

Preselection tour for the Francophone Games

From 20 September to 18 October 2016, the cultural judges of the International Committee for the Francophone Games (CIJF) will tour a number of Francophone countries to preselect candidates for the 8th Francophone Games that will take place in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, in 2017.

The CIJF has already received commitments in principle from 50 States and governments.

Ahead of the visit of the CIJF cultural judges, the countries which preregistered for the Games screened applicants to cultural and artistic competitions in various fields, such as songs, tales and storytellers, creative dance, literature (short stories), photographs, painting/sculpture/installation art, hip-hop, giant puppets, freestyle ball, digital creation and sustainable development creation. Each country preselected three candidates per contest.

Prominent figures from the cultural scene will visit each of the participating countries to agree on a ranking of preselected artists and creators. This process is aimed at guaranteeing the high quality of the cultural contests.

The cultural judges of the CIJF met at the International Organisation of La Francophonie (OIF) in Paris on 14 and 15 September to define the scope of the preselection tour.

They will meet again at the OIF from 19 to 20 October to make a final selection of candidates for the 8th Francophone Games in 2017.

Further information on the Francophone Games, including preselections to sports competitions and cultural contests, are available on the Francophone Games website: www.jeux.francophonie.org/etats-invites/qualifications?edition=2017

The 8th edition of the Francophone Games will take place from 21 to 30 July 2017 in Abidjan, Ivory Coast. This major event will bring together 4,000 young artists and athletes from 80 Francophone countries, with a special focus on Solidarity, Diversity and Excellence.

The International Organisation of La Francophonie (OIF) has 57 member States and governments and 23 observer members. www.francophonie.org

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