.

I have personally lost count of the number of times that I have decided to 'hang up my sewing machine' (proverbially) & give it all up," Florence says. She however quickly points that motivation comes from seeing the joy of those wearing her designs. No matter the challenges, fashion design is satisfying indeed.

"Receiving a picture from a woman donning one of my creations with a Thank you note attached to it

where she tells me how good she feels in her outfit and encouraging me to keep on doing what I do is so worth it. It is such moments that I store in my memory to be able to reach out for during the hard times to keep me going," Florence says.

The Kenyan-born Fashion Designer considers fashion design a special mission. "I am an African woman living in the Diaspora who is using her creativity to change the world by putting a smile on another woman's face and heart. one outfit after another.

And somehow in the process, putting food on my table but also being happy to have the opportunity to share my gift with the world," she says.

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## Our official photographer is Leo Nguena, a selftaught Cameroonian photographer living in Germany.

Leo is the Founder and CEO of Leosupreme Photo and Video Studio. For more than five years, he has been capturing some of the most memorable moments in people's lives at weddings, naming ceremonies and at prominent community events.

"I like to transcribe through images the small and great pleasures of my clients' lives. I mainly practice portrait photography in natural light," he says.



### **AWARDS GALA NIGHT TEAM**



Philly Yambo Makora is a talented Corporate Communication Expert living in Germany. She is also reputable for her moderating skills and has had the honour of hosting various cultural and corporate events.

In addition to her full-time job at an international public relations agency, she is also a registered Corporate MC, which she does during her free time.

As a way of giving back to the community, she also runs a non-profit project in the form of a blog called 'The Tales of Yambo', which is a media platform where Africans in Europe interact, exchange ideas and inspire each other.

Philly is also a passionate writer who has written some creative short stories on her blog. She is currently

working on her first ever book. Her inspiration comes from renowned writers Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie and Yaa Gyasi. "To choose to write, is to reject silence," from Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.

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Gillian Lwangu Piroth, a Kenyan born lady is making it possible for people in Germany to enjoy delicious Kenyan meals without having travel all the way to Kenya.

She is based in Frankfurt where she has founded and runs My Ethnic Cooking & Catering (MEC), the first African cookery school in Germany registered in Eschborn.

Gillian has an ambitious plan of teaching people from other cultures how to cook African dishes and the history of African dishes before the colonial period.

If you would like to take a culinary trip, have a nice kitchen party with friends and other cooking enthusiasts, discover best African recipes and learn to prepare tastiest dishes, then get in touch with My Ethnic Cooking & Catering (MEC). Ms Piroth also hosts African cooking courses for cooperates/companies who want to organise team building events or hobby cooks who are interested in exploring different recipes, other ways of cooking and different spices.

My Ethnic Cooking & Catering stands for delicious, healthy African cuisine, for diversity and for African cultures.

"We not only offer food from our wonderful continent, but also the African joie de vivre that is often associated with our culture.

Overall, we offer a comprehensive culinary experience for you and your guests that you will not soon forget," says Ms Piroth.

My Ethnic Cooking & Catering services are perfect for your house and corporate dinner parties, birthday celebrations and more.

The company hosts both online and interactive classes where you and your guests can join the chef in the kitchen to prepare that special meal.

And if all you want is to a high-class catering service to impress your guests with that perfect dinner party, just arrange to have chef Piroth from My Ethnic Cooking & Catering.

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