







ColabNowNow is looking for you: the artists, coders, architects, storytellers, bending your artform in the digital now, for the NowNow.

About ColabNowNow

British Council Connect ZA invites young digital storytellers and artists working in digital, from Southern Africa, East Africa, West Africa and the UK to take part in ColabNowNow. This platform for collaboration will showcase innovative digital work which will be shown during the Fak'ugesi Festival. The artists will partake in a 10 day programme curated by Jepchumba, and take part in the larger Fak'ugesi Festival programme.

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10 ARTISTS working in the digital realm who will create work independently or collaboratively, to be shown at the Fak'ugesi Block Party. Artists include, but are not limited to: visual/ graphic artists, architects, technical artists, programmers, music/sound artists, performers and animators.

5 DIGITAL STORYTELLERS who will document and engage in the collaborative activities of the artists, telling the story to audiences in their respective countries. They are also encouraged to work with the artists. Digital storytellers include, but are not limited to: writers, photographers, videographers, bloggers and vloggers.



	East Africa	West Africa	Southern Africa	United Kingdom
Artist	2	2	4	2
Storyteller	1	1	2	1







About Fak'ugesi

Fak'ugesi is an annual digital innovation festival that supports the crossover of art, culture and technology in the heart of Johannesburg's pumping youth centre, Braamfontein. It is implemented by Wits Digital Arts (University of Witwatersrand) in collaboration with the Tshimologong Innovation Precinct. The ten day festival is a celebration of creativity and technology with: talks, exhibitions, hacks, workshops, game arcades, parties and skills exchanges. For 2017 Fak'ugesi Festival salutes Digital Africans that follow their hearts and live bravely. This is the fourth year that British Council Connect ZA has partnered with the Fak'ugesi Festival. **BRAVE TECH HEARTS BEAT AS ONE.**





About Jepchumba

Kenyan born, Jepchumba is the founder and creative director of African Digital Art, a collective and creative space where digital artists, enthusiasts and professionals can seek inspiration, showcase their artistry and connect with emerging artists. She is a cultural ambassador who travels the world sharing her views on African art and technology. She curates various digital arts platforms in Africa and abroad. Having played a significant role to transform African digital spaces, she was listed as one of the 20 Youngest Power Women in Africa 2012 by Forbes, as well as Africa's Top 25 Women Achievers by the Guardian.

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About British Council Connect ZA

British Council Connect ZA is a part of the Southern Africa Arts cluster and supports cultural connections between young people aged 18-35 in the UK and South Africa. The programme uses a range of arts projects and the use of digital platforms to build creative networks through art forms including: fashion, music, film, design and more. The programme is committed to supporting digital skills and artistic work in Southern Africa.







ColabNowNow Details

- Applications are open to artists and storytellers between 18 and 35 years of age.
- Selected applicants are required to be in Johannesburg for the full period of the collaboration (6 16 September 2017).
- Selected applicants will receive work space, a production budget and production support.
- Costs for visa application, flights, accommodation and per diem will be covered.
- Other terms and conditions apply, please see website for more.