

FRIDAY 18 JULY

07:00 - 08:00 **BEACH** **YOGA**

09:00 - 09:45 **SUITE 5** **ANIMATION@DFM: HOW CAN SMALLER ANIMATION STUDIOS REMAIN SUSTAINABLE?** Panellists: Francis Y. Brown (AnimaxFYB Studios); Avuzwa Ntshongwana (Tshimologong Digital Innovation Precinct); Hamid Ibrahim (Kugali); Claye Edou (Cledley Productions)
Moderator: Dianne Makings (Fancy Horse Studios)

09:00 - 09:45 **SUITES 3+4** **INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ENGAGEMENT WITH INDUSTRY**
Speakers: Manyatsa Nkutha (IDC); Malibongwe Nzuza (IDC)

09:00 - 13:00 **SUITES 1+2** **PITCH AND FINANCE FORUM - DOCUMENTARY**

10:00 - 11:00 **SUITE 5** **MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION TACTICS FOR MADE-FOR-TV PRODUCTIONS**
(Presented by the Durban Film Office) Speaker: Bonie Sithebe (DURBAN MOTION PICTURES)

10:00 - 11:30 **SUITES 3+4** **IN CONVERSATION WITH RAMADAN SULEMAN**
Speaker: Ramadan Suleman (Natives at Large) / Moderator: Mitchell Harper (Ctrl. Alt. Shift)

11:45 - 12:30 **SUITE 5** **AN AFRICAN MODEL: AUTHENTIC VOICES IN MENTORING - TELLING OUR STORIES OUR WAY** Panellists: Mmabatho Kau (Raindrop Media); Tiny Mungwe (Ctrl. Alt. Shift); Mamounata Nikiéma (Pilumpiku Production); Fabio Ribeiro (Rede de Cinema e Audiovisual PALOP) / Moderator: Zoe Ramushu (Wrapped)

11:45 - 12:30 **SUITES 3+4** **THE FUTURE OF FEMALE FILMMAKERS: TRENDS AND OPPORTUNITIES**
(Presented in partnership with Sisters Working in Film and Television) Panellists: Avuzwa Ntshongwana (Tshimologong Digital Innovation Precinct); Natalie Paneng (Hello Nice Online); Tracey-Lee Rainers (Story Oasis)
Moderator: Noluthando Mnguni (SWIFT)

12:30 - 13:30 **BREAK**

13:30 - 14:30 **SUITE 5** **MASTERCLASS: OWN YOUR WORK - MASTERING CONTRACTS IN THE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES** (Presented in partnership with Irish MacLeod Inc. and Lawyers for the Arts South Africa)
Speakers: Refuwe Thubela (Lawyers for the Arts South Africa); Farren van Niekerk (Irish MacLeod Inc.)

13:30 - 14:30 **SUITES 3+4** **MASTERCLASS: GOOD SOUND STARTS BEFORE THE MIX - HOW TO GET THE BEST OUT OF YOUR SOUND - PRE-PRODUCTION PLANNING, PRODUCTION SUPPORT AND POST-PRODUCTION** (Presented by Netflix) Speakers: Michael Broomberg (MB Sound Foley); Guy Steer (Rechord Post)

14:30 - 15:15 **SUITES 1+2** **PALESTINE FILM INSTITUTE SHOWCASE**
Panellists: Ashraf Dowani (MINUS 40); Saleh Saadi (Ping-Pong); May Jabareen (Ping Pong); Samir Salem (Permission To Narrate) / Moderator: Jihan El-Tahri (Palestine Film Institute)

14:45 - 15:45 **SUITE 5** **COLLABORATING WITH THE FILM INDUSTRY IN SENEGAL**
Panellists: Aliou Kéba Badiane (FOPICA); Souleymane Kebe (SUNUY Films and ASTOU Films); Fabacary Assymby Coly (LOGUISS CINEPROD); Oumou Diegane Niang (WAWKUMBA Films); Mamadou Khouma Gueye (Plan B Films Senegal) / Moderator: Rama Thiaw (BOUL FALLÉ Images)

14:45 - 15:45 **SUITES 3+4** **DIRECTORS AS ARCHITECTS OF CULTURAL NARRATIVES: BRIDGING HISTORIES, MARKETS AND AUDIENCES** (Presented in partnership with Directors Guild of SA) Panellists: Siyabonga Jim (DGSA); Yolisa Letshwene (DGSA); Jozua Malherbe (DGSA); Raihaanah Sayed (Raihaanah Mateenah); Robyn Phillips (DGSA) / Moderator: Siyasaanga Sityana (DGSA)

15:00 - 17:00 **NORTH ILANGA** **LAW CLINIC - FREE LEGAL CONSULTATION** (Pre-booking Essential)

15:30 - 16:15 **SUITES 1+2** **THUTHUKA SHOWCASE PITCHING SESSION**
Panellists: Louw Venter (Rain Animals); Tassyn Fynn (Rain Animals); Alex Dean Fynn (Rain Animals); Zoe Ramushu (Third Wheel); Ellen Havenith (Third Wheel); Rea Moeti-Vogt (Third Wheel) / Moderator: Dylan Valley (Maru Labs)

16:00 - 16:45 **SUITE 5** **THE DISABLED ACTORS DATABASE: SHINING THE SPOTLIGHT ON OUR TALENT**
(Presented in partnership with DAWN) Panellists: Carlynn de Waal-Smit (South African Guild of Actors); Richard Lothian (Richard Lothian Casting); Simon Manda (DAWN); Zonke Nyandeni (Richard Lothian Casting)
Moderator: Karen Jeynes (DAWN)

16:00 - 16:45 **SUITES 3+4** **COPYRIGHT AND YOUR CREATIVITY IN THE AGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**
Panellists: Dr Karabo Maiyane (South African Cultural Observatory); Refuwe Thubela (Lawyers for the Arts South Africa); Farren van Niekerk (Irish MacLeod Inc.) / Moderator: Mpumi Mazibuko (Independent legal business consultant)

16:45 - 17:30 **EAST ILANGA** **DAWN NETWORKING SESSION** Limited Spaces Available

17:00 - 17:45 **SUITE 5** **WORKING TOGETHER AS THE NETWORK OF ARAB ALTERNATIVE SCREENS (NAAS)**
Panellists: Ibrahim Ahmed (In Deep Visions); Hanna Atallah (Film Lab Palestine); Mohamed Jabaly (Palestine Film Institute); Reem Maged (Cimatheque – Alternative Film Centre) / Moderator: Nada Bakr (NAAS)

17:00 - 17:45 **SUITES 3+4** **TALKING CENTS: A NEW BLACK FILM ECOSYSTEM**
Panellists: Joel Chikapa-Phiri (Known Associates Group); Jihan El-Tahri (Big Sister Productions); Paul Garnes (ARRAY); Samantha Kaine (I.M.P.A.C.T) / Moderator: Mohamed Saïd Ouma (Documentary Africa)



SATURDAY 19 JULY

07:00 - 08:00	<div>BEACH</div> YOGA
09:00 - 09:45	<div>SUITE 5</div> TALKING CENTS: BLOCKCHAIN FINANCING FOR FILM Panellists: Nafia Kocks (Holocene Films); Weaam Williams (Holocene Films); Bongani Morgan (4th Avenue Pictures) Moderator: Nisha Naidoo (The Creative Advantage/Durban University of Technology)
09:00 - 09:45	<div>SUITES 3+4</div> TRANSMEDIA STORYTELLING: EXPANDING HORIZONS THROUGH ANIMATION AND GAMING (Presented in partnership with Animation SA) Panellists: Themba Buyeye (Pheku Motion Company); Lebo Leitch (XR Native); Kesolofetse Mogale (Native Games Publishing); Mxolisi Xaba (Native Games Publishing) / Moderator: Xolile Vundla (Animation SA)
09:00 - 13:30	<div>SUITES 1+2</div> PITCH AND FINANCE FORUM - FICTION
10:00 - 11:30	<div>SUITE 5</div> DISTRIBUTION FOR IMPACT AND INCOME (Presented in partnership with Climate Story Labs Africa) Panellists: Nasreen Al-Amin (Surge Africa/Climate Story Lab Lagos); Rodrigo Díaz Díaz (Taturana); Julian Etienne (Doc Society); Dr Liani Maasdorp (Climate Story Lab ZA/University of Cape Town); Cindy Makandi (Tunga Media Afrika); Emily Wanja (Doc Society) Moderator: Miki Redelinghuys (Climate Story Lab/Plexus Films)
10:00 - 11:30	<div>SUITES 3+4</div> IN CONVERSATION WITH DORA BOUCHOUCHA Speaker: Dora Bouchoucha (NOMADIS IMAGES) / Moderator: Mitchell Harper (Ctrl. Alt. Shift)
10:00 - 13:00	<div>NORTH ILANGA</div> LAW CLINIC - FREE LEGAL CONSULTATION (Pre-booking Essential)
11:45 - 12:30	<div>SUITE 5</div> AI’S IMPACT IN PRODUCTION PROCESSES FROM WRITING, PERFORMANCE, ANIMATION, AND EDITING (Presented in partnership with SA Guild of Actors) Panellists: Simon Makwela (SAGE/Maureen Grace Investments); Isabelle Rorke (Animation SA/Dreamforge Creative Pty Ltd); Johan Steyn (AI for Business) / Moderator: Jack Devnarain (SAGA)
11:45 - 12:30	<div>SUITES 3+4</div> DURBAN DOES DOCS: ETHICAL COLLABORATIONS IN DOCUMENTARY FILM PRACTICE Panellists: Lucia Galarza Suárez (Mullu TV); Thandi Davids (Storyscope); Dhia Jerbi (Archive Circulation Initiative/ Afro+ Producers' League/Muja Films); Ibrahim Ahmed (In Deep Visions) Moderator: Khalid Shamis (RoughCutLabAfrica)
12:30 - 13:30	BREAK
13:30 - 14:30	<div>SUITE 5</div> THE AFRICAN AESTHETIC: WHAT MAKES AFRICAN STORIES UNIQUE? (Presented in partnership with Writers Guild of SA) Panellists: Gabe Gabriel (Write Paper Scissors); Mmabatho Kau (Raindrop Media); Busisiwe Ntintili (The Ntintili Factory); Thuli Zuma (Stained Glass TV) / Moderator: Bong Ndaba (WGSA)
13:30 - 14:30	<div>SUITES 3+4</div> MASTERCLASS: NOW WHAT?! A CASE STUDY ON ‘GOD’S WORK’ - A POST PRODUCTION JOURNEY Panellists: Sithabile Mkhize (Maverick Resistance Productions); Marco Orsini (MoJo Entertainment, LLC)
14:00 - 17:30	<div>SUITES 1+2</div> PITCH AND FINANCE FORUM - ANIMATION
14:45 - 15:30	<div>SUITE 5</div> SPOTLIGHT ON DURBAN PROJECTS Panellists: Naomi Gumede (Retirement From War); Gugu Kunene (Love me a little, but love me long); Happiness Mpase (Love Chase) / Moderator: Tiny Mungwe (Ctrl. Alt. Shift)
14:45 - 15:30	<div>SUITES 3+4</div> IP OWNERSHIP, RESISTANCE, AND GLOBAL ACCESS: NAVIGATING THE FUTURE OF AFRICAN FILMMAKING IN THE AGE OF STREAMING (Presented in partnership with the Independent Producers Organisation) Panellists: Pepsi Pokane (Stained Glass TV); Farren van Niekerk (Irish MacLeod Inc.); Thandeka Zwana (Indigenous Film Distribution) / Moderator: Ayanda Sibisi (IPO)
15:45 - 16:30	<div>SUITE 5</div> BRIDGES NOT BORDERS: HOW ZIMBABWE IS USING COLLABORATIVE FRAMEWORKS TO BUILD LOCAL CAPACITY IN THE FILM INDUSTRY Panellists: Nocks Chatiza (Independent Filmmaker); Dr Nozipo J. Maraire (National Arts Council of Zimbabwe); Siza Mukwedini (Matamba Film Labs for Women); Josephine Mlanda-Zvikaramba (Zimbabwe Film and Television School of Southern Africa) / Moderator: Charlene Mangweni-Furusa (Motion Zebra)
15:45 - 16:30	<div>SUITES 3+4</div> TALKING CENTS: TALKING PRIVATE EQUITY PARTNERS Panellists: Pape Boye (Black Mic Mac); Akunna Cook (Next Narrative Africa); Khosie Dali (Miss K Productions); Wilson Nyah (NYANU INVESTMENT SERVICES); Marco Orsini (MoJo Entertainment, LLC) / Moderator: Neil Brandt (Storyscope)
16:45 - 17:30	<div>SUITE 5</div> I.M.P.A.C.T: OWNING THE FUTURE - BLACK PRODUCERS BRIDGING WORLDS THROUGH I.M.P.A.C.T Panellists: Temilola Adebayo (Reilow Media Inc.); Kathryn Fasegha (BalminGilead Movie Productions (Canada) LTD); Kadeem A. Maxwell (Melomax Productions); Vicky Plancher (Mare Rouge Entertainment) Moderator: Samantha Kaine (I.M.P.A.C.T)
16:45 - 17:30	<div>SUITES 3+4</div> BRIDGES TAKE MANY HANDS AND BRICKS TO BUILD (Presented in partnership with the Documentary Filmmakers' Association) Panellists: Neil Brandt (Storyscope); Adel Ksiksi (Al Jazeera); Pete Murimi (BBC Eye on Africa); Yashika Singh (SABC); Monde Twala (Paramount Africa) / Moderator: Mmabatho Montsho (DFA/Mmonday Pictures)
18:00 - 20:00	<div>POOLDECK</div> POP UP: CLIMATE CINE-BAR The Climate Cinebar is a series of provocations with film.



SUNDAY 20 JULY

07:00 - 08:00	<div>BEACH</div> YOGA
09:00 - 18:00	<div>MAHARANI</div> CAPE TOWN INTERNATIONAL ANIMATION FESTIVAL Screenings and Activations - All Welcome Please refer to the DFM app or website for the detailed programme.
09:00 - 09:45	<div>SUITES 3+4</div> EXHIBITORS AND DISTRIBUTORS: WHO IS BUILDING AND FURNISHING A HOME FOR GLOBAL SOUTH CONTENT? Panellists: Laurent Sicouri (Canal +); Jeanne Deny (MAD Solutions); Reem Maged (Cimatheque – Alternative Film Centre); Monde Twala (Paramount Africa); Nicky Scheepers (Ster-Kinekor Theatres) Moderator: Russel Hlongwane (SubstancePoint)
09:00 - 09:45	<div>SUITE 5</div> AFRICAN EDITOR ORGANISATIONS TALKING TOGETHER, TOWARDS WORKING TOGETHER (Presented in partnership with SA Guild of Editors and TEMPO) Panellists: Heba Othman (Heba Othman); Louiza Ndung'u (AFEK); Melissa Parry (South African Guild of Editors) Moderator: Khalid Shamis (RoughCutLabAfrica)
09:30 - 12:30	<div>SUITES 1 + 2</div> STORY JUNCTION
10:00 - 11:30	<div>SUITES 3+4</div> IN CONVERSATION WITH ROGER ROSS WILLIAMS Speaker: Roger Ross Williams (One Story Up Productions) Moderator: Mitchell Harper (Ctrl. Alt. Shift)
10:00 - 11:30	<div>SUITE 5</div> ANIMATION@DFM: EXPANDING THE FRAME - BUILDING BRIDGES FOR GENDER INCLUSIVITY IN ANIMATION (Presented in partnership with Triggerfish, UNESCO and D&R Global Charitable Fund) Panellists: Kumbi Chitenderu (Triggerfish); Nadia Darries (Goon Valley Animation); Tshepo Moche (Play Nice Pictures); Tracey-Lee Rainers (Story Oasis); Vanessa Ann Sinden (Triggerfish); Caroline Vos (Triggerfish) Moderator: Anthony Silverston (Triggerfish)
11:45 - 12:30	<div>SUITE 5</div> DURBAN DOES DOCS: BEYOND THE BOX OFFICE - IMPACT-DRIVEN DISTRIBUTION FOR AFRICAN DOCUMENTARIES (Presented in partnership with the African Reel Collective) Panellists: Claire Diao (Sudu Connexion); Theresa Hill (STEPS); Jeanne Deny (MAD Solutions); Sam Soko (LBx Africa/ The Whickers) Moderator: Mohamed Saïd Ouma (African Reel Collective)
11:45 - 12:30	<div>SUITES 3+4</div> POWERING AFRICA’S STORIES - MTN’S INVESTMENT IN LOCAL CONTENT, PLATFORMS AND CREATIVE ECOSYSTEMS (Presented by MTN Group Digital) Panellists: Damilola Aleje (MTN Hyper-local Content Investment through studios); Vikash Barath (MTN TV - Platform Strategy); Tsakani Shibe (MTN Overall Content Strategy) Moderator: Sihle Mthembu (Auteur Studios)
12:30 - 13:30	BREAK
13:30 - 17:30	<div>SUITES 1 + 2</div> STATE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN AUDIO-VISUAL SECTOR (CLOSED SESSION) Moderator: Unathi Malunga (SASFED)
13:30 - 14:30	<div>SUITES 3+4</div> MASTERCLASS: BRIDGING 9,000 KM: THE ART OF CO-PRODUCING ANIMATION BETWEEN EUROPE AND AFRICA Speakers: Bruno Felix (Submarine); Isaac Mogajane (Diprente Studios)
13:30 - 14:30	<div>SUITE 5</div> LATIN AMERICAN VISIONS (Presented in partnership with DW Akademie) Panellists: Rodrigo Díaz Díaz (Taturana); Tzutzumatzin Soto (Documental Ambulante A.C.); Marcela Lizcano (Nodo Sur); Lucía Galarza Suárez (Mullu TV) Moderator: Maria Gomez (DW Akademie)
14:00 - 17:00	<div>NORTH ILANGA</div> LAW CLINIC - FREE LEGAL CONSULTATION (Pre-booking Essential)
14:45 - 15:30	<div>SUITES 3+4</div> ACCESSING THE NEXT NARRATIVE AFRICA FUND (Presented by Next Narrative Africa) Panellists: Akunna Cook (Next Narrative Africa); Darcy Heusel (Next Narrative Africa) Moderator: Sihle Mthembu (Auteur Studios)
14:45 - 15:30	<div>SUITE 5</div> POWER OF PROGRAMMING: PROGRAMMING FOR GLOBAL CONNECTION Panellists: Nada Bakr (NAAS); Salym Fayad (MUICA African Film Festival); Adel Ksiksi (Al Jazeera); Moustapha Sawadogo (FESPACO); Tzutzumatzin Soto (Documental Ambulante A.C) / Moderator: Mai El-Gammal (NAAS)
15:45 - 16:30	<div>SUITES 3+4</div> DURBAN DOES DOCS: YOUR WELLBEING AS A DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKER Panellists: Hanna Attallah (FilmLab Palestine); Mohamed Jabaly (Palestine Film Institute); Kethiwe Ngcobo (IBFC - Izimbali Wellness Programme); Sam Soko (LBx Africa/ The Whickers) / Moderator: Marion Schmidt (DW Akademie / DocSafe)
15:45 - 16:30	<div>SUITE 5</div> UNDERSTANDING THE CURRENT FILM MEDIA LANDSCAPE Panellists: Jennifer Ochieng (Sinema Focus); Domoina Ratsara (FIPRESCI); Ahmed Shawky (FIPRESCI) Moderator: Claire Diao (Sudu Connexion)
16:45 - 17:30	<div>SUITES 3+4</div> TALKING CENTS: THE FUTURE OF GRANT FUNDING FOR AFRICAN FILMS Panellists: Emad Eskander (Red Sea Film Fund); Dominic Davis (Sundance Institute); Jon-Sesrie Goff (Ford Foundation); Selin Murat (IDFA Bertha Fund); Farai Ncube (British Council) Moderator: Zoe Ramushu (Wrapped)



MONDAY 21 JULY

- 07:00 - 08:00

BEACH

YOGA
- 09:00 - 09:45

SUITES 1+2

MEET THE FILM FESTIVALS

Moderator: Russel Hlongwane (SubstancePoint)
- 09:00 - 10:00

SUITES 3+4

NEFTI: THE ART OF GUERILLA FILMMAKING

Moderator: Paul Robinson (NEFTI)
- 10:00 - 12:00

SUITES 1+2

THINK TANK: COLLABORATIONS IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH (CLOSED SESSION)

Moderators: Rodrigo Díaz Díaz (Taturana); Marcela Lizcano (Nodo Sur)

Delegates will need to book a slot in advance. Please refer to the DFM App.
- 10:00 - 12:00

SUITE 5

THINK TANK: GLOBAL SOUTH ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES TOWARDS ARCHIVAL JUSTICE (CLOSED SESSION)

Moderator: Arya Laloo (Opia Films)

Delegates will need to book a slot in advance. Please refer to the DFM App.
- 10:15 - 11:15

SUITES 3+4

MASTERCLASS: A SPECIAL TOUCH WITH SÉBASTIEN ONOMO

Speaker: Sébastien Onomo (Special Touch Studios)
- 11:30 - 12:15

SUITES 3+4

UNLOCKING GLOBAL FUNDING FOR BLACK CINEMA

(Presented in partnership with the Independent Black Filmmakers Collective)

Panellists: Joel Chikapa-Phiri (Known Associates Group); Tshepiso Chikapa-Phiri (Known Associates Group); Kagisho Bapela (Industrial Development Corporation) | Moderator: Maganthrie Pillay (Masala Film Works)
- 12:30 - 13:30

SUITES 3+4

FILM AS A TOOL FOR REIMAGINING AFRICA

(Presented in partnership with Africa No Filter) | Moderator: Lerato Mogoatlhe (Africa No Filter)
- 12:30 - 14:00

SUITES 1+2

IMPACT CAFE: ONE-ON-ONE

(Presented in partnership with Climate Story Labs Africa)

Panellists: Nasreen Al-Amin (Surge Africa / Climate Story Lab Lagos); Rodrigo Díaz Díaz (Taturana); Julian Etienne (Doc Society); Marcela Lizcano (Nodo Sur); Dr Liani Maasdorp (UCT/Climate Story Lab ZA); Cindy Makandi (Tunga Media Afrika); Thihangwi Ramutsindela (Climate Story Lab ZA); Miki Redelinghuys (Climate Story Lab/Plexus Films); Sydelle Willow Smith (Sunshine Cinema); Tzutsumatzin Soto (Documental Ambulante A.C.); Lucía Galarza Suárez (Mullu TV); Emily Wanja (Doc Society); Susan Mbogo (Docubox)

Moderator: Tarha McKenzie (Climate Story Lab ZA/ Encounters South African International Documentary Festival)

Projects will need to book a slot in advance. Please refer to the DFM App.
- 12:30 - 14:30

SUITE 5

ROUNDTABLE: ADVANCING INCLUSIVE CO-PRODUCTION IN AFRICA (CLOSED SESSION)

Moderators: Mitchell Harper (Ctrl. Alt. Shift); Tiny Mungwe (Ctrl. Alt. Shift)



DFM ALUMNI SCREENINGS AT DIFF:

FRIDAY 18 JULY

SUNCOAST CINECENTRE

19:45

BLACK BURNS FAST

Directed by Sandulela Asanda

SATURDAY 19 JULY

SUNCOAST CINECENTRE

14:00

THE HOME

Directed by Jessie Zinn

SUNDAY 20 JULY

SUNCOAST CINECENTRE

11:30

AISHA CAN'T FLY AWAY

Directed by Morad Mostafa

14:00

FLEAS (AMAZEZE)

Directed by Jordy Sank

19:00

GOD'S WORK

Directed by Michael James

MONDAY 21 JULY

PAVILION NU METRO

18:30

THE LEGEND OF THE VAGABOND QUEEN OF LAGOS

Directed by The Agbajowo Collective: James Tayler, Ogungbamila Temitope, Okechukwu Samuel, Mathew Cerf, Tina Edukpo, Bisola Akinmuyiwa, A.S. Elijah