

DOK.network Africa: AFRICAN ENCOUNTERS

# GENERATION AFRICA SHIFTING THE NARRATIVE: MIGRATION AND FILM PRODUCTION IN AFRICA

African Encounters! With a new name and concept, DOK.network Africa presents its Africa focus for the ninth time this year. "Africa Day" will become "African Encounters", with even more focus on exchange with filmmakers from the African continent!

This year, we will present the documentary film series "Generation Africa" by the South African non-profit media company STEPS. Young filmmakers from the African continent tell stories about migration from their point of view and thus want to shift perspectives about migration.

We will show four of these films: AFRICAN MOOT by Shameela Seedat takes us to a fictional court room: the best law students across Africa gather to negotiate the rights of refugees on the continent. HOME AGAIN by Babucarr Manka is about returnees who are to build up an existence in the Gambia and how they experience the reintegration policies.

Claudine Ndimbira from Rwanda demands all our attention and empathy for traumatised refugees with her short film LEND ME YOUR VOICE. And in NO SIMPLE WAY HOME we accompany Akuol de Mabior after years of exile in her search for home and identity in her country South Sudan. Four different stories about migration. Four stories about the young generation in Africa and their will of building a life with prospects on the ground.

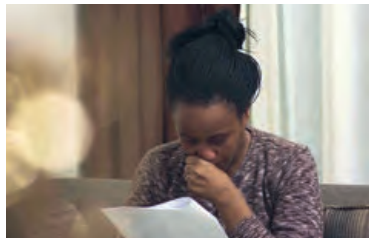
In a panel discussion in collaboration with STEPS, DW Akademie, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and ARTE we will enter into a direct exchange with the filmmakers. On the one hand, it is about their view of migration: What does the change of perspective mean, especially for the young generation of the African continent? Can documentary film be political and contribute to change in reality? On the other hand, we will talk with the producers and broadcasters about new models of film production between Africa and Europe. *Barbara Off*



**AFRICAN MOOT**  
South Africa, Finland 2022, Shameela Seedat, 83 min.

Fr 06.05. 6:00pm Neues Rottmann  
Fr 13.05. 6:00pm City 2

Every year, over a hundred law students from all over Africa come together to take part in the African Moot Competition: this time, the rights of refugees on the continent will be heard in a simulated trial before the African Court of Human Rights. The next generation of the legal elite in Africa shows what it can do.



**LEND ME YOUR VOICE**  
Rwanda, South Africa 2021, Claudine Ndimbira, 19 min.

Sa 07.05. 2:30pm HFF Audimax (first film)  
Sa 14.05. 9:00pm Neues Maxim

Refugee Akili Nadege has experienced terrible things: loss, imprisonment, torture. Women and men lend their voices to tell Akili's story. The more the narrators take in, the more affected they are – and Akili regains her agency and her dignity. An impressive short film that demands and enacts compassion.



**HOME AGAIN**  
The Gambia, South Africa 2022, Babucarr Manka, 40 min.

Sa 07.05. 2:30pm HFF Audimax (second film)  
Sa 14.05. 9:00pm Neues Maxim

The journey to Europe has twice ended in failure. Back home in Gambia, 20 year-old Paabi is now set to establish a life for herself with the support of the International Organization for Migration. The conditions are harsh and the expectations of the extended family are high. In the end, Paabi gets back on a bus heading north.



**NO SIMPLE WAY HOME**  
Kenya, South Africa 2022, Akuol de Mabior, 85 min.

Sa 07.05. 7:00pm Amerikahaus  
Mo 09.05. 6:00pm Neues Maxim  
We 11.05. 8:30pm Gasteig HP8  
Fr 13.05. 3:00pm SMAEK

Freedom fighting, exile, the experience of loss and vice presidency – an eventful family history from South Sudan. With her feature film debut, the filmmaker not only draws a strong portrait of her mother but also gives rare insights into the nation building of the youngest state in the world at the highest political level.

## AFRICAN ENCOUNTERS TIMETABLE

### Friday 06 May, Neues Rottmann

6pm film screening AFRICAN MOOT (in attendance of guests)

### Saturday 07 May, Hochschule für Fernsehen und Film / Audimax

10am panel discussion:

Discovering African stories through co-production and financing  
Generation Africa shifting the narrative on migration

2:30pm film screenings

LEND ME YOUR VOICE (in attendance of guests)

HOME AGAIN (in attendance of guests)

7pm film screening, Amerikahaus

NO SIMPLE WAY HOME (in attendance of guests)

The event will be held in English.



Impression from the AFRICA DAY 2019



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