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Dak'Art 2014 | Biennale de l'art africain contemporain

1. Dak'Art 2014

Babacar Mbaye DIOP
General Secretary of the Biennale

I would like to thank Mr. Ousseynou Wade with whom, for over twelve years of loyal service, the Biennale became the main showcase of the artistic African and Diaspora creation.

I am a Ph.D. in Philosophy (specialty Aesthetics and Philosophy of Art) of the University of Rouen in France. I teach in the Department of Philosophy at the University Cheikh Anta DIOP since October 2009. I am interested in art and culture, Negro-African aesthetics, concepts of globalization, identity, cultural diversity, negritude. My current research revolves around these concepts.

At the head of the Biennale since February 2013, I will ensure that this event remains forever, the largest rendezvous dedicated to contemporary African art. The eleventh edition will take place from **May 9th to June 8th, 2014 in Dakar** and will gather many artists and visual art professionals from Africa and the world. This will be an important moment of reflection on the art professions. If in the past, artists were dealing directly with their client, the art market as it exists today introduced intermediaries in the transaction of art works: dealers, agents, art galleries, curators, critics, conservators, collectors, sponsors, etc. ...

Ahead of the meetings and exchanges of the next Biennale, **an intensive training seminar** will be held in Senegal on visual art professions for artists and arts professionals from **11 to 13 June 2013** at the Maison de la Culture Dousta Seck in Dakar.

Dak'Art is the major biennale of contemporary art in Africa. It provides a platform for art professionals and set forth the artistic trends in Africa. It is a space of legitimation of African artistic creation, being a place of meetings and theoretical questionings about art and aesthetics in Africa.

■ Program of Dak'Art 2014:

The program below is provisory and is subject to change.

Dak'Art 2014 : May 9th – June 8th, 2014

- **The scientific meetings on the theme "the art professions"** will invite artists, scholars, critics, historians and academics.
- **The exhibition of African and Diaspora artists** presenting the official selection.
- **An exhibition of guest artists**
- **The Off exhibitions**
- **Exhibition of the national collection of art**
- **Two Tribute exhibitions:** Moustapha Dimé and Mbaye Diop
- **Dak'Art into the Campus:** the University of Dakar will host the opening conference, happenings and concerts and a presentation of the awarded artists.
- **Animations in the Village** of the Biennale and in the city

Applications for **Dak'Art 2014** will be launched from **May 2013 on** the Biennale web site, www.biennaledakar.org .

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