

## ARTERIAL NETWORK WHO WE ARE

The **Arterial Network** is a dynamic, continent-wide, civil society network of non-government organisations, creative industry companies, festivals and individual artists engaged in the African creative sector. It started out as an EU project with partners Hivos (Netherlands), DOEN Foundation (Netherlands), Commonwealth Foundation (UK), Mimeta (Norway) and Africalia (Belgium). Membership is open to those active on the continent, and as an EU-multiplier, associate membership is open to international partners (many of which are based in the EU) and honorary membership is open to high profile individuals/entities seeking to be associated with the network.

In the context of the conditions on the continent, our vision and our understanding of development and the cultural dimension of development, our aims include building and developing effective, sustainable national, regional and continental advocacy networks; diffusing information to empower civil society culture organisations; provoking discussion to develop African leadership on critical issues; building national, regional, continental and international circuits to distribute African cultural goods and services and enable African artists to tour their work; facilitating the training and development of human resources; improving the working and living conditions, and defending the rights of artists and creative practitioners.

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