

PROGRAMME

2020

19 DAYS OF
ORCHESTRATED
PROGRAMMING
AROUND THE
GLOBE



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30 NOV-18 DEC 2020

Screenings

Side events

Closure
International Migrants Day
Winners announcement

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"This is Home" - GMFF 2019 Feature Film Winner

GLOBAL MIGRATION FILM FESTIVAL

30th Nov
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WHAT IS THE GLOBAL MIGRATION FILM FESTIVAL?

Over the years, films have been used to inform, entertain, educate and provoke debate. It is in this spirit that IOM, the UN Migration Agency, launched The Global Migration Film Festival in 2016. Established in 1951, IOM is the leading inter-governmental organization in the field of migration, working to help ensure the orderly and humane management of this global phenomenon.

Cinema and migration have a magical bond stretching back over a century ago when filmmakers, many of whom were immigrants themselves, began making movies that depicted a world on the move. Their films brought the dramatic, poignant and comic stories of migrants to diverse audiences, through images that provoked feeling amongst people of every culture.

The Global Migration Film Festival (GMFF) features films and documentaries that capture the promise and challenges of migration, and the unique contributions that migrants make to their new communities.

The goal of the festival is to pave the way for greater discussion around one of the greatest phenomenon of our time.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Films have the power to show different facets of life, which can in turn help viewers to cultivate deeper empathy for migrants and a better understanding of their realities, needs, perspectives and capacities.

The objective of the GMFF is to use films as educational tools that influence perceptions of and attitudes towards migrants, by bringing attention to social issues and creating safe spaces for respectful debate and interaction.

Furthermore, the Festival is an innovative creative avenue for normalizing discussions of migration through storytelling, and it is an advocacy tool that can also draw attention to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), thus helping all nations as they work to meet them.

Films can:
**INFORM, INSPIRE,
TRANSFORM AND
PROMOTE INCLUSION**



SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS



HOW IT WORKS

Professional and emerging filmmakers are invited to submit films about the migrant experience according to the established theme: The Global Compact on Migration for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

A committee of international film professionals will select a number of outstanding productions to be screened for a diverse audience: thousands of people in almost 100 countries.

The screenings will take place in varied locales, from cinemas to concert halls, and even impromptu settings in hard to reach areas and along popular migration routes such as the trans-Saharan corridor.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions on having large gatherings some screenings will be conducted online.

GMFF 2019 OVERVIEW

108 COUNTRIES

OVER **58,000 PEOPLE**
ATTENDED SCREENINGS
AROUND THE WORLD

700+ SCREENINGS
WORLDWIDE

32 FILMS IN THE
OFFICIAL SELECTION

OVER
350+ PARTNERSHIPS
WORLDWIDE

