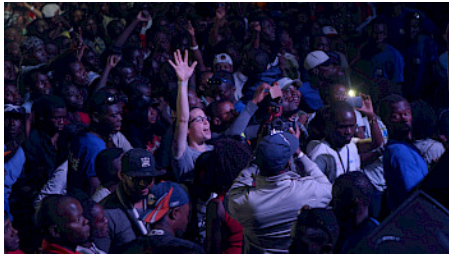




CONGO CALLING

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SYNOPSIS

In crisis-ridden eastern Congo, one of the poorest regions on earth, three Europeans are forced to question what it means to help. Raul, a French-Spanish economist, realizes that his project funds are leading his Congolese colleagues into great temptation. Peter, from Germany, is fighting a losing battle to preserve his identity as an aid worker when he reaches retirement age after 30 years in Africa. And the relationship of the young Belgian Anne-Laure is put to the test when her Congolese boyfriend, after a stay in prison, becomes a high-profile regime critic. Deeply personal insights into coexistence and cooperation between Europe and Africa – and the question: how helpful is the help of the West?

FESTIVALS

2019

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Ciné Droit Libre, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

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Kinofest Lünen

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Kolkata International Film Festival

London Migration Film Festival

2020

Africa Alive Festival Frankfurt

Boddinale Berlin

Int. Festival of Ethnological Film, Belgrade

German International Ethnographic Film Festival, Germany

Liberation Docfest Bangladesh, Bangladesh

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