

INFORMATION ON THE NAKS EU-FRIE DOCUMENTATION CENTER FOR AFRO-SURINAMESE CULTURE

The overall objective of the "EU-FRIE" Documentation Center for Afro-Surinamese Culture is to document, safeguard and promote the rich Afro-Surinamese tangible and intangible heritage and in so doing contribute to the awareness and pride about Afro-Surinamese cultural heritage nationally and internationally.



Operational objectives:

1. To collect, document and catalogue information and materials on Afro-Surinamese tangible and intangible cultural heritage
 - a. To install and maintain library management software;
 - b. To employ personnel and volunteers for professional services to the public;
 - c. To provide training and capacity strengthening to the EU-FRIE service providers

2. To provide access to the collected documents and materials
 - a. Digitally: computer access is the main source for the public to be informed on the Afro-Surinamese cultural heritage;
 - b. Inter-actively: discussions, presentations, workshops, conferences, expositions, events, aimed at consciousness-raising and/or consciousness strengthening on intangible cultural heritage are considered very important methods and sources for the public to access the documented information;
 - c. Physically: books, documents, manuscripts, studies, theses, media products, heritage attributes, are the third important access sources.
3. To provide training to EU-FRIE service providers
 - a. To provide personnel and volunteers constantly with training and capacity development in order to provide professional services to the public
4. To develop networks and cooperation, both nationally and internationally



Target groups

EU-FRIE aims at a variety of individuals, groups and organization, especially youth and youth groups.

Documentation provided:

1. Documentation on NAKS and produced, published or released by NAKS

As one of the eldest organizations active in the field of cultural heritage of Afro-Surinamers
2. Documentation on Afro-Surinamese organizations in Suriname
3. Documentation on Afro-Surinamese Intangible Cultural heritage
 - a. Traditional Craftmanship
 - b. Dresses and Jewelry
 - c. Music, Dance & Theater
 - d. Literature, languages
 - e. Culinary
 - f. Traditional Medicine & Healing

4. Documentation on Slavery
5. Documentation on Afro-Surinamese development (economic, social, political)
6. Documentation on Afro-Surinamese Authors and Artists
7. Documentation on Afro-Surinamese Heroes/Icons (in Suriname and abroad)
8. Documentation on Afro-Surinamers in Diaspora:
 - A. Netherlands.
 - B. Other Countries
9. Documentation on black people in Africa, USA, Latin America and the Caribbean and their cultural, economic, political and social contribution to development.

NAKS BRANCHES

1. **Difrenti Siri** – Children's Performance (Song, Dance, Music), ages 6-17
2. **Mi Agida** – Music teaching classes, ages 7-15
3. **Wan Rutu** - Performance (Song, Dance, Music), ages 18-35
4. **Ala Firi** – Afro-Surinamese spiritual songs, ages 18-35
5. **Akuba** – Women's culture & development branche
6. **Trowstu-** Traditional mourning ceremonies: performance & training
7. **Kwanzaa** – Cultural performances, especially typical sokopsalm & kawina
8. **Kaseko Loco** – Music performance: traditional kaseko and kawina style
9. **Theater** – theater performances and training classes, ages 8 - 20
10. **Kotomisi** – senior NAKS members: recreation and education
11. **Sranantongo** - Promotion of lingua franca: training, events, education, awareness
12. **Family Empowerment Unit** - coaching of youngsters and parents
13. **PR** - Promotion of NAKS and NAKS branches
14. **Documentation** - coordination of the EU-FRIE NAKS Documentation Centre

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