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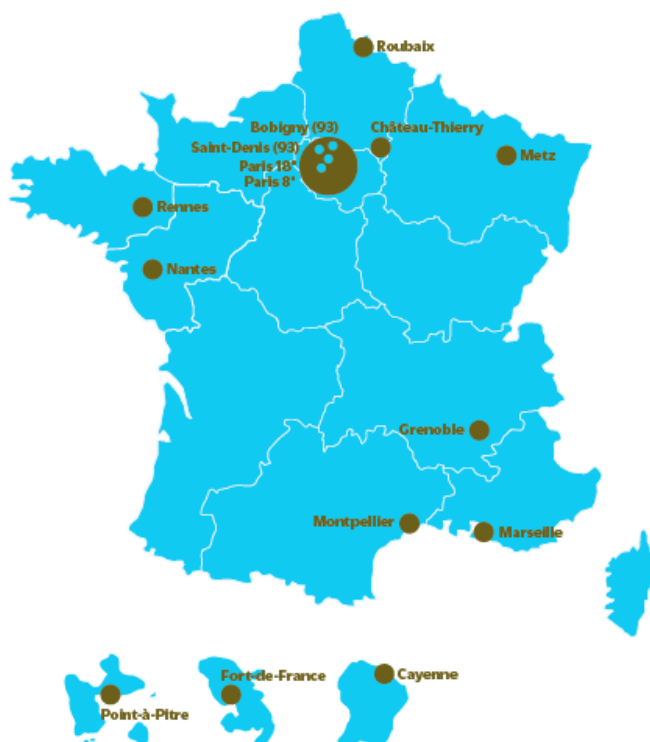
## The AFRICA2020 SEASON UNVEILS ITS HEADQUARTERS (1/4)

The Africa2020 Season, initially planned for last June and postponed on account of the health context, will start on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020. Supported by the Institut français, the Season will bring together over 200 events organised all over mainland France and its overseas territories until July 2021. As the launch date draws closer, the Institut français unveils in four sequences the major elements of this outstanding Season. Today, we shed light on the fifteen Headquarters (HQ) which will span the entire national territory.

> [The Africa2020 Season press conference will take place on 4 November 2020.](#)

## 15 HEADQUARTERS STRUCTURING AN OUTSTANDING SEASON

How to showcase a continent spanning over 30 million km<sup>2</sup> and home to over 1.2 billion citizens? Such will be the great challenge of the Africa2020 Season, dedicated to Africa and designed as “*an invitation to look at and understand the world from an African perspective*”, in the words of General Commissioner N’Goné Fall.



With over 200 events organised all over mainland France and in the overseas territories, the Africa2020 Season will unfold from December 2020 until July 2021. We are introducing today the Headquarters (HQ), true pan-African cultural centres.

Each HQ will be implemented by an African team which, in collaboration with the French hosting institution, will develop a programme over several weeks. The HQs will therefore be designed in the spirit of a small, temporary pan-African cultural centre hosting several multidisciplinary projects (exhibitions, shows, concerts, film screenings, round tables, master classes, creative workshops, and culinary experiences).

Each HQ will serve as a friendly place for meetings, discussions, experiments and socialising, as well as for information on the projects offered across the region and in the rest of the French territory.

The aim of the Headquarters is to create **increased opportunities for encounters between African players (operators, artists, intellectuals) and the French public** in

order to foster spaces for discussions on the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century anchoring the programme, **that echo with the [five major themes of the Africa2020 Season](#).**



## THE HEADQUARTERS (IN CHRONOLOGICAL OPENING ORDER)

- **Château-Thierry HQ – 2 to 19 December 2020**
  - **Venue:** L'Échangeur
  - **Designed with:** Irène Tassebedo / Le Grin des Arts Vivants de Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso)
  - **Programme:** dance, visual arts, street art, comics and animation films for younger audiences, music, video
- **Metz HQ – 7 to 12 December 2020**
  - **Venue:** Passages Transfestival & Espace Bernard-Marie Koltès
  - **Designed with:** Ishyo Arts Centre (Rwanda)
  - **Programme:** theatre, dance, concerts, set up/ screening, film club (short films and documentaries), meetings and debates, hands-on workshops and educational activities, « *La Cathédrale sonore* » collective artistic creation
- **Bobigny HQ – 10 to 20 December 2020**
  - **Venue:** Maison de la Culture de Seine-Saint-Denis (MC93)
  - **Designed with:** The “Les Récréâtrales” festival (Burkina Faso) and Downtown Contemporary Arts Festival D-CAF (Egypt)
  - **Programme:** artistic and musical programming involving artists, writers and thinkers, mediation activities, theatre, storytelling, meetings, debates, film screenings, “*Œuvres augmentées*” (*Augmented works*) exhibition
- **Grenoble HQ – 14 to 23 December 2020**
  - **Venue:** MC2 Grenoble
  - **Designed with:** Moïse Touré (Côte d'Ivoire/France) and the Foundation Passerelle (Mali)
  - **Programme:** theatre, dance, music, literature, cinema, citizen debates « *Penser le monde, penser l'Afrique* » (*Rethinking the world, rethinking Africa*), initiation workshops, gastronomy and visual arts
- **Paris Goutte d'Or HQ – 2 February to end of July 2021**
  - **Venue:** Institut des Cultures d'Islam (18<sup>th</sup> arrondissement of Paris)
  - **Designed with:** the Think Tanger group (Morocco) and the Doual'art art centre (Cameroon)
  - **Programme:** exhibition, live performances bringing together the performing arts, round tables and films
- **Montpellier HQ – 17 February to 7 March 2021**
  - **Venue:** La Halle Tropisme
  - **Designed with:** four art centres Bandjoun Station (Cameroon), Villa Gottfried (Senegal), Centre d'art contemporain Essaouira (Morocco), Kin ArtStudio (DRC)
  - **Programme:** large exhibition, citizen debates, DIY workshops, musical, film and gastronomical programming
- **Roubaix HQ – 12 March to 11 July 2021**
  - **Venue:** La Condition publique
  - **Designed with:** the Collective Exit Frame (Ghana)
  - **Programme:** contemporary art exhibition, concerts, debates, creative workshops, dance performances, film screenings, culinary experiences
- **Rennes HQ – 27 March to 3 April 2021**
  - **Venue:** Théâtre national de Bretagne (TNB)
  - **Designed with:** Mwenya B. Kabwe (Zambia)
  - **Programme:** dance, theatre, cinema, gastronomy, artistic practice workshops, training courses, residencies, roundtables, podcasts



- **Nantes HQ – 9 to 23 April 2021**
  - **Venue:** Le Lieu unique
  - **Designed with:** Oulimata Guèye (Senegal/France)
  - **Programme:** *Afrotopia* exhibition, workshops, live performing arts, debates, concerts, meetings on societal issues, coding workshops, documentary filmmaking, literature, DJs sets, culinary experiences
- **Fort-de-France HQ – 19 April to 30 May 2021**
  - **Venue:** Tropic Atrium
  - **Designed with:** L'Espace Tiné (Congo)
  - **Programme:** design (exhibit and workshop), cinema, theatre (show and writing workshop), dance, debates, workshops for young people, culinary experiences
- **Paris Champs-Élysées HQ – Early May to end of June 2021**
  - **Venue:** Théâtre de la Ville (in partnership with the Alliance française of São Tomé and Príncipe)
  - **Designed with:** L'Espace Linga Téré (Central African Republic)
  - **Programme:** cabaret (concerts, theatre, humour and poetry performances), youth forum, culinary workshops, comics, literature, sciences and debates
- **Pointe-à-Pitre HQ – 21 May to 20 June 2021**
  - **Venue:** Mémorial ACTe
  - **Designed with:** Salim Currimjee (Mauritius)
  - **Programme:** creation of a tropical garden, workshops with schoolchildren, discussions on the journey of plants and crops, film screenings and culinary experiences
- **Marseille HQ – 4 June to 4 July 2021**
  - **Venue:** La Friche La Belle de Mai (SCIC: cooperative societies of collective interest) with: Fraeme, Les Grandes Tables, Cola Production, Radio Grenouille)
  - **Designed with:** Emeka Ogboh (Nigeria), Tringa Musique et Développement (Senegal) and the Cinémathèque de Tanger (Morocco)
  - **Programme:** multi-sensory exhibition, gastronomy, On Air musical programming with Cola Production, movie nights "*Belle & Toile*", discussion time, musical programming and interviews with Radio Grenouille
- **Cayenne HQ – 7 to 21 June 2021**
  - **Venue:** Eldorado
  - **Designed with:** the Association Globe (Senegal)
  - **Programme:** music (rehearsals open to the public, concerts, workshops and master classes, roundtables on musical creation), visual arts (exhibitions), cinema (screening of African movies and short films), gastronomy, fashion and crafts
- **Saint-Denis (93) HQ – 24 June to 15 July 2021**
  - **Venue:** Musée d'art et d'histoire Paul Éluard
  - **Designed with:** Farah Clémentine Dramani-Issifou (Benin/France)
  - **Programme:** exhibition project "*Un.e Air.e de famille*", educational and cultural activities, international symposium

### More to come:

- > 2/4 Africa2020 programme: Women in the spotlight;
- > 3/4 The educational component of the Africa2020 Season;
- > 4/4 Highlights of the Africa2020 Season.



## THE AFRICA2020 SEASON

Initiated by the President of the French Republic, the Africa2020 Season is an outstanding project designed around the major challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century: social progress, technology, climate/environment, citizenship, economic challenges. This Season is an invitation to look at and understand the world from an African perspective.

The Season is dedicated to the 54 States of the African continent. Africa2020 will take place from December 2020 to July 2021 in the entire French territory. It will include more than 200 events organized in all of the national territory - in Continental France as well as the French overseas territories.

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