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THE AFRICA2020 SEASON LAUNCHES THE *SEPTEMBER SUMMIT* AT THE QUAI BRANLY – JACQUES CHIRAC MUSEUM

Initially scheduled to take place in September 2020 and postponed on account of the health crisis, the *September Summit* retains its name and will take place all through March 2021. This highlight will showcase intellectual production and the transcending of ideas. African thinkers, scientists and creators will hold discussions on the five themes of the Season: Augmented orality; Economy and fabulation; Archiving of imaginary stories; Fiction and (un)authorised movements, and Systems of disobedience. Twelve forums and fifteen conversations will be held in higher education and cultural institutions and will be broadcasted in digital format to the general public.

> The detailed programme of the *September Summit* can be found on the [Africa2020 Season Website](#).

ONE MONTH TO TRANSCEND THE 23 THEMES SHAPING THE AFRICA2020 SEASON

The Africa2020 Season is a platform to share and discuss issues surrounding the state of contemporary societies, which, beyond Africa, finds an echo in France and in the rest of the world. The *September Summit* is focused on the production and dissemination of thoughts and consists of **forums and exchanges in higher education and cultural institutions. It will be a highlight dedicated to the discussion of ideas.**

The *September Summit* will take place throughout March 2021 and will be broadcasted **in digital format from fourteen cities in France** (Paris, Toulouse, Montpellier, Lyon, Lille, Dijon, Clichy-sous-Bois, Rouen, Valenciennes, Lons-le-Saunier, Elbeuf, Clermont Ferrand, Bagneux and Nanterre).

The *September Summit* was launched on Friday, 26 February at 6 pm at the Quai Branly - Jacques Chirac museum with *Toward an Institute of Black Studies*, an online seminar of conferences, roundtables and musical sessions convened **by Sarah Rifky (Egypt), curator, art critic, and researcher in urban studies and modern theories**, and **Edwin Nasr (Lebanon), curator and visual art critic**. The forum opened with an inaugural lecture, *The Becoming Black of the World* by **Achille Mbembe (Cameroon), philosopher, historian and political scientist, professor at the University of Witwatersrand in South Africa**. Listen to the seminar replay on Youtube [through this link](#).

> Throughout March, the *September Summit* will feature **13 forums and 16 conversations**.

Each forum – lasting between half a day to two days – will be developed in partnership with an eminent guest or an African institution, and will bring together intellectuals (historians, philosophers, social science and policy experts), scientists, and creators (artists, architects, writers, filmmakers, entrepreneurs, etc.).

Each conversation will consist of a two-hour long discussion between two well-known figures from various professional sectors and revolve around a same issue.

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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