**Abstract for Story Telling as an aspect of African Culture.**

**English Abstract:**

Storytelling has long been a cornerstone of African culture, passing down history, values, and wisdom through generations. This presentation explores the importance of storytelling in African communities and highlights the role of gender awareness in shaping these narratives. While traditional stories often reflect historical gender roles, modern storytelling is evolving to include empowering depictions of women and men as equals. By promoting gender awareness through storytelling, African societies can foster a culture of equality, respect, and inclusion for both genders. This is vital for addressing contemporary social issues and building a more just and balanced future.

**Swahili Abstract:**

Hadithi imekuwa kiini cha tamaduni za Kiafrika kwa muda mrefu, ikipitisha historia, maadili, na hekima kupitia vizazi. Uwasilishaji huu unachunguza umuhimu wa hadithi katika jamii za Kiafrika na kuangazia jukumu la uelewa wa jinsia katika kuunda simulizi hizi. Ingawa hadithi za jadi mara nyingi huonyesha majukumu ya kijinsia ya kihistoria, hadithi za kisasa zinabadilika kuwa na taswira za kuhamasisha za wanawake na wanaume kuwa sawa. Kwa kukuza uelewa wa jinsia kupitia hadithi, jamii za Kiafrika zinaweza kuendeleza utamaduni wa usawa, heshima, na ujumuishaji kwa jinsia zote. Hii ni muhimu kwa kushughulikia masuala ya kijamii ya sasa na kujenga mustakabali wenye haki na uwiano zaidi.

**Kikuyu Abstract:**

Guũkũrũriũ gũriũ nĩ kĩhingo kĩa kĩama kĩa Athuri a Africa, ũkĩhehera mĩhianano, waica, na wĩra wa wĩtũrĩ wa ihinda riatũ. Rũraya rũrĩũ nĩ gwĩkĩria mũnene wa guũkũrũriũ na harĩ kũrĩa kwĩrĩĩrĩkia wa ndũrĩrĩ cia aciari na arata a mbũri. Atĩĩrĩ na ndũrĩrĩ cia kĩũria, ũrĩndĩ rwa aciari na arata a mbũri rũĩrĩtĩire ũhoro wa o mũndũ rĩngĩ. Rũũgĩka rwa guũkũrũriũ gũrĩrĩte gũkomĩrĩria wĩra wa ndũrĩrĩ ya gĩtonya.