



PRESS RELEASE

SUNNY SIDE OF THE DOC REVEALS THE GLOBAL PITCH 2023 OFFICIAL SELECTION

HEAR POWERFUL AND INSPIRING STORIES ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE
AT THE THIRD EDITION OF THE ONLINE EVENT (7 – 8 FEBRUARY)



La Rochelle, January 17, 2023 – [Sunny Side of the Doc](#) today announces **the official selection of the third edition of Global Pitch**. The two half-day online event – **sponsored by AJB DOC, Al Jazeera Documentary Channel and WaterBear** – brings together the international documentary film community around engaged themes. Every year, the Global Pitch is looking for stories and narratives that are important, powerful, original, engaged and engaging, highlighting the societal, economic, political, geostrategic and human issues of climate change.

The 2023 edition of the *Global Pitch for Global Change* is devoted to **Climate Change**: its consequences on our societies and the concrete solutions implemented around the world. Facing the climate emergency that affects us all and requires us to mobilize, the documentary genre can provide a constructive, verified and rigorous media treatment.

Ahmed Mahfouz Nouh, Managing Director, **Al Jazeera Documentary Channel**, one of the *Global Pitch* sponsors says: *“Al Jazeera Documentary Channel and AJB DOC Film Festival are proud to be part of the Global Pitch second year in a row. This event brings important topics from around the world to key decision makers. This years topic is about Climate Change, an opportunity to discover communities impact on Climate Change and the measures taken to prevent it. It’s never too late to start somewhere, so let’s start now.”*

Following the Call for Entries launched last October, **100** projects were received from **37** countries, including significant participation from **African countries** (Kenya, South Africa, Zimbabwe...).

*"For the third edition of the Global Pitch, we are impressed by the strong commitment of the documentary community and the quality of the submissions and selected projects. It only goes to show how relevant and universal the issue of climate change is", says **Mathieu Béjot**, Director of Strategy and Development at **Sunny Side of the Doc**. "Projects coming from all around the globe were extremely diverse in terms of themes, angles, treatment and format. Although we may feel we no longer need to address climate sceptics, dealing with climate change, finding justice and solutions is still an uphill struggle. Sunny Side wishes to contribute by giving greater exposure to 12 compelling stories."*

The two-day pitching session aims to facilitate international co-productions and funding for climate change documentary projects. During two days, the 12 selected projects will have the opportunity to pitch in front of more than 100 high-level international decision-makers representing major broadcasters, streamers, foundations, buyers and other funders. **The participating companies** confirmed to date are : **National Geographic, Netflix, ABC Australia, PBS, ZDF Studio, Paramount Pictures, BBC, Arte, France TV, SVT Sweden, Off the Fence, Sundance, RTBF**, and much more.

A dedicated jury of industry experts consisting of **Khadidja Banouataf** (Impact Social Club), **Keisha Knight** (IDA), **Cleo Veger** (Dogwoof) and **Julian Etienne** (Doc Society), will have the difficult task of selecting the winning project which will receive a cash prize of €3,000.

Find below (page 3 and 4) the official selection of the Global Pitch 2023

**For more information about the Global Pitch 2023,
Event Pass as well as Press Accreditation, visit: [Global Pitch 2023](#)**

Notes to editors:

Sunny Side of the Doc is the international community and marketplace dedicated to linear and non-linear documentary. Every June, a specific event brings together decision makers, producers, filmmakers, sales agents and funders to support the international financing of documentary projects and the circulation of completed programs. The 4-day market offers unique creative, business and networking opportunities for the 2,200+ participants from 60 countries through a mix of high-level pitching sessions, panels on the latest industry trends and an exhibition hall. The 34th Sunny Side of the Doc will be held in La Rochelle from June 19-22, 2023.

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The 12 projects selected for the Global Pitch 2023 are:



THE C WORD

Produced by: Northern Picture (Australia)

Directed by: Tosca Looby



CAPTURING WATER

Produced by: Uhuru Production (South Africa)

Directed by: Rehad Desai



CLIMATE JUSTICE

Produced by: Seppia (France)

Directed by: Zouhair Chebbale & Léa Ducre



STANDING UP

Produced by: State of Mic (Gambia)

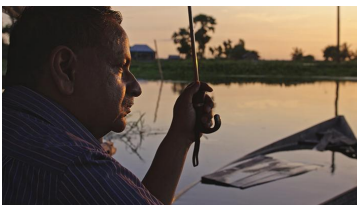
Directed by: Babucarr Manka



INTOXICATED – HOW TO AVOID THE END OF THE WORLD

Produced by: Small Boss production (Italy)

Directed by: TBD



**THEIR PRESENT IS OUR FUTURE:
SALEEM AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION**

Produced by: PULP FILMS (France)

Directed by: Emmanuel Cappellin



FUTURE HOME

Produced by: Terra Mater Studios GmbH & Amberjack Films LTD (Austria)

Directed by: Any Byatt



PORTO CENTRAL

Produced by: Storyhouse (Belgium)

Directed by: Daniel Lambo



FIGHT FOR FOOD

Produced by: Rada Studios Ltd. (Kenya)

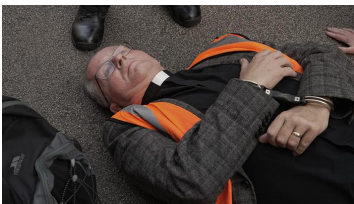
Directed by: Maia von Lekow, Christopher King & Zippy Kimundu



FLYING GREEN

Produced by: Vidicom Media GmbH (Germany)

Directed by: Peter Bardehle



EVERYTHING IS FINE *(Working title)*

Produced by: Banyak Films (United Kingdom)

Directed by: Rich Felgate



OJOS DE AGUA, FREE THE WATER OF CHILE

Produced by: Dryades Films (France)

Directed by: Marcelo Lara & Marion Esnault