

INTERDEPENDENCE

Cinema and Art joining forces to raise awareness on the effects of Climate Change

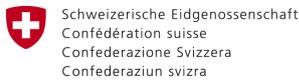
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Internationally recognized eleven filmmakers have joined forces to *raise awareness on the effects of Climate Change* by contributing to a unique film composed by eleven 6' to 8' short-movies (docu-fiction, drama, comedy, SF, video-art) to explore our **urgent needs to reduce environmental damage** and to preserve our natural resources, in respect for our life on this Planet.

Re-appropriating the notion of **interdependence** through the creative expression is essential to reflect upon the positioning of humankind and nature, to understand our existence *within*, rather than being *above* nature. The key stories illustrated by the filmmakers reflect the intertwined relations within human society and the natural environment that are affected by Climate Change on multiple dimensions and scales.

Participants have been selected for their strong artistic qualities and their strong commitment to addressing issues and themes related to climate change:

FAOUZI BENSÁÏDI (FRANCE/MOROCCO) ♂, ÁSA HJÖRLEIFSDÓTTIR, (ICELAND) ♀, SALOME LAMAS (PORTUGAL) ♀, BETTINA OBERLI (SWITZERLAND) ♀, SHAHRBANOO SADAT (AFGHANISTAN) ♀, MAHAMAT-SALEH HAROUN (TCHAD) ♂, LEON WANG (CHINA) ♂, NILA MADHAB PANDA (INDIA) ♀, DANIELA THOMAS (BRAZIL) ♀, SILVIO SOLDINI ♂ (ITALY), KARIN WILLIAMS (NEW ZEALAND).

The movies are shot in eleven countries and in various regions around the world. They exist as single short movies in their original language and are also presented altogether in a long feature film of 1h30 min, subtitled in English, French and Italian.

Interdependence is an ART for The World Production, with the patronage of the United Nations in Geneva and World Meteorological Organization, with the support of the DDC/DFAE (Swiss Direction of Development and Cooperation/Ministry of Foreign Affairs), the EU/EFI/ITC (Fashion Ethic Initiative/ International Trade Center), GAIL (India), SESC Sao Paulo (Brazil) among others.

In 2019, after the World Première at the Film Festival of Rome in October 22, they will be screened at the Film Festival of Goa, India and International Short Film Festival of Rio de Janeiro in November, and in December at COP 25 in Santiago of Chile and at Marrakesh Film Festival, Morocco.

In 2020 *Interdependence* will participate in more than 20 Film Festivals and will be distributed by the Eurovision/EBU on all its partners TVs. The Swiss Direction of Development and Cooperation/Ministry of Foreign Affairs will participate actively to promote this film project around the world, together with all the partners of *Interdependence* who have access fee of charge to the films to distribute in their own circuits.

Moreover, during 2020-2021 the films will be distributed by ART for The World in universities, NGO network, social media, in-flight screenings, museums, cultural institutions, its partners circuits, etc. Presentations of the films will planned on the five continents, together with supporting workshops, dialogues and educational activities.

ART for The World is a Non-Governmental Organization associated with the UN Department of Public Information (UNDPI), founded by Adelina Cüberyan von Fürstenberg, based in Geneva and in Italy with a large network of collaborators and partner institutions, such the SESC Sao Paulo in Brazil and on various continents. This anthology follows the ART for The World's successful production of *Stories of Human Rights*, 22 short movies commissioned by UNHCR for the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, who received the distinction of the *Most Innovative Cultural Project in Europe in 2008* awarded by the Council of Europe. In 2010 AFTW produced a new series of seven short films of 10' each, *Then and Now*, commissioned by the UN Alliance of Civilizations and the Council of Europe on the freedom of religion.

More info on the homepage of: www.artfortheworld.net

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