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Playful Obscura Announces Selected Game Developers for 2026 Arthouse Games Residency in Accra

ACCRA, GHANA — Following a highly competitive selection process, the Goethe-Institut, Leti Arts and A MAZE., organizers of the **Playful Obscura Residency** are proud to announce the two artists and developers selected for the 2026 edition in Accra, Ghana. This residency, a commissioned project under **GamesConnect AFRICA**, supports innovative practitioners working at the intersection of **games, art, and technology**.

Meet the 2026 Residents The advisory panel, comprising representatives from **A MAZE.**, **Leti Arts**, and the **Goethe-Institut**, has selected the following artists to participate in the intensive three-week program:

- **Mame Faty Kane** from **Dakar, Senegal**.
- **Jamil Osmar Ramos** from **Luanda, Angola**.

Application Statistics The 2026 open call saw a significant response from the continent's creative community, highlighting the rapid evolution of Africa's arthouse game scene. The residency received a total of **77 applications from 16 different African countries**.

The two practitioners will receive the following:

- **Financial Support:** A production budget of up to **€1,000** for project materials and a **€300 stipend**.
- **Space and Community:** Access to **dedicated living accommodations** designed to foster informal interaction and a **shared workspace** for project development and ideation.
- **Professional Engagement:** Opportunities for **peer-to-peer learning**, workshops, and **open studio visits** with the local creative community in Accra for three weeks.

The residency aims to provide a focused framework where artists can draw inspiration from Accra's dynamic urban environment while pushing the boundaries of traditional interactive media.

About Playful Obscura Playful Obscura is an initiative dedicated to supporting **experimental artistic practices** in playful media. By hosting artists simultaneously, the program encourages a balance of independent creation and collaborative dialogue.