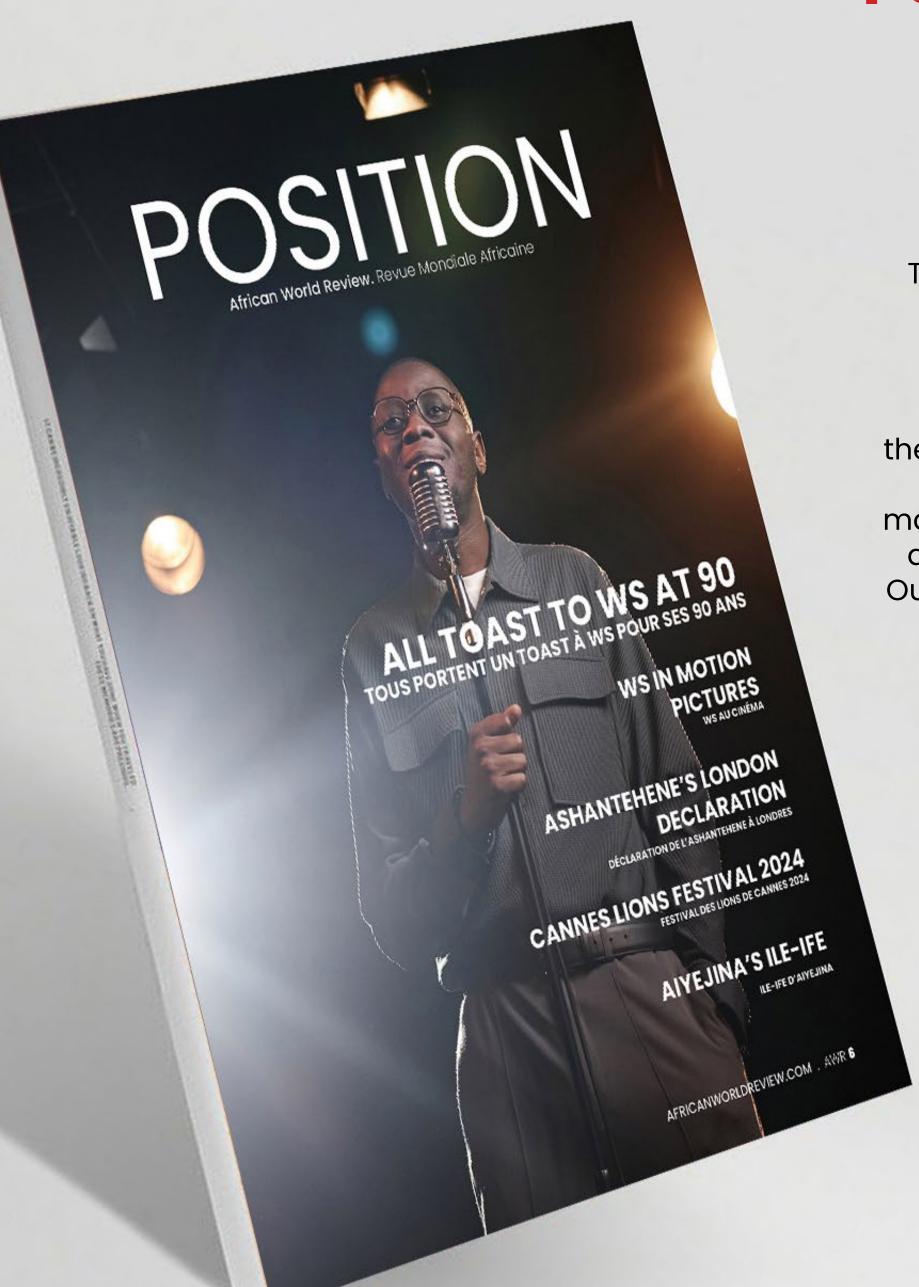
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# The first black winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature, Wole Soyinka breasts the tape of ninety years. Events erupt everywhere, celebrating his genius and unusual life's journey. From Lagos to Rabat, London to the ends of the earth, scholars, government officials, and associates reflect on his mammoth contributions to global literature and their implication for the African world.





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#### WS IN MOTION PICTURES

Soyinka has featured in motion pictures at different points in his career. Some of his works have also been adapted to films. Kongi's Harvest, Ake (portraying his childhood years), The Lion and the Jewel, Death and the King's Horseman, and The Man Died (his prison memoir). Reviews suggest that the films enliven his writings, generally considered turgid, and spotlight his own photogenic enigma.

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Recently, the Ashantehene, Otumfuo Nana Osei Tutu II, spoke in London on the need to set gazes on the future only after connecting the present productively to the past. He gave a lecture to commemorate his 25th year on the Golden Stool against a backdrop of the return of Ashante artifices looted from Kumasi in 1874, formerly reposed in the British Museum and the Victoria Albert Museum. By his vision and personal standing, he demonstrates how the ancient kingdom is modernising her monarchy.



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