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Filmmakers Visit Exhibitions Accompanying the Festival**

On Wednesday (24.09), directors Luck Razanajaona (Madagascar), Nizam Najjar (Libya), Victor Viyuoh (Cameroon) and Gilbert Kwamina Yanney (Ghana) visited both exhibitions that FilmInitiativ has brought to Cologne to accompany the African Film Festival.

In the Zentralbibliothek at Neumarkt, where works by African caricaturists on the subject of "African Unity" are on display, the festival guests were greeted by Dr. Gabriele Ewenz. Together with Judith Petzold and Sahnur Turak, she organised the exhibition presentation in the "Lernwelt" department on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the library building, which is visited daily by up to 3,000 people.

The African directors were impressed by the many forms of expression of the exhibited cartoonists. They were especially happy that Cologne's central library has acquired a total of 30 DVDs, recommended by FilmInitiativ, on the occasion of its cooperation with this year's "Out of Europe XIII" festival. These will be available for lending out starting on the first of October. The cartoon exhibition is on display through 25 October.

The second stop for the festival guests was Cologne's Institut français on Sachsenring, where large-format photos are on display of "Personalities from African and Caribbean Cinema" through 25 September in the passage to the ground-floor lesson rooms. The directors, who personally know many of the African filmmakers portrayed, were received by Sabine Keller, who is responsible for the institute's cultural events and organised the presentation of the photo exhibition jointly with FilmInitiativ.

Director Victor Viyuoh left Cologne and headed straight to Bonn, where the Centre for Development Research had spontaneously invited him to present his feature film NINAH'S DOWRY, about domestic violence against women in Cameroon.

This is an example of the multiplier effect of Cologne's African Film Festival, which this year has also been linked to events with its festival films and guests in Ulm, Nuremberg, Munich, and Berlin. In Münster, the arthouse cinema "Cinema + Linse" presented the "Best of Cologne Festival" highlights from 25 to 30 September, with a total of eleven current feature and short films from this year's programme.