

## INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION DIRECTORATE

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Venue: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Expo 2020 Dubai **looks to the future with spectacular** Closing Ceremony **celebrating 20 million visits in six months** 

You're invited to attend the Expo 2020 Dubai closing Ceremony, the first world expo to be held in the MENA region. The journey that started 182 days ago has welcomed over twenty (20) million visitors from across the world under the theme "connecting mind building the future". This is the also the first time the African Union and every African nation have had a dedicated pavilion.

Big thank you to our partners who have walked with us through our Expo Journey and the 3 Million people who have visited our pavilion to learn about our history our culture and investment pathways in the continent.

Where: Al Wasl Dome, Dubai

When: 31st March, 2022

Watch the spectacular show live here:

Time: 1900hr GST (Gulf Standard Time)

1700hr GMT+2 [Southern Africa]

1800hr GMT+3 [East Africa] and

1500hr WAT [West Africa Standard Time]

The evening will begin with the young Emirati girl from the Opening Ceremony taking the audience on another compelling journey. For 182 days, she has grown, learned and connected with people from around the world – what remains is the final step before she awakens to her full potential.

The audience beneath Al Wasl's awe-inspiring dome – home to the world's largest 360-degree projection surface – will also put the focus on the next generation, as Expo exclusively invites hundreds of children from across the UAE to witness the wonders as the country looks to the next 50 years, having celebrated its Golden Jubilee during Expo 2020 Dubai.

Later in the evening, Grammy-winning cellist Yo-Yo Ma will play a concert at Dubai Millennium Amphitheatre from 2045 GST; celebrated Grammy-winning singer,



songwriter and pianist Norah Jones will entertain visitors with her own concert on the Jubilee Stage from 2100 GST; and pop legend Christina Aguilera will present an extended performance on the Jubilee Stage from 2245 GST.

## Japan will host the next world Expo in 2025.

The public, media and all other interested parties can keep up-to-date with the latest out of Dubai as well as get all the necessary information surrounding the AU activities or events by visiting the official AU at Expo 2020 website: <a href="https://africaexpo2020dubai.au.int/en">https://africaexpo2020dubai.au.int/en</a>

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