Between 2015 and 2017, “Writing and producing in Africa” supported six series projects in partnership with Canal+ Africa and Lagardère Studios. Twenty initiatives (scriptwriting, production management, directing, directing assistance and acting coaching) provided training for 50 people, 35 of which were selected to integrate the production teams. “Writing and producing” in Africa is now perceived in Africa as a discoverer of new talent and a guarantee of professional quality.

AIM

Identify and support French-speaking African talent in the fields of scriptwriting, production, acting and directing of televised series and documentaries through calls for applications and training cycles.

FOR WHOM?

➡️ Directors
➡️ Writers/scriptwriters
➡️ Production managers
➡️ French-speaking actors
WHEN?
From May 2018 to December 2018

HOW?

- **TV series on youth (26 x 26 min.):** five scriptwriters, selected after a call for applications, participate in several one-week workshops (construction of narrative arches and synopses, sequencing, dialogue continuity and refinement of the episodes of the series).

- **TV series “Sacko et Manganne” (12 x 52 min.):** writing training workshop to write the episodes of the series.

- **Documentary series “L’Afrique au féminin” (6 x 13 min.):** documentary writing workshop.

- **TV series “IJOH” (provisional title) (60 x 26 min.):** two writing training workshops.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Spotting young African talent: directors, writers/scriptwriters, production managers.

- Putting their knowledge into practice in the scope of productions financed by the partners.

- Production of quality series and broadcasting of these series in Africa.

**CFI, the French media development agency**

CFI provides support to media organisations as development actors across several continents. A subsidiary of France Médias Monde and an operator of the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, the agency is currently working on around 30 projects that fall under three major programmes: Media and Governance, Media and Enterprise, Media and Development.

The “Media and Enterprise” programme addresses the economic issues that have an impact on the activities of media organisations as businesses. The programme contributes to the consolidation of business models and training, particularly for young talents, with the aim of enabling financial autonomy and thereby encouraging editorial independence.

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