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**AMAKULA's 11th EDITION POSTPONED**

The curatorial team for the 11th **Amakula International Film Festival** has decided to postpone the festival. In a statement by Herman Kabubi, Head of Programmes at Bayimba Foundation:

"We believe there is room for much more film content compared to the entries gathered this year. Plenty was left out given our strict deadlines, so we've resolved to re-open the call and create room for more submissions".

Sincere apologies are conveyed to the entire film fraternity, partners and sponsors. Interested participants are encouraged to continue submitting films for consideration and intake, for what aims to be a more exciting 11th festival edition. The festival's later dates will be communicated as soon as the curatorial team decides. All information portals shall remain open in the meantime.

**Amakula International Film Festival** is Uganda's oldest independent film festival that aims to contribute to a vibrant local film industry, by broadening access to and developing audiences for quality African film production; inspiring local film makers to produce quality local films based on own stories; facilitating, presenting and promoting local film productions and distribution; and offering a professional networking platform for the film making community in East Africa and beyond. The festival's 11th edition was scheduled to take place from 23rd to 26th March 2017 at the Kampala Film School (short and student films) and the Uganda Museum, (drive-in cinema feature films, documentaries, workshops and professional networking).

While preparations for the Amakula International Film Festival are at a halt, this will not in any way alter other annual activities of Bayimba Foundation. For more information contact Philip Masembe, Head of Media and Marketing at Bayimba Foundation: [media@bayimba.org](mailto:media@bayimba.org) or 0792010198.