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## Forum RIDM announces the first international delegations for Doc Lab Montreal 2023



The Bavarian cohort at the 2022 Forum RIDM. Photo credit: Camille Gladu-Drouin

Montreal, August 24, 2023 – Forum RIDM, presented by Netflix, is pleased to announce the outstanding participation of international delegations from Mexico, Cuba, Brazil, Bavaria (Germany) and Senegal at Doc Lab Montreal, its documentary talent incubator, which will be held from November 17 to 22, 2023.

Selected teams from each delegation will consist of a filmmaker-producer duo with a feature-length documentary project. They will join Doc Lab Montreal's Canadian cohort by actively participating in various workshops and professional development activities organized as part of the next edition of Forum RIDM.

The inclusion of these teams was made possible thanks to close cooperation with Mexico's <a href="DocsMX">DocsMX</a>
Festival, the <a href="Nuevas Miradas">Nuevas Miradas</a> section of Cuba's Escuela Internacional de Cine y TV (EICTV), the Brasil CineMundi co-production market in Brazil, as well as the <a href="DOK.fest München">DOK.fest München</a> (Bavaria) and <a href="Stlouis'Docs">Stlouis'Docs</a>
(Senegal) professional documentary forums. The shared objective of these collaborations is to <a href="support documentary creation">support documentary creation</a>, promote co-production by fostering participants' professional development, and forging significant connections between the industries of these regions.

Bilateral partnerships with Cuba, Brazil, Bavaria (Germany) and Senegal were made possible thanks to financial support from the Government of Quebec's Ministère de la Culture et des Communications and Ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie. The presence of the Mexican delegation comes courtesy of the Canada Council for the Arts.

Selected projects and the names of each delegation's participants will be unveiled shortly. With such a significant international contingent, Forum RIDM is poised for a 19<sup>th</sup> edition brimming with cinematic diversity and discoveries.

## **About Forum RIDM**

Forum RIDM, presented by Netflix, aims to stimulate the production and distribution of independent documentaries, both nationally and internationally, by promoting the exchange of information and meetings between the various professionals in the documentary industry. Roundtables, conferences and workshops on major current issues will bring together over 400 filmmakers and representatives of various production, broadcasting and distribution companies over five days.

## **About Netflix**

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Forum RIDM's 19<sup>th</sup> edition, presented by Netflix, will take place from November 17 to 22, 2023.

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