CULTURE, ARTS & SPORTS:
Cultural Experience in a Time of Lockdown: How Can Co-creation be Enhanced between African and European Youth Post COVID-19?

Objectives

The prevailing COVID-19 virus pandemic has forced the world into a peculiar situation the like of which modern history may not have experienced before. This panel will build on the implications of the background of:

1) how changes we are now living will reconfigure how we experience culture, including through digital platforms, and the role that culture and art have played
2) how culture, arts, and sports agents have participated in global efforts of response, mitigation or adaption to the COVID-19 crisis,

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The panel will focus on:

1) how African and European youth can co-produce cultural materials
2) how to enhance this co-productive effort between young creatives from both continents post COVID-19. It will do so by highlighting:
   a) Current experiences in the culture, arts, and sports space involving AU and EU youth together
   b) How art consumption has become a strong source of hope and a coping measure as people increasingly recourse to art to alleviate the pressure of this period
   c) The common challenges inhibiting a widespread inclusion of actors within the co-productive spaces of AU and EU youths (reflecting on the evolution of the sector and continental links)
   d) Solutions to challenges of intercontinental mobility, fundraising, credibility of young people (emerging professionals) in the international markets.
   e) the solutions and best action plans that will enhance co-productive efforts of young AU and EU creatives post COVID-19.

Possible Speakers

Moderator: Young Expert from the AU-EU Youth Hub.

- Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie Feminist and writer
- David Blough CEO, Play International: an NGO working in France and West Africa and using sports for social change
- Aisha Deme cultural manager, based in Senegal
- Serge Aimé Coulibaly dancer/choreographer, based between Burkina Faso and Belgium
- Rosemary Mbabazi Minister of Youth and Culture, Rwanda
- Lea Malle Franck Thierry Filmmaker

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