

ZKM is part of TheMuseumsLab

The international collaboration project TheMuseumsLab kicks off in May 2021. The program, which is supported by a large number of partners, promotes the exchange of knowledge between 20 African and 20 German museum professionals. The ZKM is represented by three speakers and will host three African guests at the ZKM for a mutual exchange.

TheMuseumsLab aims at developing a community of practice

engaging museum professionals from more than 10 African countries and Germany. Museums as well as scientific and cultural institutions come together to learn, to develop new ways of thinking, and to foster new practices of collaboration. The initiative is an important step towards establishing a platform for international cooperation among museums.

TheMuseumsLab is a continuation of the ZKM's long-standing engagement with global art worlds, e.g., in the projects *Global Art and the Museum (GAM)* (2006–2016), *The Global Contemporary. Art Worlds after 1989* (2011–2012) or most recently *Digital Imaginaries – Africas in Production* (2018–2021). As part of the pilot phase of the new learning and knowledge exchange program, ZKM will participate in the online modules "Entangled Histories & the Future of Cultural Memories," "Collection & Research," and "Communication & Strategic Management" from **May to July 2021**. In the practical phase in **October and November 2021**, young museum professionals from Senegal and South Africa will come to Karlsruhe for several weeks of collaboration – the residence may be subject to change due to the pandemic.

"As a center for art and media, we understand the essential nature of networks and the concomitant need to build synergies in order to facilitate development. We are very much looking forward to the exchange of knowledge and the many new perspectives and practices." Peter Weibel, Chairman and CEO of ZKM.

A broad partnership has come together for TheMuseumsLab: The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the Museum für Naturkunde, Berlin (Leibniz Institute), and the Master's Program in Museum Management and Communication at the University of Applied Sciences (HTW) Berlin and in close cooperation with the African consultancy group »The Advisors.« These partners represent a much broader consortium of dozens of museums and art spaces, a high number of outstanding African and European experts, and several cultural institutions, including Stiftung Preussischer Kulturbesitz, Städel Museum, Linden Museum, Goethe-Institut, and Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen (ifa). TheMuseumsLab is funded by the German Federal Foreign Office

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(AA) in close collaboration with the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), as well as the German Minister of State for Culture and the Media (BKM).

For more information about the project, please refer to the press dossier by the German Federal Foreign Office.

For more information about 2021 TheMuseumsLab program, please see the official project's website: <https://themuseumslab.org>

Website at ZKM: <https://zkm.de/en/themuseumslab>

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