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# AFROBOTS

## **African Robotics: Digital transformations in design**

*African creativity, Digital transformations in industries, Future sites of Production, 'Africa's fourth industrial revolution', Robotics, DIY making*

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As part of the activities of the World Economic Forum, the Victoria and Albert Museum London in collaboration with Rwandan Museums present 'AfroBots' - an exhibition of African Robotics. Rarely seen robotic samples from across the African continent are on display, including the AZIBOt, the Fundi-walker, a Bird Bot, a SpiderBot, and a DogBot.

These digital specimens are generously provided by leading African academic departments of science, robotics and engineering as well as informal 'maker spaces' for amateur inventors. Many of these prototypes incorporate animal characteristics, playing with the boundaries of the physical, the digital and the biological.

The exhibition challenges the common belief that our world's future is being discovered in the high-tech laboratories of American scientific institutes, or debated at business and political forums held in the Alps - and invites us to think about the future as being designed by tech communities in Africa.

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