

Rwandan photographer returns with his exhibition

Rwandan photographer Shaban Masengesho is having a photo exhibition showing photographs both on Rwandan and German culture, lifestyle and infrastructure at Goethe Institut in Kigali starting on September 15, 2017.

“**INTERview. A Photo exhibition** on Rwanda and Germany“ is the title of Shaban Masengesho’s exhibition which will take place between 15th September and 31st October 2017 at Goethe Institut in Kigali. The pictures show different lifestyles, culture and infrastructure and give insights on living environments of Rwandan and German people, grouping the pictures in a way that allows fighting stereotypical images. They capture impressions from the capital of Kigali and rural regions in Rwanda and urban life in Germany. The pictures are complemented by short stories based both on interviews with the people portrayed and information on the setting of the photographs taken between 2014 and 2017.

Shaban Masengesho started working as a freelancer photographer in Kigali in 2014. During his volunteering service in Mainz (Germany) from 2013 to 2014, he was often confronted by stereotypical images of Africa as the „lost continent“ that suffers from hunger crises, poverty, civil wars and exploitation. Back in Rwanda, he realized that an idealized image of Europe was often prevailing even though he had perceived German realities as very nuanced. The photographer states „Through the photo exhibition I want to offer people who do not have the possibility to travel to create their own image by showing them my view“. „For me, photography is another world with only one language.“

The exhibition is supported by Goethe Institut Kigali, and the German NGOs Armut und Gesundheit e.V. and Zugvögel e.V.. Armut und Gesundheit e.V. supports people without shelter, refugees, children and sick people who live in socially disadvantaged conditions and do not receive full medical care in Germany. Zugvögel e.V. is a German NGO organizing volunteer services for youth from the Global South to the Global North.

The opening of the exhibition will be **on September 15th 2017 at 7 pm.**

Opening hours are Monday to Friday from 9 am to 6 pm (without the artist). For further information, please check www.masengesho.com and www.facebook.com/Masengeshophotography