



Generation Africa is a collection of **25 short, medium and feature length documentary films from 16 countries in Africa**, which aim to **shine a light on the future of youth in Africa through the topic of migration**. Produced by STEPS in South Africa in collaboration with production companies in each country, this project aims to give voice to African storytellers in an initiative that has built a strong documentary community across Anglophone and Francophone Africa.

For the first time, filmmakers from French and English-speaking countries were able to create collaboration across the continent as well as with the North. The project centred on the professional development of filmmakers participating in the project, with support from African and international experts in story development, dramaturgy and production, as well as post-production.

Generation Africa was conceived from the beginning with a clear idea for reaching audiences, as these films will be distributed in Africa through the STEPS pan-African platform AfriDocs.net, as well as the network of broadcasters in a global broadcasting event led in partnership with Arte (France, ZDF and Strasbourg).

This ground-breaking collection introduces exciting young documentary voices to a world stage in order to shift the narrative on migration.

The first two Generation Africa films were successfully released in the Spring of 2021:

- **THE LAST SHELTER** (Mali / France / South Africa) by Ousmane Samassékou premiered at CPH:DOX where it won the **main award**.
- **ZINDER** (Niger / France / Germany) by Aïcha Macky premiered in competition at Visions du Réel.

Both films are still touring festivals.

ABOUT STEPS

STEPS is a non profit media house based in Cape Town, South Africa, that produces and distributes documentary films on issues of social justice. STEPS also provides training in story development, production, impact distribution, facilitated film screenings, and mobile cinemas for community screenings. STEPS curates and manages AfriDocs as a documentary platform for short and long documentary films primarily from Africa, free to view online and on TV across Africa. Previous documentary film projects produced by STEPS include *Steps for the Future*, *Why Democracy?* and *Why Poverty?*

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