

South Africa/Nigeria Film Summit

CONFERENCE RESOLUTION

The film industries of South Africa and Nigeria met in Durban KwaZulu-Natal at the invitation of the KwaZulu-Natal Film Commission. The meeting was a fact finding mission to determine how the two industries can work together in the area of film, and how a formal working relationship can be established between the two industries going forward.

Several presentations were done with extensive engagements by delegates in the areas of Film finance, Distribution and Exhibition of Film, KwaZulu-Natal as a location for film and Performance in film. Some case studies were presented including a case study on the film “Hard to Get’ and its distribution on the South African film circuit, a case study by 1 Take Media a partnership between Nigerian and South African filmmakers.

The conference ended with a resolution as follows:

That the South African film industries and the Nigerian film industries will work together in the following areas:

1. The co-production of content.
2. The co-distribution of content
3. The co-financing of content.

The agreed platforms of engagement going forward were identified as the Durban International Film Festival and the African International Film Festival.

In addition a year plan was agreed to where the following would be the key activities:

1. The development and production of content.
2. An activation during the Durban International Film Festival in July 2015.
3. An activation during the African International Film Festival in November 2105.
4. A review of the programme in March 2016, which will be the one year milestone of the project. The review would include the drawing up of a plan of action for 2016.

Year two (2016) would include the release of the films through the distribution platforms available in the two countries as well as the screening of the films at the two African film festivals.

A core team was identified as the team that would take the process forward and ensure that the resolutions of the conference are implemented. The team comprises the following individuals.

1. Jackie Motsepe – KwaZulu-Natal Film Commission

2. Terrence Khumalo – National Film and Video Foundation
3. Mahmood Ali-Balogun – Leading Nigerian Producer and Head of the Delegation to Durban
4. Chioma Ude – Founder, African International Film Festival
5. Pedro Pimenta- Project Director, Durban International Film Festival