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## Media Advisory

**WHAT:** Press preview for “The African Presence in México: From Yanga to the Present” at the Smithsonian’s Anacostia Community Museum

**WHEN:** Thursday, Nov. 5  
10:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Anacostia Community Museum  
1901 Fort Place S.E.  
Washington, D.C.

**WHO:** Camille Giraud Akeju, director, Anacostia Community Museum  
Carlos Tortolero, founder and president, National Museum of Mexican Art

The Smithsonian’s Anacostia Community Museum will host a press preview of the critically acclaimed traveling exhibition “The African Presence in México: From Yanga to the Present.” The exhibit was developed by curators Sagrario Cruz-Carretero and Cesáreo Moreno at the National Museum of Mexican Art in Chicago. The exhibit studies the impact that Africans have had on Mexican culture from the colonial era to the present day. “The African Presence in México” is a bilingual exhibition and runs from Nov. 8 through July 4, 2010.

Highlights of the exhibition include discussions of African slavery in Mexico, artifacts related to the traditions and popular culture of Afro-Mexicans, paintings, masks, photography and other works of art. Remarks by Akeju and Carlos Tortolero will be followed by curator-led tours.

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