

Call for Projects: Weekend Culturel DÉCOLONIAL 2024

The IRIBA Center, in partnership with the Goethe-Institut Rwanda, is excited to announce the launch of a call for projects for the Weekend Culturel DÉCOLONIAL, 2024 (6th edition). This annual programme, which takes place in October, aligns with World Audiovisual Heritage Day designated by UNESCO.

Artists based in Rwanda are invited to submit project proposals for the Weekend Culturel DÉCOLONIAL. We seek proposals with a clear vision, feasibility, and potential impact.

We are particularly looking for projects focusing on group dynamics (co-creation among artists), transmission (for all ages), safeguarding endangered art forms (e.g., singing, dancing, performing arts, traditional craftsmanship, aesthetic basketry) and promoting inclusivity (supporting talented artists lacking access to project calls due to language barriers). Proposals can be submitted in English, French or Kinyarwanda.

Please choose one of the following four project categories you would like to apply for.

Project categories:

Artistic co-creation project:

- Lead an artistic co-creation initiative
- Collaborate with 2-3 artists of your choice who lack proficiency in foreign languages
- Showcase collective creativity through diverse perspectives and talents
- Empower artists by facilitating communication and ensuring their ideas are heard and understood
- Create an inclusive environment where language barriers are overcome, allowing artists to express themselves freely

Initiation and training project:

- As the Mentor, select a group of young individuals from rural areas, to help them cultivate their artistic skills and creativity
- Empower aspiring artists who face barriers to accessing project opportunities
- Provide guidance and support to foster artistic development in underserved communities
- Create a platform for talent from rural areas to thrive and showcase their creativity
- Bridge the gap between urban and rural artistic communities by offering mentorship and resources

Intergenerational transmission and co-creation projects:

- Partner with one or two experienced artists of your choice to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and skills across generations
- Preserve traditional art forms while nurturing new talent
- Bridge the generation gap in the arts community
- Provide mentorship opportunities for emerging artists
- Create a platform for sharing techniques, experiences, and artistic insights

Individual artistic creation projects:

- This category is open to individual artists seeking to showcase their innovative ideas
- Present either a new artistic endeavor or a significant milestone in an existing project



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Criteria for applicants:

- Clearly express the project vision and its impact
- Ensure feasibility within time and budget constraints
- Embrace diversity and inclusivity
- Highlight collaboration for joint projects
- Celebrate the region's cultural heritage
- The production of project must be presented during the WCD, 2024

Support from IRIBA Center and Goethe-Institut:

- Collaborative projects: Financial support up to 1,500,000 RWF
- Individual projects or milestones: Financial support up to 750,000 RWF
- 80% of funds allocated upfront, 20% upon completion
- Skill-building workshops and exchanges with experienced artists
- Access to rehearsal space

FAQ

Who can apply?

Rwandan artists and artists from the Great Lakes region living in Rwanda.

How can I apply?

You can apply by sending your concrete proposal written in English, French or Kinyarwanda to IRIBA Center: am.dir.berd@gmail.com AND Goethe-Institut : assistant-kigali@goethe.de

What application documents are required?

Applications must contain the following: Project overview (Application Form) + a budget (budget template) + a calendar of activities (please draft it yourself), + a presentation of the main artist (portfolio) + an overview on joint projects (artists involved).

Until when can I apply?

The application deadline is 23rd of June, 2024 23:59pm.

What happens after the application?

- All applications submitted will receive a response within 1 month
- Selected projects will be accompanied to completion
- The projects will be presented at the 6th edition of WCD (October 2024)

I have further questions. How can I ask them?

You are cordially invited to an information session regarding our Call for Projects on June 6th at 4 pm at the IRIBA Center, located at KN1Ave, 108 in Kigali. The info session will be held in Kinyarwanda.



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