

FESPACO : TECHNICAL DATA

1 - NAME: Pan-African Film &TV Festival of Ouagadougou (FESPACO)

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3 - LOGO

A red map of Africa on a yellow background crossed by a film, with a black movie camera on its left.

4 - STATUTE

FESPACO is autonomous institution which falls under the umbrella of the Ministry in charge of Culture in Burkina Faso. FESPACO is organized into [departments and services](#)

5 - HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Thanks to efforts by a few film enthusiasts, FESPACO was founded in 1969 in Ouagadougou. Due to the admiration and hope that it inspired amongst the general populace and filmmakers alike, the festival became an institution by governmental decree on January 7th, 1972. It is a biennial festival starting the last Saturday in February every odd year.

6 - OBJECTIVES:

- To facilitate the screening of all African films;
- Enable contacts and exchanges among film and audio-visual professionals; and
- To contribute to the expansion and development of African cinema as a means of expression, education and awareness raising.

7 - MAIN ACTIVITIES

- A biennial film festival with a competition of exclusively African films ;
- An African International Film and Television Market (MICA) : Audio-visual stock programme dealing with Africa (16mm, 35mm, TV and video films), which can be seen free of charge by cinema professionals.
- An African Film Library: Film Archives and data bank and a travelling Cinema;
- Publications on African cinema: catalogues, FESPACO News, FESPACO Newsletter.

8 - OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Non-profit screenings in rural areas in collaboration with NGOs or associations and Schools and other public or private institutions;
- Promotion of African cinema in other international festivals; and
- Organization of various film events : Film week, film premieres, etc..

9 - FESPACO PROJECTS.

- Improving the data bank on African cinema; and
- Creation of a permanent film market.

10 - DONOR COUNTRIES:

Burkina Faso, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Netherlands, Sweden, Republic of China and others.

11 - DONOR ORGANIZATIONS:

OIF, UNDP, UNESCO, UNICEF, European Union, Africalia, Prince Claus Fund, Stichting Doen, etc.