

AfroBerlin

2026 report

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2026

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AFROBERLIN2026 IN A NUTSHELL About AfroBerlin

AfroBerlin is an event organized by the YanibesFoundation (a not-for-profit entity, also the organizer of **AfroCannes** during Cannes Film Festival) in collaboration with the European Film Market during the Berlinale in Berlin, Germany. AfroBerlin is a four-day event, with the first three days exclusively focused on the film business and fourth one focused on Film Music.

General	Details	Average
1940	300 per day	30 per session
30	21 Panel Discussions	30 min to 60 min panels
90	35 per day	Average 3 panelists per sessions
1 Afterparty 1 Djimon Hounsou Cocktail party 1 Cocktail reception at MOA Berlin	100 Guests for Djimon Party 250 Guests FOR BFI Party 100 for AfroBerlin Party	
31	BFI (British Film Institute) - Institutional Partner Deadline - Official Media Partner MOA Berlin with Philip Ibrahim - Hospitality Partner U3 Tunnel Events Berlin - Venue Partner Encore - Event Tech Partner Strategic Partners: Signed Media, Adapt Entertainment, Casablanca Pictures, YAQ Productions, InFilmPact, Seriesly Berlin	
13	Mr. Djimon Hounsou, Ms. Melanie Hoyes, Mr. Orlando Jones, HE Bacary Sarr, Mr. Alfons Adetuyi, Mr. Fouad Challa, Ms. Neerja Narayanan, Ms. Anna Gudkova, Mr. Khir-Din Grid, Ms. Lameng Bei, Ms. Annabelle Mandeng, Mr. Rico-Jarrett Boateng, Ms. Olive Nwosu	
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149000 Accounts reached	500+ stories & mentions	100+ posts

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED (SPEAKERS)

Countries	#
Benin, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Egypt, Ghana, Guinea Conakry, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa	26
China, India	4
Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica,Trinidad & Tobago	8
Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Spain, Sweden, The Netherlands, UK	24
Lebanon, Kazakhstan	2
Canada, USA	25
Brazil, Mexico	1

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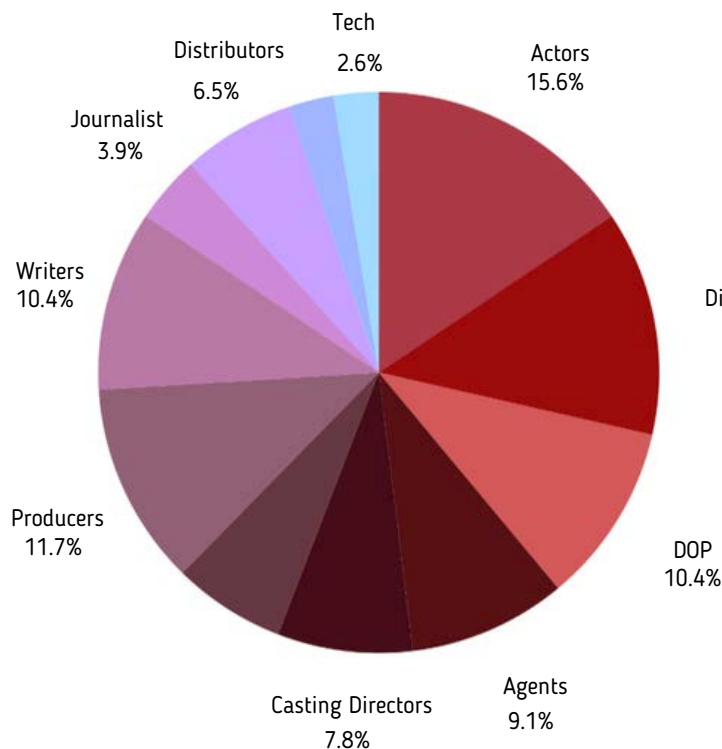
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AUDIENCE OUTLINE



- Actors
- Directors
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- Film Commission
- Production Companies
- Talent Agencies
- Casting Agencies
- Tech companies
- AI Filmmakers
- DOPs
- Festival organizers
- Government entities
- Real Estate Companies
- Distribution companies
- Media groups
- Writers

HOST & MODERATORS



Yared Dibaba
Actor, TV Host
Germany + Ethiopia /
Oromia



Natasha Preville
Filmmaker,
Founder
Brixton
International Film
Festival
UK + Jamaica



Ernest White II
CEO, Presidio
Pictures
USA + Canada



Nici Brueckner
Producer, Founder
World Color Studio
22
Germany +
Senegal



Caprice Crawford
Talent Agent
Founder, Crawford
Talents
Germany + USA



Serge Noukoué
Founder,
Nollywood Week,
Owner, Okada
Media
(Distribution)
France + Benin



**Yusuf Abdul-
Qadir**
Creator,
Technologist and
Executive
Producer
USA



Filson Ali
Director, Producer,
Co-Founder
CAMERA X
Productions
Sweden + Somalia



**Danica
Robinson-Liles**
Founder, Wes
Studios
Jamaica

Films & Shows Represented

NGONE MWAITU, Kenya
FLY BROTHER with Ernest White II - Ep:
"Northern Namibia: Northern Exposure",
USA + Namibia
RELOAD, UK
CALABASH, USA

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SPEAKERS



Djimon Hounsou
Actor,
Producer
Benin + USA



Joshua Kantara
Filmmaker,
Actor
Germany +
Ghana +
Guinea



Orlando Jones
Actor,
Producer
USA



Charles Snyder
Producer
CEO, Founder,
Mad City
Production
Studio
USA + Spain



Melanie Hoyes
Director of
Inclusion
British Film
Institute
UK



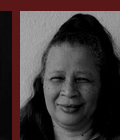
Kerry-Ann Ellington
CEO, Founder,
Ellington
Production
USA + Jamaica



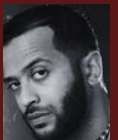
Adam Morse
Actor, Producer,
Director
Founder,
Hollyfied
UK



Annabelle Mandeng
Actress, Producer
& Host
Aktiv Khole
Podcast Germany
+ Cameroon



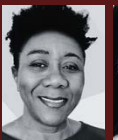
Naomi Beukes
Actress, Producer
Germany +
Namibia



Anouar Moattassim
Director,
Producer,
Founder
Casabalanca
Pictures
Belgium +
Morocco



Archie Price-Nicholson
Young
Filmmaker,
Director
UK



Ebele Okoye
CEO & COO
Spunky
andNoa Vista
Ethical AI
Brand
Germany
Nigeria



Mam Foon
Executive
Director
Cinemafrica
Sweden +
Senegal



Pascal Schmitz
Head of
Distribution &
Production
BONUM
International
Germany



Aicha Abbouzied-Kraus
Producer,
Founder
Chicas Production
France +
Morocco



Luis Lomenha
Director,
Producer
Brazil



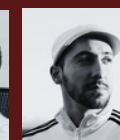
Lameng Bei
Head of Studio
DRAMABOX
China + USA



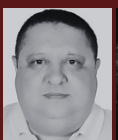
Mark Neal
Associate
Development
Executive
DRAMA BOX
USA



Andre Seward
Programming
Director
Tallgrass Film
Festival
USA



Grégory Montfort
Founder, ACE Good /
Ace Fund,
Independent Film
Funding, Blockchain
& Tokenization
Expert
Belgium



Fouad Challa
Producer, CEO
Dreammaker
Production
Morocco



Aicha Joy Samuel
Actress,
Producer
Germany +
Trinidad &
Tobago



Mallam Mudi Yahaya
Visual Artist,
Filmmaker,
Photographer,
CEO, MyVision
Nigeria



Magdalene Hirse
Director
DurbanFilm
Mart
South Africa



Dahalam Hirse
CEO
Unfriendly
Space
Nigeria



Wesley Howard
CEO, 4
Corners
Cinema
Production
Germany +
USA



Nathan Adabazde
Investment
Director
Media Finance
Capital
UK + Ghana



Reem Morsi
Filmmaker,
Scuba Diving
Instructor
Canada + Egypt



Neerja Narayanan
Producer /
Executive /
International
Coproduction
Strategic
Advisor
USA + India



Laure Peretti de la Rocca
Executive
Director,
StoryBoard
Switzerland



Joladé Olusanya,
Poet,
Photographe
r,
Filmmaker
UK + Nigeria



Gamel Apalayine
Screenwriter,
Filmmaker
Ghana



Mona Ombogo
Award-Winning
Scriptwriter
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Selling Author,
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SummerRain
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Kenya



Rico-Jarrett Boateng
Actor
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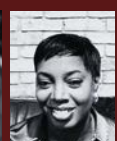
Albert Mensah
Award Winning
Creative
Entrepreneur, Co-
Founder, Fortune
Favors
Productions
UK + Ghana



Maskelah Gabriel-Adams
Founder, Afro
Films UK
UK + Ghana



Myvanwy Evans Davis
Filmmaker
and Cultural
Leader
Founder,
Louder Than
Words
UK



D'Marie Dowe
Founder,
D'Marie
Productions
UK



Kelvin Osoo Omondi
Head of African
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Drama Deluxe
International
Kenya



Ifeoma Areh
Co-Founder,
WildPepper
Studios Digital
Creator, Africa
Academy
WIFT Africa
Nigeria



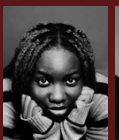
Matidra Erinle
Emerging
Director,
Producer
UK + Nigeria



Toby Kyeremateng
BAFTA Winning
Film & TV
Producer,
Founder
Them Ones
Studios
UK + Ghana



Thierry Beaujard
Co-Founder
Spielfabriku
e
Germany



Blessing Azugama
Digital Creator
& Vertical
Scriptwriter
Nigeria



Sarah Ismail
Board Member
Cinemafrica
Sweden +
Somalia



Alfons Adetuyi
Film &
Television
Producer
Founder, Inner
City Films
Canada +
Nigeria



Ivy Mutuku
Filmmaker,
Photographer,
Curator
Australia +
Kenya



Sata Cissokho
Head, World
Cinema Fund
EFM Toolkit -
Berlinale
France + Mali



Deepti Chawla
Executive
Producer,
Filmmaker
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Amit Kaur
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Filmmaker,
Board Member
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Festival
UK + India



Ben Lopez
CEO, Founder,
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USA + Mexico



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SPEAKERS



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Casting Director & Founder of the Actors Home Ireland + Spain



Wendy Bernfeld
Founder, Rights Stuff The Netherlands



Sydney Levine
Founder, SydneysBuz z USA



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Secretary of State Ministry of Culture, Tourism, Arts & Craft The Republic of Senegal



Daniel "Dee" Klare
Actor Germany + Nigeria



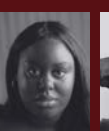
Lene Berglum
Film Producer Founder Space Rocket Nation Denmark



Johnathan Dorfman
Producer, Financier, Founder Stolen Sky Productions USA



Jerome Sydenham
Music Producer, Label Owner, Performing Artist Ibadan Studios UK + Nigeria + Jamaica



Jessica Hagan
Television and Theater Writer UK + Ghana



Joseph Adesunloye
Screenwriter, Director, Producer UK + Nigeria



Yolanda Nkokotwana
Head of Industry Development, National Film & Video Foundation South Africa



Somto Ajuluchuckwu
CEO, Vortex Corp, Executive Director, Animate Africa, Expert, African Animation Distribution Strategies Nigeria



Rodney Charles
Screenwriter, Producer, Actor, Co-Founder, Perennial Lens Grenada + USA + UK + Germany



Karl Hillbrick
Producer, Film Marketing and Financing Expert, Founder, InfImpact EU + UK + Australia



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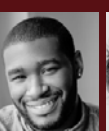
Brittany Franklin
Executive Director MiFILM United States



Keziah Myers
Executive Director, ADVANCE, Canada's Black Music Business Collective Canada



Diêm Camille
Actress Ivory Coast



Andre Fyffe
Producer, Elicit Pictures United Kingdom



Anna Gudkova
Head of Industry and Labs, Alternative Film Kazakhstan



Lina Zaraket
Acting for Impact: Presence, Performance, Presentation + Tech Germany



Aysha Scott
Founder + Indie Filmmaker, Filmmaking Planner United Kingdom



Nora Henes
Actress, Dancer Germany + Nigeria



Jamel Lewis
Co-Founder, CEO 210 Films, United States



Olive Nwosu
Film Writer + Director United Kingdom



Mylène Gomera
Actress, Voiceover Artist, Writer, Producer UK



Orla Garriques
Business Development Marketing Director Inner City Films Canada



Jon-Carlos Evans
Filmmaker, Writer, Founder Perfect Entropy Productions Germany



Kulanen Ikoy
Film Music Composer Nigeria



Gabriel Bihina Arrahnio
Director Germany



Vanessa Rottenburg
Actress Germany



Yasmin Holness-Dove
Actress UK



Hamish Duff
Talent Agent, Founder First Artist Management UK

PROGRAM DAY ONE: SATURDAY 14, FEBRUARY 2026

9.00 AM | Introduction by **Prudence Kolong**, founder, Yanibes Foundation, AfroCannes, AfroBerlin with Berlinale + EFM + Deadline

9.30 - 11.00 AM | **Acting Masterclass**

- **Luci Lenox**; Casting Director, Acting Coach, Founder of the Actors Home, Ireland + Spain

Special Guest: **Djimon Honsou**, Actor, Producer, Benin + USA

11.00 - 11.30 AM | BREAK

11.20 - 12.20 PM | **Screening | NGONE MWĀITU**

- Alfred Munyua, Director, Kenya

12.20 - 12.30 PM | BREAK

12.30 - 12.55 PM | **Screening | FLY BROTHER with Ernest White II - Ep: "Northern Namibia: Northern Exposure"**

- Pedro Serra, Director, USA + Namibia

12.55 - 1.20 PM | BREAK

1.20 - 1.35 PM | **Screening | RELOAD**

1.35 - 2.00 PM | BREAK

2.10 - 2.25 PM | **Screening | CALABASH**

- Omar S. Kamara, Director, USA

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2.12 - 2.15 PM | BREAK

2.15 - 4.00 PM | **Post Screening Cocktail Reception**

- **Djimon Honsou**, Actor, Producer, Benin + USA

4.00 PM | **EFM TOOLBOX DISTRIBUTION ACADEMY SESSION**

Hostess: **Sata Cissokho**, Head, World Cinema Fund, Head, EFM Toolbox Berlinale, France + Mali

Coordinator:

- **Fabien Massah**, Founder, Endorphine Productions, Germany
- **Torsten Frehse**, CEO, Neue Visionen Film Verleih, Germany

Moderator: **Ernest White II**, CEO, Presido Pictures, USA + Canada

4.00 - PM | **EFM TOOLBOX DISTRIBUTION ACADEMY PITCH | Pitching of the 7 start-up projects developed through the Distribution Academy in front of a jury of 3 industry experts**

Participants:

- Everbright Everready
- Eden Tigabu
- Inès Girihrwe
- Julie Nguyo
- Ivy Muiruri
- Daniel Katenda
- Kelvin Osoo

5.00 - 5.45 PM | **Panel Discussion on distribution on the African continent**

5.45 - 6.00 PM | **AWARD CEREMONY**

PROGRAM DAY TWO: SUNDAY 15, FEBRUARY 2026

9.05 - 9.55 AM | **Panel 1 | INTERNATIONAL CO-PRODUCTION MODELS & CASE STUDIES**

Speakers:

- **Wale Ojo**, Actor, Producer, Founder, New Nigerian Cinema, Nigeria (with a focus on a co-production Nigeria-Rwanda)
- **Kelvin Osoo Omondi**, Head of Africa Office, Drama Deluxe International, Kenya
- **Charles Snyder**, Co-founder, Executive Producer, Mad City Productions, USA + Spain
- **Neerja Narayanan**, Producer/Executive/ International Coproduction Strategic Advisor, USA + India
- **Yolanda Ncokotwana**, Head of Industry Development, National Film & Video Foundation, South Africa
- **HE Bacary Sarr**, Secretary of State, Ministry of Culture, Tourism, Arts & Craft, The Republic of Senegal

Moderator: **Nici Brueckner**, Founder, World Color Studios 22, Germany + Senegal

9.55 - 10.00 AM | BREAK

10.00 - 10.40 AM | **PANEL 2 | BREAKOUT ROLES: EXCELLENCE IN FRONT AND BEHIND THE SCREEN**

Speakers:

- **Joshua Kantara**, Actor, Producer, Germany + Ghana + Guinea Conakry
- **Annabelle Mandeng**, Actress, Producer & Host - Aktiv Khole Podcast, Germany + Cameroon
- **Rico Jarrett-Boateng**, Actor, Germany + Ghana
- **Dragan Greensmith**, Founder & Managing Agent of Greensmith Artists, Germany + France
- **Dièm Camille**, Actress, Ivory Coast

Moderator: **Caprice Crawford**, Talent Agent, Founder, Crawford Talents, USA + Germany

10.40 - 10.45 AM | BREAK

10.45 - 11.30 AM | **PANEL 3 | TECHNOLOGY: INNOVATION, ETHICS, AND THE FUTURE OF CREATIVE PRODUCTION**

Speakers:

- **Ebele Okoye**, CEO & COO, Spunky Toonz & Jolly Squid, Germany + Nigeria
- **Neerja Narayanan**, Producer, Executive, International Coproduction Strategic Advisor, USA + India
- **Alfons Adetuyi**, Film & TV Producer, Founder, Inner City Films, Canada + Nigeria
- **Somto Ajuluchukwu**, CEO, Vortex Corp, Executive Director, Animate Africa, Expert, African Animation Distribution Strategies, Nigeria

Moderator: **Yusuf Abdul-Qadir**, Creator, Technologist and Executive Producer, USA

11.30 - 11.35 AM | BREAK

11.35 - 12.15 PM | **PANEL 4 | EMERGING TRENDS IN STORYTELLING**

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Speakers:

- **Naomi Beukes**, Actress, Producer, Germany + Namibia
- **Mona Ombogo**, Award-Winning Scriptwriter and Best-Selling Author, Director, SummerRain International, Kenya
- **Dalaham Hirse**, CEO, Unfriendly Space, Nigeria
- **Brittany Franklin**, Director, Founder, Minorities in Film (MiFilm), USA

Moderator: **Ernest White II**, Filmmaker, Founder, Presidio Pictures, USA + Canada

12.15 - 12.20 PM | BREAK

12.20 - 1.10 PM | **PANEL 5 | UK INDUSTRY PANEL - BRIDGING CREATIVE MARKETS**

Speakers:

- **Melanie Hoyes**, Senior Director of Inclusion, BFI
- **Joseph A. Adesunloye**, Screenwriter, Director, Producer, Founder, Dreamcoat Productions, UK + Nigeria
- **Nathan Adabadze**, Investment Director, Media Finance Capital, UK + Ghana
- **Rodney Charles**, Actor, Screenwriter, Producer, Founder, Perennial Lens, Co-Founder, 3A African Artists Association, UK + USA + Grenada + German
- **Samuel Ampah**, Media Accountant, Allots LLP, UK + Ghana

Moderator: **Natasha Preville**, Founder of the Brixton Film Festival, UK + Jamaica

1.10 - 1.20 PM | BREAK

2.10 - 2.20 PM | **IN CONVERSATION WITH DJIMON HOUNSOU**

- **Djimon Hounsou**, Actor, Producer, Benin + America

Moderator: **Zac Ntim**, International Film Reporter, Deadline, UK + Ghana

2.10 - 2.20 PM | BREAK

2.20 - 3.00 PM | **PANEL 6 | UK INDUSTRY PANEL - FROM AFRICA & DIASPORA TO THE WORLD: CO-PRODUCTION & INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION**

Speakers:

- **Gamel Apalayine**, Filmmaker, Ghana
- **Jessica Hagan**, Founder, The Writers Room, Ghana
- **Alfons Adetuyi**, Film & Television Producer, Founder, Inner City Films, Nigeria + Canada
- **Jamel Lewis**, Founder, 210 Productions, USA
- **Andre Fyffe**, Founder, Ellicit Pictures, UK

Moderator: **Terry Jerry Awase**, Executive Director, The African Film Institute, **African Union**

3.00 - 3.05 PM | BREAK

3.05 - 4.05 PM | **PANEL 7 | PROMOTION, DISTRIBUTION & RELEASE STRATEGY**

Speakers:

- **Maskelah Gabriel-Adams**, Founder, AfroFilms UK, UK + Ghana
- **Andre Seward**, Programming Director, Tallgrass Film Festival, Germany + USA
- **Wendy Bernfeld**, Founder, Rights Stuff, The Netherlands
- **Pascal Schmitz**, Head of Distribution & Production, BONUM International, France
- **Mam Foon**, Executive Director, CinemAfrica, Sweden + Senegal
- **Thierry Baujard**, Co-Founder, SpielFabrique, Germany + France
- **Tolu Rachael Akisanya**, PR Consultant, TRA Public Relations, UK + Nigeria

Moderator: **Serge Noukoué**, Founder, Nollywood Week, Owner, Okada Media (Distribution), France + Benin

4.05 - 4.10 PM | BREAK

4.10 - 4.25 PM | **AFRO FILM MUSIC PREVIEW | BUILDING BRIDGES**

Speakers:

- **Christoph Becker**, Managing Director, Constantin Music, Board Member, ZDF, Germany

Moderator: **Terry Jerry Awase**, Executive Director, The African Film Institute, African Union

4.25 - 5.10 PM | BREAK

3.05 - 4.05 PM | **PANEL 9 | FILM FINANCING**

Speakers:

- **Terry Jerry A'Wase**, Executive Secretary, African Film Institute, The African Union
- **Johnathan Dorfman**, Producer, Financier, Founder, Stolen Sky Productions, USA
- **Karl Hillbrick**, Producer, Film Marketing & Financing Expert, EU + UK + Australia
- **Khiri-Din Grid**, Producer, Founder, Nouvelle Toile Productions, France + Algeria

Moderator: **Serge Noukoué**, Founder, Nollywood Week, Owner, Okada Media (Distribution), France + Benin

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5.10 - 5.15 PM | BREAK

5.15 - 6.00 PM | **PANEL 10 | CAREER GROWTH, TRAINING & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT**

Speakers:

- **Ifeoma Areh**, Co-Founder, WildPepper Studios| Digital Creator Africa Academy, WIFT Africa, Nigeria
- **Laure de Peretti de la Rocca**, Executive Director, StoryBoard, Switzerland
- **Magdalene Reddy**, Director DurbanFilmMart, South Africa
- **Anna Gudkova**, Head of Industry & Labs, Alternative Film, Kazakhstan
- **Terry Jerry A.Wase**, Executive Secretary, African Film Institute, The African Union
- **Ben Lopez**, CEO, L21 Media, Former Chairman, National Association of Latino Independent Producers, USA + Mexico

Moderator: **Yusuf Abdul-Qadir**, Creator, Technologist and Executive Producer, USA

7.30 - 10.30 PM | **SOCIAL CALENDAR | BFI COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

PROGRAM DAY THREE: MONDAY 16, FEBRUARY 2026

9.05 - 9.55 AM | **PANEL 11 | THE WRITER'S ROOM**

- **Mallam Mudi Yahaya**, Visual Artist, Photographer, Filmmaker, CEO, MyVision, Nigeria
- **Mona Ombogo**, Award-Winning Scriptwriter and Best-Selling Author, Director, SummerRain International, Kenya
- **Olive Nwosu**, Screenwriter, Sundance Screenwriter Fellow, TIFF Share Her Journey Fellow, UK + Nigeria
- **Dalila McFarlane-Martin**, Actress, Writer, Director, UK
- **Amit Kaur**, Filmmaker, Board Member, UK Asia Film Festival, Founder ARInclusive, UK + India

Moderator: **Ernest White II**, CEO, Presidio Pictures, USA + Canada

9.55 - 10.00 AM | BREAK

10.00 - 10.40 AM | **PANEL 12 | ACTING FOR IMPACT: PRESENCE, PERFORMANCE, REPRESENTATION & TECH**

Speakers:

- **Daniel Klare**, Actor, Author, Germany + Nigeria
- **Aicha Joy Samuel**, Actress, Producer, Germany + Trinidad & Tobago
- **Olive Nwosu**, Director, UK + Nigeria + Actress of Lady by Olive Nwosu
- **Khir-Din Grid**, Producer, Founder, Nouvelle Toile Productions, France + Algeria

Moderator: **Jessica Sy**, Actress, Producer, Germany + Jamaica

10.40 - 10.45 AM | BREAK

10.45 - 11.30 AM | **PANEL 13 | MOROCCO COUNTRY FOCUS: THE GATEWAY TO AFRICA**

Speakers:

- **Anouar Moatassim**, Director, Producer, Founder, Casablanca Pictures, Belgium + Morocco
- **Aicha Abbouzied-Kraus**, Producer, Founder, Chicas Productions, France + Morocco
- **Fouad Challa**, Producer, CEO, Dreammaker Productions, Morocco

Moderator: **Serge Noukoué**, Founder, Nollywood Week, Owner, Okada Media (Distribution), France + Benin

11.30 - 11.35 AM | BREAK

11.35 - 12.35 PM | **PANEL 14 | EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION OF STORYTELLERS**

Speakers:

- **Djimon Hounsou**, Actor, Producer, Benin + USA
- **Mallam Mudi Yahaya**, Visual Artist, Filmmaker, Photographer, CEO, MyVision, Nigeria
- **Adam Morse**, Actor, Producer, Director, Founder, Hollyfied, UK
- **Albert Mensah**, Award Winning Creative Entrepreneur, Co-Founder, Fortune Favors Productions, UK + Ghana
- **Archie Price-Nicholson**, Young Filmmaker, Writer, BFF 2024/5,
- **Dalila MacFarlane-Martin**, Young Filmmaker, Reload, BFF 2026
- **Reem Morsi**, Filmmaker, Scuba Diving Instructor, Canada + Egypt
- **Matidra Erinle**, Young Filmmaker and Creative, BFF 2024
- **Myvanwy Evans Davis**, Filmmaker and Cultural Leader, BFF 2024
- **Maskelah Gabriel-Adams**, Founder, AfroFilms, UK + Ghana

Moderator: **Natasha Preville**, Filmmaker, Founder, Brixton Film Festival, UK + Jamaica

12.35 - 12.40 PM | BREAK

12.40 - 1.10 PM | **PANEL 15 | AFROVERSE - ASIAVERSE NEXUS**

Speakers:

- **Deepti Chawla**, Executive Producer, Filmmaker, India
- **Lina Zaraket**, Actress, Germany + Lebanon

Moderator: **Nici Brueckner**, Producer, Founder, World Color Studio 22, Germany + Senegal

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1.15 - 1.45 PM | BREAK

12.20 - 1.10 PM | **"SPOTLIGHT ON' 1| HOLLYWOOD**

Speakers:

- **Danica Robinson-Liles**, Founder, Wes Studios, Jamaica

Moderator: **Orlando Jones**, Actor, Producer, USA

1.45 - 1.50 PM | BREAK

1.50 - 2.30 PM | **'SPOTLIGHT ON' 2 | SPORTS & FILMMAKING**

Speakers:

- **Albert Mensah**, Award Winning Creative Entrepreneur, Co-Founder, Fortune Favors Productions, UK + Ghana
- **Joladé Olusanya**, Poet, Photographer, Filmmaker, UK + Nigeria via ZOOM
- **Yusuf Abdul Qadir**, Creator, Technologist and Executive Producer, USA

Moderator: **Yared Dibaba**, Actor, Producer, TV Host, Germany + Ethiopia / Oromia

12.30 - 12.35 PM | BREAK

2.35 - 3.15 PM | **'SPOTLIGHT ON' 3 | FROM PAGE TO SCREEN**

- **Jenny Rosenfeld**, Junior Development Executive, DRAMABOX, USA via ZOOM
- **Kerry-Ann Ellington**, CEO & Founder, Ellington Production, USA + Jamaica
- **D'Marie Dowe**, Founder, D'Marie Productions, UK
- **Lele Berglum**, Founder, Space Rocket Nations, Denmark
- **Jessica Hagan**, Television & Theater Writer, UK + Ghana
- **Grégory Montfort**, Founder, ACE Good / Ace Fund, Independent Film Funding, Blockchain & Tokenization Expert, Belgium

Moderator: **Filson Ali**, Director, Producer, Co-Founder, CAMERA X Productions, Sweden + Somalia

3.15 - 3.20 PM | BREAK

3.20 - 4.10 PM | **PANEL 16 | VISUAL STORYTELLING**

Speakers:

- **Reem Morsi**, Filmmaker, Scuba Diving Instructor, Canada + Egypt
- **Mallam Mudi Yahaya**, Visual Artist, Filmmaker, Photographer, CEO, MyVision, Nigeria
- **Ivy Mutuku**, Filmmaker, Photographer, Curator, Australia + Kenya
- **Wesley Howard**, CEO, 4 Corners Cinema Production, Germany + USA
- **Sarah Ismail**, Writer, Director, Costume Designer, Board Member, CinemAfrica, Sweden + Somalia

Moderator: **Yusuf Abdul-Qadir**, Creator, Technologist and Executive Producer, USA

4.10 - 4.15 PM | BREAK

4.15 - 5.00 PM | **PANEL 17 | VERTICAL FILMMAKING & SOCIAL MEDIA STORYTELLING**

Speakers:

- **Lameng Bei**, Head of Studio, DRAMABOX, China + USA via ZOOM
- **Mark Neal**, Associate Development Executive, DRAMA BOX, USA via ZOOM
- **Blessing Azugama**, Digital Creator & Vertical Scriptwriter, Nigeria via ZOOM
- **Andre Seward**, Programming Director, TallGrass Festival, USA + Germany

Moderator: **Yusuf Abdul-Qadir**, Creator, Technologist and Executive Producer, USA

5.00 - 5.05 PM | BREAK

5.05 - 6.00 PM | **PANEL 18 | THE LANGUAGE OF FILMMAKING**

Speakers:

- **Remi Laudat**, Director, Dancer, Filmmaker, UK + Dominica
- **Wale Ojo**, Actor, Founder, New Nigerian Cinema, Nigeria
- **Toby Kyeremateng**, BAFTA Winning Film & TV Producer, Founder, Them Ones Studios, UK + Ghana
- **Aysha Scott**, Filmmaker, Founder, The Filmmaking Planner, UK
- **Orla Garrigues**, Business Development & Marketing Director, Inner City Films, Canada
- **Jon-Carlos Evans**, Writer, Director, Founder, Perfect Entropy Productions, Germany + USA
- **Mylène Gomera**, Actress, Voice Artist, UK

7.30 - 11.00 PM | **SOCIAL CALENDAR | AFROBERLIN AFTERPARTY**

9.10 - 10.00 AM | **PANEL 19 | SUSTAINABILITY AS A CREATIVE CHOICE**

Speakers:

- **Natasha Preville**, Filmmaker, Founder, Brixton International Film Festival, UK + Jamaica
- Moderator: **Jessica Sy**, Actress, Producer, Germany + Jamaica

10.00 - 10.50 AM | BREAK

10.50 - 11.20 AM | **SCREENING| PRESSURE**

11.20 - 12.00 PM | BREAK

10.50 - 11.20 AM | **PANEL 20| PERSONAL GROWTH**

Speakers:

- **Yasmin Holness-Dove**, Actress, UK
 - **Gabriel Bihina Arranhio**, Director, Germany
 - **Vanessa Rottenburg**, Actress, Germany
 - **Toby Kyeremateng**, BAFTA Winning Film & TV Producer, Founder Them Ones Studios, UK + Ghana
 - **Jolade Olusanya**, Writer, Director, UK + Nigeria
- Moderator: **Yared Dibaba**, Actor, Producer, TV Host, Germany + Ethiopia / Oromia

11.20 - 12.00 PM | BREAK

10.50 - 11.20 AM | **PANEL 21| THE GLOBAL SOUNDTRACK: AFRICAN FILM MUSIC & THE FUTURE OF CINEMA**

Speakers:

- **Hamish Duff**, Talent Agent, Founder, First Artist Management, UK
 - **Jerome Sidenham**, Award Winning Recording Artist & Performer, Record Label Owner, Founder, Ibadan Studios, Germany + Nigeria
 - **Kulanen Ikoye**, Film Music Composer, Nigeria
 - **Orlando Jones**, Actor, Producer, USA via ZOOM
 - **Yoad Winter**, Chair, Computational Semantics and Artificial Intelligence at the Institute for Language Sciences, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands
 - **Luis Lomenha**, Film Director, Producer, Brazil
 - **Sydney Levine**, Founder, SydneysBuzz, USA
 - **Keziah Myers**, Executive Director, ADVANCE, Canada's Black Music Business Collective, Canada
 - **Sarah Ismail**, Writer, Director, Costume Designer, Board Member, CinemAfrica, Sweden + Somalia
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9.10 - 10.00 AM | **AFROBERLIN SOCIAL | COCKTAIL RECEPTION AT MOA BERLIN**

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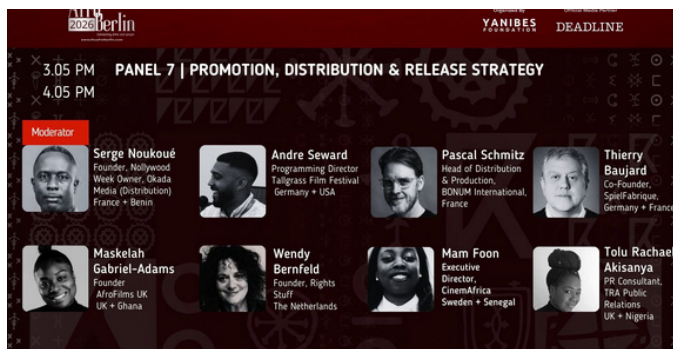
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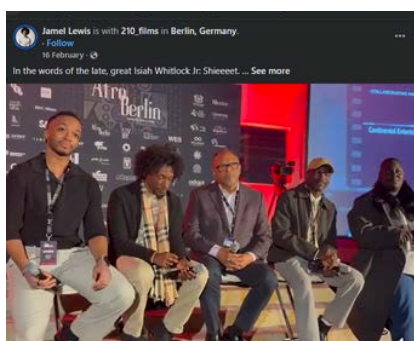
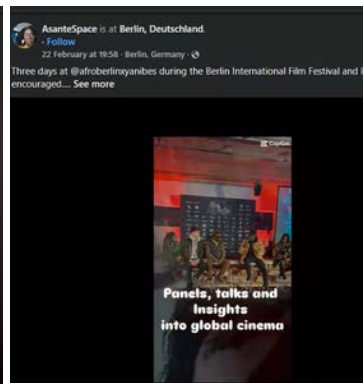
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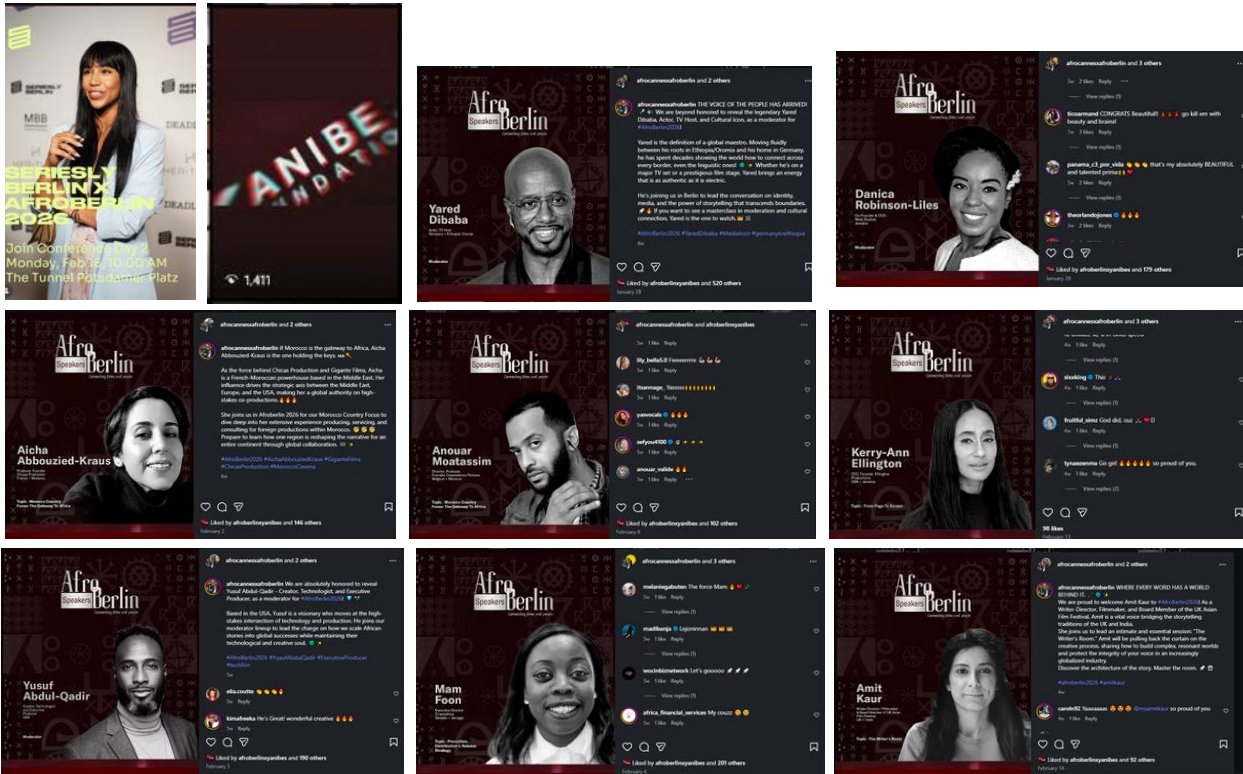
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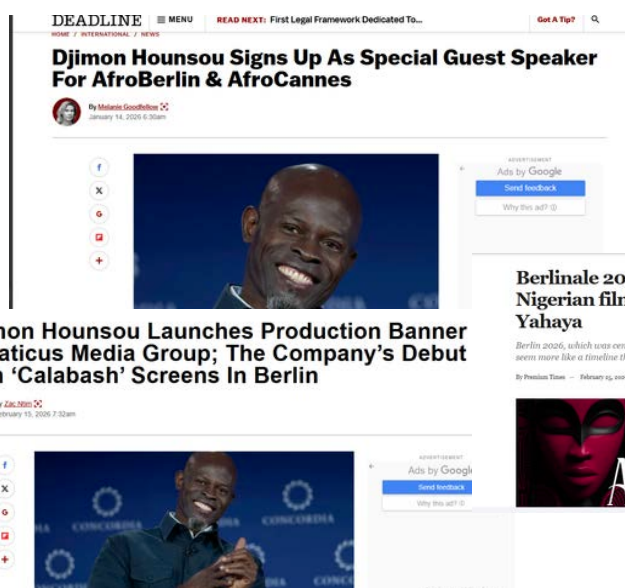
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Additionally, the festival supports the following external events:

- **Power to Transform! Global Forum for Women Film Organizations**
Friday, 13.02.2026, 2.30–4pm
- **Kongress „Connect for Change - Dialogue auf Augenhöhe“**
Friday, 13.02.2026, 2–5pm & 6–8pm
- **WIFT Berlinale Veranstaltung**
Saturday 14.02.2026, 10am
- **AfroBerlin - The Generational Legacy Edition**
Saturday–Tuesday, 14.–17.02.2026, 9:00am–6pm
- **Salzgeber & m-appeal Berlinale 2026 Party**
Sunday, 15.02.2026, 10pm
- **AI Masterclass, Well-Being Best Practices & Cocktail reception at E-Event. A networking event for filmmakers, producers & creatives at**
Monday, 16.02.2026, 11am–6pm

Deadline



Times Nigeria

Berlinale 2026: A hinge moment for Nigerian filmmaking?, By Mudi Yahaya

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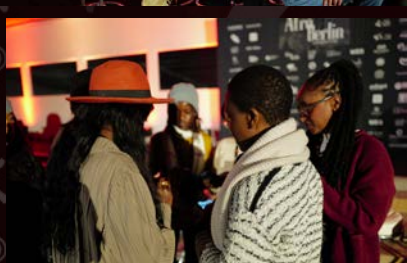
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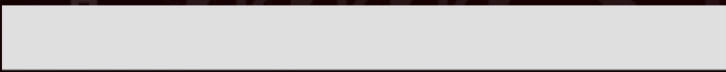
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