



# Festival cinémas d'Afrique Lausanne

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**The 15th edition of the Festival cinémas d'Afrique - Lausanne scheduled from August 20 to 23 is postponed. The Festival is studying new ways to share its commitment to African Cinema. The next edition will be held from August 19 - 22, 2021.**

It is with deep regret that the Festival cinémas d'Afrique - Lausanne announces the postponement of the 15th edition, originally scheduled from August 20 – 23, 2020.

The Festival cinémas d'Afrique - Lausanne is dedicated to screening and promoting African movies, raising public awareness while ensuring cultural diversity. It is above all a celebration of African Cinema centered on sharing, networking and meeting with the filmmakers of the continent. Due to the current health crisis and the relevant directives of the Federal Council, it is actually impossible to hold the event in its usual form. Despite the current situation, the team was nevertheless hoping that the festival could take place in August 2020. However, faced with this unprecedented pandemic, it is clear that the health of the population and the need to overcome this health crisis must remain our prime concern.

Nevertheless, the Festival team is studying different ways to fulfil its mission of promoting African cinema. This is possible thanks to the institutions and partners that are continuing to support the Festival through this crisis, including the City of Lausanne and the Canton of Vaud.

The Festival cinémas d'Afrique – Lausanne is wholeheartedly in solidarity with the entire cultural and event sector. We thank and support our teams, service providers, suppliers, partners as well as our volunteers and all those thanks to whom the festival exists every year.

LONG LIVE AFRICAN CINEMA !

SAVE THE DATE: The 15<sup>th</sup> edition will take place from August 19 – 22, 2021

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