



OFFICIAL SELECTIONS FOR THE FILM:



ABOUT THE RISE

THE RISE (A Journey To Africa's Financial Independence) a captivating Pan-African documentary series by David Akwara Films.

This groundbreaking series delves deep into the implementation of the Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement, a monumental undertaking and one of the 13 flagship projects of Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want.

Spanning critical aspects of Africa's economy, including digital trade, investment protection, and more, AfCFTA is an ambitious trade agreement that seeks to transform the continent's economic landscape.

"THE RISE (Southern Africa)" is thrilled to collaborate with the Southern Africa Embrace Foundation to present a compelling six-episode journey.

Through this series, we will explore the progress and aspirations of the AfCFTA agreement while shining a spotlight on the significant involvement of women and youth in its implementation.

The documentary aims to raise awareness and bridge the knowledge gap surrounding AfCFTA, offering insights from AfCFTA Secretariat, the trade and AfCFTA expert, development partners, national governments, and inspiring entrepreneurs, particularly women and youth active in the realm of trade.

OFFICIAL SCREENINGS FOR “THE RISE (West Africa)”

THE RISE HAS FEATURED IN THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ACROSS THE WORLD:

1. UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS (AFRICA REGIONAL SEMINAR, KENYA)
2. AFCFTA SECRETARIAT REGIONAL BOOTCAMP, RWANDA
3. AFRICAN DIASPORA NETWORK, SILICON VALLEY, USA
4. THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF DR. KWAME NKRUMAH'S AFRICA MUST UNITE, CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA
5. AFRICA PEER REVIEW MECHANISM YOUTH SYMPOSIUM, UGANDA
6. AFRICAN WOMEN LEADERS NETWORK (AWLN), TANZANIA
7. LUANDA PAN AFRICAN FILM FESTIVAL, ANGOLA
8. IREPRESENT INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL, NIGERIA
9. EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE'S SCHOOL OF TRANSNATIONAL GOVERNANCE, ITALY
10. 5TH SYLHET FILM FESTIVAL, BANGLADESH
11. WOMEN LEAD FORUM, ACCRA, GHANA
12. CAMEROUN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL, CAMEROUN
13. ONE EARTH AWARD, INDIA (WINNER)
14. REALTIME INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL, NIGERIA
15. CINEASTE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL OF INDIA (CIFFI 2022), INDIA
16. MADANI INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL, INDONESIA
17. BLACK CAT AWARDS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL, BOLIVIA (WINNER)
18. ECOCUP GREEN DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL, RUSSIA
19. FESTIVAL DE CINE DEL MAR - PUERTO DE IDEALS BIOBÍO, CHILE
20. SOUTHERN AFRICA EMBRACE FOUNDATION, TANZANIA
21. THE SHORT, AFRICA
22. ABUJA LITERARY AND ART FESTIVAL, NIGERIA
23. FESTIVAL DEL CINEMA DI CEFALU, ITALY
24. ABUJA COMMUNITY PREMIERE, NIGERIA
25. SILICON VALLEY AFRICAN FILM FESTIVAL, USA
26. ZAMBIA SHORT FILM FESTIVAL, ZAMBIA



ENGAGEMENT EVENTS FOR “THE RISE(West Africa)”

WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING INVITATIONS:

- Invitation from the President of the Republic of Uganda, to screen THE RISE as part of the Africa Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) Youth Symposium. An event that brought together countries in Africa.
- Invitation from UNDP and YouLead Africa to screen THE RISE at the 2022 Regional AfCFTA Bootcamp, Rwanda.
- Invitation from UNHR to screen THE RISE at the Africa Regional Seminar, Nairobi, Kenya
- Invitation from Southern Africa Embrace Foundation to screen THE RISE as part of her Women Lead Forum, Tanzania & Ghana
- Invitation from the Fourth African Women Leaders' Network Intergenerational Retreat, Tanzania

THE RISE (WEST AFRICA) TRAILER

[The Rise \(Official Trailer\) – YouTube](#)

SOME LINKS TO "THE RISE" ENGAGEMENTS;

<https://youtu.be/CUdl3y-yCdM>

<https://youtu.be/HT-kyjX2imU>

[THE RISE premiere in Uganda - YouTube](#)

SCREENING/DIALOGUE | KIGALI, RWANDA



SCREENING/DIALOGUE | KAMPALA, UGANDA



SCREENING/DIALOGUE | ABUJA, NIGERIA



BEHIND THE SCENES "THE RISE"



AFcFTA HEADQUARTERS, ACCRA, GHANA



DAVID AKWARA



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WHAT NEXT

PARTNERSHIP WITH SOUTHERN AFRICA EMBRACE FOUNDATION

David Akwara Films is partnering with SAE Foundation for the Southern Africa Series of the documentary film on the AfCFTA.

LIST OF COUNTRIES

BOTSWANA 

LESOTHO 

MALAWI 

NAMIBIA 

SOUTH AFRICA 

ZAMBIA 

ZIMBABWE 

ESWATINI 

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