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TEXAF IS HOSTING CONGO BIENNALE

Texaf, in partnership with Texaf-Bilembo and Kin ArtStudio, is hosting the second "Congo Biennale" from 16 September to 30 October, an event that has become a must in the Congolese capital.



The international exhibition, whose artistic director is the visual artist Visthois Mwilambe Bondo, is being held at Kin ArtStudio and Espace Texaf-Bilembo, both located in the Utexafrica compound, next to public spaces and other places in Kinshasa (Académie des Beaux-Arts, Monde des Flamboyants, Institut Français, Monts des Arts, Musée National...).

More than 45 artists, in addition to designers, architects, art historians, curators, art critics ... from the five continents will be present in all these spaces to present their project. Through this new edition, the Congo Biennale wants to invite participants to work on public space and rethink the social, common and shared space through the theme "The Breath of the Ancestors". By choosing this theme, the Biennial celebrates the links between Africa, its diaspora's and its Afro-descendants, the common roots and the diversity of cultural and artistic expressions.



The objective of this event is also to facilitate the training, creation, professionalization, dissemination and promotion of the works of artists from the new African generation and the diaspora. This is done by setting up a patronage able to support artists and artistic actions allowing the development of cultural and creative industries in Africa.

Espace Texaf-Bilembo (www.texaf-bilembo.com), led by Chantal Tombu, is a cultural and educational space financed mainly by Texaf. Its missions are on the one hand educational, through the organisation of workshops dedicated to environmental awareness, and on the other hand artistic, by offering a cultural space for the promotion of Congolese artists and by producing specialised publications and workshops. The Kin ArtStudio (www.instagram.com/kinartstudio/), led by Visthois Mwilambe Bondo, offers studios and masterclasses to African artists.



TEXAF (www.texaf.be), established in 1925, is the only listed company with all its activities in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Currently, these are concentrated on real estate and quarrying. More recently, **TEXAF** has decided to develop a new branch of activity in the digital field. **TEXAF** aims to become a major player in this sector. This listing on the stock exchange and the resulting obligations of good governance and transparency constitute a major asset for the group's development and for the promotion of the formal sector in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

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