

## Rwanda Urusaro film festival submissions open

The Urusaro International Women Film Festival is now accepting submissions for its 2019 edition, 4-11 October 2019. Founded in 2015 by a group of Rwandan women filmmakers, Urusaro is an annual celebration and cultural exhibition that promotes woman in cinema for the benefit of the society and gender equality.



The 2019 theme is *Woman: Pillar of Cinema*. All nominated films will be screened during the festival week and winning films will be awarded during the closing ceremony scheduled for October 11.

The Award categories for 2019 are:

- · National Short Fiction
- National Documentary
- East African Short Fiction
- East African Documentary
- · Africa Short Fiction
- African Documentary
- · African Feature Fiction.

For the 2019 edition, the Urusaro Festival boldly defines a woman as "a firm upright support for cinema". Questions debated are: What if the contribution of women lacks in making films? Will cinema survive once women are taken apart? Will cinema stay be a superstructure once women are excluded?

During the festival guests can enjoy the screening of films in the competition and panorama sections., Additionally, a 'Let's Make Docs!' training program, master-classes and panel discussions will round out the festival program.

The Urusaro International Women's Film Festival is a part of the Women's Film Festival Network created by The <u>Ladima Foundation</u> as party of its support of women in the film industry across Africa. This network also includes The Udada International Women's Film Festival in Nairobi; The International Women's Film Festival Contonou in Benin; and Uganda's Celebrating Womanhood/ Native Voices Festival.

## **Details of submission**

- Submission deadline: Friday 16 August, 2019; 5.00 PM (GMT+2).
- Official Selection: Monday 26 August, 2019.
- To apply, follow the link and all relevant instructions.

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