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OUAGA FILM LAB, the first laboratory for the development and co-production of film projects in Sub-Saharan Africa, announce its 7th edition. After 6 editions in Ouagadougou, OUAGA FILM LAB begins, from 2022, its Pan-African edition which will take place from 26<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October in Grand-Bassam, Ivory Coast.

For this new edition, OUAGA FILM LAB expands its selection criteria to all countries of the African continent as well as to series in addition to feature films. Call for projects is open until May 15, 2022.

OUAGA FILM LAB is supported by GENERATION FILMS and GENERATION CREATIVE, a collective of directors, producers, and cultural industry professionals. It promotes meetings between experts and talents from the African continent and their networking with professional platforms from the rest of the world. It is a major film incubator in Africa that relies on the preparation of the skills of producers and directors in order to strengthen their artistic and technical knowledge and thus facilitate their access to national and international funding.

After the success of its first 6 editions, OUAGA FILM LAB, first laboratory for the development and co-production of film projects in sub-Saharan Africa, is opening its incubator to project leaders **from all countries of the African continent**. Until now, it was reserved for film projects from West Africa, Central Africa and the Great Lakes. Another novelty this year, series projects will also be accepted alongside feature films (fiction and documentary).

In total, **12 projects** will be selected, i.e. **24 people (directors/producers)** who will be invited to the residential incubation phase.

OUAGA FILM LAB #7 will take place from **September 26<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup> 2022** and on the occasion of this Pan-African edition, it will take place for the first time in **Ivory Coast, in Grand-Bassam**.

See you at the **Festival de Cannes, Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at 5:00 pm** at the **Pavillon Les Cinémas du Monde** for the presentation conference.

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#### Projects registration

Deadline: May 15, 2022, at 00:00 GMT – via <https://www.ouagafilmab.net>

#### Information & interview requests

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### **Partners & supports**

OUGA FILM LAB is organized in close collaboration with the Centre National du Cinéma et de l'image animée (CNC), the French Institute (IF Paris, IF Burkina Faso), the Fabrique des cinémas du monde, the Cinémathèque Afrique, Groupe Ouest (France), Festival international de film documentaire d'Agadir in Morocco (FIDADOC), Sud Ecriture (Tunisia), ALCA (Agence Livre, Cinéma et Audiovisuel), MiradasDoc (Spain), Moulin d'Andé (France), Rotterdam Film Lab, Cinéma du réel (France), Visions du Réel (Switzerland), as well with the support of the Swiss Office for Cooperation (DDC) in Burkina, the Swiss Support Program for the Cultural Sector (PASEC 5), the International Organization of the Francophonie (OIF), Goethe Institute of Ouagadougou, WCF (World Cinema Fund), Medienboard-Berlin-Brandenburg, Canal Plus Afrique, FOPICA (Senegal), Onac-Ci (Office National du Cinema de Côte d'Ivoire), CiniDb Africa, Les Films du Continent (France), the Ministry of Culture of Burkina Faso, the Ministry of Culture of Ivory Coast, the Ministry of Culture of Senegal.