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**Presentation** 

Digitalization and artificial intelligence in creative services

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**Brief overview** 

## **Creative Economy and Creative Services**

**Rehana Mughal, Director Creative Economy** 

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#### **British Council**

A more peaceful and prosperous world built on trust.

We support peace and prosperity by building connections, understanding and trust between people in the UK and countries worldwide.

#### Arts

We find new ways of connecting with and understanding each other through arts and culture, building creative and collaborative global communities that inspire innovation, inclusion and enterprise.

#### Creative Economy Programme

Combining pioneering expertise and deep local insight, we champion the global creative economy as a key driver of inclusive and sustainable growth.

We contribute to more inclusive economic and social development of the social development of the

Share insight about evolving creative sectors, worldwide, develop networks and create new international opportunities for the UK.

Develop the capacity of creative professionals and policyma support sustainable creative sectors in their countries.

The Programme has 3 Strands:

- 1) Leadership and Learning
- 2) Sector Development
- 3) Research, Advocacy and Insight

## **Creative Economy - strategic alignment with SDGs**

Our Creative Economy programme focuses on policy, research and advocacy, and on capacity building for creative professionals and policymakers.

We build networks and support collaboration, for

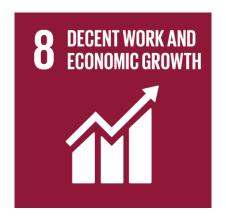
policymakers.
We build networks and support collaboration, for long-term impact, mutual benefit, and greater international understanding.













## **Research - Malaysia arts and Tech**



Climate Emergency & Global Challenges
 The STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) Agenda
 Creative Community / Creative Producers and Curators
 Digital Placemaking



Research



#### **RESOURCES**

## Arts and Technology in Japan, South Korea and Hong Kong

This research seeks to support future partnerships and exchange by offering insight into the key trends and characteristics of the arts and technology sectors in Japan, South Korea and Hong Kong.



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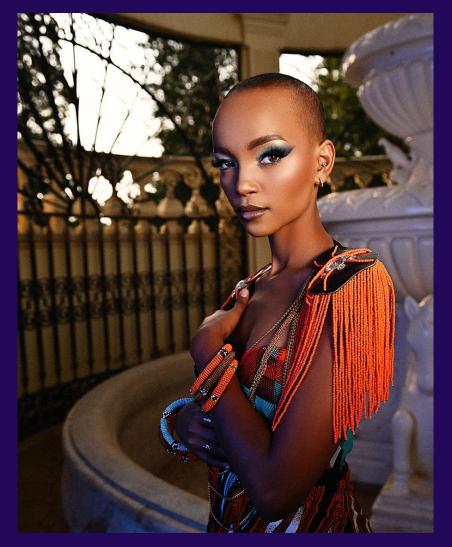
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## Business and technical skills - Kenya

 Creative DNA supports fashion Micro Small to Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Kenya through the development of business and creative skills with the ambition of demonstrating that the fashion sector in Kenya is a growing opportunity of business and employment for young people and a valuable contributor to the creative economy.



Sharon Wendo Design Creative DNA programme / Kenya

## Female Founders - Supporting women and girls





#### **Creative Iraq Forum and Iraq Creative Enterprise Bootcamp**

## Strengthening the Creative Economy in Iraq



Photo: Anthony Charlton, In-Press Photography Ltd, Iraqi creative economy delegation to the UK.

#### **Sectors**

**Creative Economy** 

#### **Theme**



Policy Development; Sustainable and Inclusive Growth; Skills and Capacity Building; Leadership and Learning

#### Location(s)



Iraq and the UK

#### Funder/partner



British Council and Institute for Creative and Cultural Entrepreneurship, Goldsmiths (UK)

"I have participated in different programmes, bootcamps, incubators and accelerators since 2017... But the creative economy programme is focusing on the creative side of entrepreneurs – their art [...] this is what makes it different."

- Huda Sarhang, Creative Entrepreneur and Founder of Lala Candles

#### **Ignite Culture Eastern Africa**

### **Supporting Sustainable Creative Economy Growth**



Photo: British Council Kenya, Royal Visit 2023

#### Sectors

#### **Creative Economy**

#### **Theme**



Policy Development; Sustainable and Inclusive Growth; Skills and Capacity Building; Strengthened Networks

#### Location(s)



Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda

#### Funder/partner



British Council, European Union, ACP-EU Culture, OACPS and Heva

"As a beneficiary [...] we were able to significantly upgrade our Santuri Salon facilities, while also providing much needed support to several of our programs [...including...] our ongoing SEMA courses and workshops as we strive for sustainability..."

- David Tinning, Director Santuri East Africa The Movement

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We won't stop until all business is a force for good.

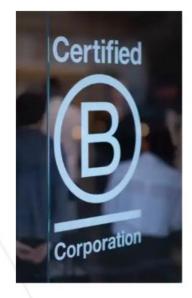


**1** Unifying goal











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## The UK creative economy context

The creative industries in Britain are growing at more than 1.5 times the rate of the wider economy over the past decade In 2023, the GVA contribution of the Cultural and Creative Industries was £125bn - representing almost 6% of the economy. We create jobs at three times the UK average rate – employing 1.8 million people, with a further 700,000 self-employed workers across the sector.

In June 2023 – DCMS launched the Creative Industries Sector Vision







## **UK Creative Industries –Strength in technology**

## The UK has a tech sector valued at \$1 trillion – and growing

- The UK is the world's third largest tech economy.
- It has more tech unicorns than
   France, Germany and Sweden
   combined. Valued at over \$1 trillion
   and rising, it joins the United States
   and China as a global tech superpower.
- The UK is a nation of creators, pioneers and inventors who are challenging the status quo.



Image from UK GREAT Campaign

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### **ABBA Voyage**

Virtual avatars depicting the Swedish pop group ABBA as they appeared in 1979 and vocals re recorded by the group in a Swedish studio specifically for the show accompanied by a live instrumental band on stage



### What is CoSTAR?

• The CoSTAR programme provides researchers, companies and institutions across the UK with the infrastructure they need to conduct world-class research and development (R&D) in screen and performance technology.



# Convergent screen technologies and performance in realtime (CoSTAR)



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