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LAUNCH OF THE EDUCATIONAL DIMENSION OF THE AFRICA2020 SEASON

Jean-Michel Blanquer, Minister of National Education, Youth and Sports and N'Goné Fall, General Commissioner of the Africa2020 Season, recently introduced the educational dimension of the Season during a [launch ceremony](#) broadcast online.

Scientific, cultural, and sports projects as well as resources will be offered to educational institutions to enhance the teaching of Africa – past and present – to the youth. The educational component of the Season will also be backed by the participation of women ambassadors who share a link with Africa and who are recognised for enhancing the image of Africa through their intellectual and artistic contribution as well as in sports. Finally, using a teaching approach based on the principle of reciprocity, the partnership with France Volontaires will enable young Africans to take part in the creation of projects for the Season in France.

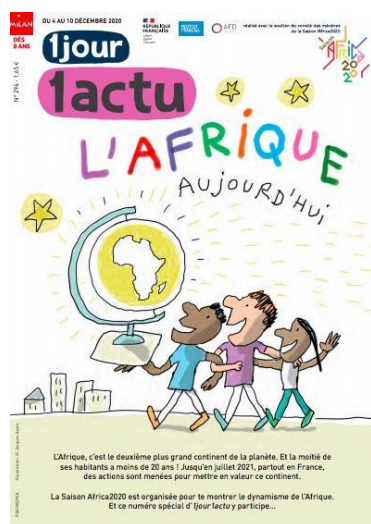
A SEASON TO (RE)DISCOVER AFRICA THROUGH EDUCATION

The Africa2020 Season, which will unfold until the end of July 2021, is resolutely geared towards youth. It is a significant opportunity to **introduce modern-day Africa to pupils, its geography, history and culture**. The Season affords a new understanding of the continent, helping unveil and showcase the talents and diversity it contains, and acknowledge its creativity.

During this entire period, **more than 274 accredited projects will be presented in all the académies (school districts), and dozens of classrooms and African artists will be brought together** in the programme under various themes: art, sustainable development, science, cinema.

A VARIETY OF MATERIALS, TESTIMONIALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONTINENT, ITS HISTORY AND PEOPLE

Involvement of the Ministry of National Education, Youth and Sports in the Africa2020 Season will take place through a number of activities and resources.



To begin with, the special issue “*L’Afrique aujourd’hui*” (Modern-Day Africa) of the 1Jour/1Actu youth newspaper will be distributed to all **Year 6 pupils** thanks to the support of the Africa2020 Season Patrons. This issue, printed at 1.2 million copies and [available on Eduscol](#), presents the Season to the Year 6 pupils. A selection of activities and innovations will allow them to view modern-day Africa in a new and enhanced way.

Pedagogical tools drawn from the General History of Africa (GHA) will also be made available to all the teachers across France in partnership with UNESCO. Made up of eight volumes, the writing of the GHA was carried out by more than 230 experts over more than 35 years in order to foster an African perspective on the history of the continent. Concerning the pedagogical tools drawn from the GHA, **Elikia M’Bokolo, historian and member of the Scientific Committee**, underlines that “*When teaching History, what matters most is to represent men as ‘individuals’ and make them ‘society’, more human than they previously were.*”

A call for educational projects was also launched in September 2019 by the Delegation for European and International Relations and Cooperation (DREIC) and communicated to all educational institutions



across France and to the schools of the French network abroad. More than 300 projects were reviewed by the Accreditation Committee together with the General Inspectorate for Education, Sport and Research (IGÉSR). For example, the Elisa Lemonnier vocational school (Paris *Académie*) carried out a study on textile pollution and recycling in Africa based on traditional African patterns and their contemporary appropriation by the students. The full list of projects can be found on the [Eduscol Website](#).

A number of women ambassadors selected by the Ministry of National Education, Youth and Sports speak about their relationship with Africa, their current and future vision for the continent. They share their testimonials, each in their own field, such as in sports with boxer Estelle Yoka-Mossely, in law with Sofia El Mrabet, a lawyer specialised in Fintechs, or in the arts with visual artist Beya Gille Gacha ([see video](#)). The winner of the *Prix Goncourt des lycéens*, Djaili Amal Amadou, will also carry messages to the youth.

FRANCE VOLONTAIRES INVITES ELEVEN YOUNG AFRICANS TO TAKE PART IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECTS FOR THE AFRICA2020 SEASON



In an unprecedented cooperation with France Volontaires, the Institut français, the Agence française de développement (AFD) and the Civic Service Agency, **the Africa2020 Season invites eleven young Africans from as many countries in Africa to take part in a civic service programme in France.**

Aged 21 to 24, bringing together various backgrounds and profiles, these African volunteers will **join the teams of cultural institutions partnering with the Africa2020 Season across France** (la Cité du Design in Saint-Etienne, L'Echangeur –

Château Thierry HQ, the Musée Les Abattoirs in Toulouse, the Festival Passages/ Espace Bernard Marie Koltes – Metz HQ, Le Quartz, La Condition Publique – Roubaix HQ, the Théâtre National de Bretagne (TNB) – Rennes HQ, the Festival des Cinémas d'Afrique du Pays d'Apt, the Forum des images, the Musée d'art et d'histoire Paul Eluard – Saint-Denis HQ, Universcience – Cité des sciences et de l'industrie), **for a 6 to 12 month-long mission to contribute to the Season's projects.**

To meet these 11 young volunteers, [watch the video](#) produced by France Volontaires. More information on the [France Volontaires Website](#).

For N'Goné Fall, General Commissioner of the Africa2020 Season: *"The mentorship programme is designed to enable young Africans to take part in the Season, in an effort to pass on knowledge and know-hows."*

More information on the projects and partners can be found in the [Africa2020 Season Press Kit](#) and in the [booklet of the Ministry of National Education, Youth and Sports](#).

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 21st 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 departments and territories.



The Africa2020 Season is organised and operated by the Institut français with the support of the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Culture, public financiers of the Season. The Ministry of National Education, Youth and Sports, the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation and the Agence française de développement (AFD) also contribute to the financing of the Season.

The Institut français is the public institution in charge of France's international cultural actions. Under the dual auspices of the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Culture, the Institut contributes actively to France's cultural diplomacy.

For more information, please consult the [Website of the Africa2020 Season](#) and social media: [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#).

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