

A B C D: Ayu Bes Ci Dëkk Raw (NDakaru), a pan-African event designed to celebrate the African Renaissance and showcase the rich cultural heritage of people of African descent around the world.

Its mission is to inspire multifaceted collaborative ties between African communities on the continent and in the diaspora through academic exchanges, the development of economic opportunities and the sharing of our cultural heritage acquired over the centuries.

The theme of this inaugural milestone is “Memories and Ramps” – memories of the steps for restitutions and ramps for projects to explore, reflecting our commitment to honouring our shared history while fostering dialogue, creativity and unity across the African continent and the diaspora.

The festival activities will be part of the INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM for the AFRICAN RENAISSANCE (CIRA 2025), organized by the African Renaissance Chair of ICESCO/UCAD.

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Festival Overview

- • Duration and proposed dates: The festival will last one week from April 2 to 8, 2025.
- • Venue(s) and location(s): The first edition will take place in Dakar, Senegal, with Cheikh Anata DIOP University as the main site.
- • Target audience: in favor of the third democratic alternation that occurred in Senegal in 2024, the idea is to breathe new life into a current of exchanges between Africa and its diapsora, under the seal of the African Renaissance in the fields of Education, culture, arts and economy.

Festival Components

Music

Our music program will feature a wide range of artists and genres from across the African continent and the diaspora, including Afrobeat, reggae, jazz and traditional African music.

Fashion

Our fashion component will showcase the dynamic designs and styles of Africa and the diaspora. The festival will feature fashion shows, exhibitions and workshops with renowned designers and fashion industry professionals, providing a platform to broaden the perspectives of local designers.

Films

The program will screen a selection of films and documentaries highlighting various aspects of experiences in Africa and the diaspora.