

THE SOTAMBE FILM INSTITUTE ANNOUNCED THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN FILMMAKING COMPETITION DURING THE 6th SOTAMBE FILM FESTIVAL

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The SOTAMBE Documentary Film and Arts Festival (SOTAMBE DFAF) is an annual event held in the month of September with the main objective of educating and raising awareness on social issues through film and arts. It serves as a platform for:

- Learning institutions that want to use documentaries, arts and panel discussions as a new and advanced method of learning.
- Local filmmakers and artists to showcase their projects, share ideas and inspire others.
- Capacity building for the filmmaking industry through filmmaking workshops.

Organised by the SOTAMBE Film Institute (SFI), the 6th SOTAMBE FILM FESTIVAL will be held in the period 21 - 29 September 2019 in Kitwe under the theme "Southern African Reels".

The theme is aimed at promoting the Southern African filmmakers who are all encouraged to submit their movies to the Festival and learn from each other. The Zambia Film Industry is growing day by day but should not be isolated from its neighbours. "It is our wish that the Zambia Film Industry becomes the Hub of the Southern African Film Industry," said the Founder Daniel Mwale. Therefore, SOTAMBE DFAF would like to create an umbrella for the filmmakers from the Southern Africa region to allow for greater networking, collaboration and exchange of ideas.

Further, the 6th SOTAMBE Film Festival would like to acknowledge WOMEN IN FILMMAKING which is also the headline for the "International Film Conference" and the Community Workshop scheduled in the same period. This activity will be done in view of the need to encourage more women participation in the industry and at the same time celebrate those that have made great strides thus far.

The Festival audience can look forward to the discussions with local and international filmmakers, film workshops, street arts festival, art and craft exhibition, music concerts, drama plays and many more.

Filmmakers from the Southern African Region and Zambian neighbouring countries (Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe) are invited to submit their projects for the competition in any of the following categories:

Southern Africa Region (Zambia inclusive):

- Documentary
- Feature Film (min of 60 minutes)
- Short Film (10 - 40 minutes)
- Cartoon/Animation
- TV Series (2 episodes)

National (Upcoming Filmmakers only):

- Documentary
- Feature Film (min of 60 minutes)
- Short Film (10 - 40 minutes)
- Cartoon/Animation
- TV Series (2 episodes)

The out-of-competition section is open for films by filmmakers worldwide.

Submissions are made online via our website <https://sotambe.org/submissions-2019> with the deadline on 1st July 2019. For any further information please call +260 966 065 467 (also WhatsApp) or email to the filmfestival@sotambe.org or submissions@sotambe.org.

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