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Many words for Modern

Report on the Architecture and Film Event

24 – 30 June 2007, ZIFF Dar es Salaam / Zanzibar

On Monday 25 June the film *Many words for Modern* by Jord den Hollander celebrated its world premiere at the launch of the Zanzibar International Film Festival (ZIFF) at the New World Cinemas in Dar es Salaam. The documentary on modern architecture in Tanzania was well received by its audience (120 people), illustrated by the attached article in the Guardian (30/06/2007).

Next day Tuesday 26 June more than 150 architects, film makers, students and teachers attended the public *Architecture and Film Event* at the Dar es Salaam Institute / Goan Club, following the below program organised by the Architects Association of Tanzania (AAT), the Department of Architecture of UCLAS and ArchiAfrika:

- 14:30 introduction by Jord den Hollander, director *Many words for Modern*
- 14:45 film: *Oscar Niemeyer, an architect committed to his century* – Wajnborg, 2000
- 16:00 film: *The greatest architect of the Netherlands (Maaskant)* – Den Hollander, 2003
- 17:15 film: *Many words for Modern* – Den Hollander, 2007
- 18:30 buffet at Dar es Salaam Institute
- 19:30 lecture: *Sustainable Modernity* by prof. Hubert-Jan Henket (Delft University of Technology)
- 20:00 lecture: *Dar es Salaam and Globalization* by prof. J.M. Lusugga Kironde (UCLAS)
- 20:30 panel discussion: *Modern Architecture in Dar es Salaam*

Many vivid discussions on the film, on modern heritage in Dar es Salaam, on the role of architecture in a globalizing world and on the growth of African cities took place during this event and will certainly continue for a while in Tanzania's professional and academic architectural community.

Another screening of the film *Many words for Modern* was scheduled at the Zanzibar International Film Festival ZIFF on Saturday 30/06 at 19.30 in the open sky of the Old Fort at Zanzibar Stonetown. This event was attended by 350 film fans from all over East Africa and was preceded by a cocktail at Livingstone Restaurant, generously offered by the Royal Netherlands Embassy.

The above events were completed by several excursions to Dar es Salaam City Centre (European and Indian quarter by Joe Noronha; Kariakoo area by Ezekiel Moshi), to Anthony B. Almeida's residence and other of his highlights, to the campus of the University Dar es Salaam (by Armando Figueiredo), to the suburbs of the city (by Daniel Mbisso), through Zanzibar Stone Town (by John da Silva) and to Zanzibar New Town (by Ghalib Awadh). These excursions were attended by a group of 35 architects, academics and TV- / filmmakers from the Netherlands and by some of their Tanzanian colleagues.

All together you could speak of a very successful week of discussion, reflection and exchange of experience and ideas between a wide range of Tanzanian and Dutch academics and professionals on the subject of modern architecture and modernity in Africa..... To be continued!



Anthony B. Almeida (most left) explaining his own residence, 24/06/07



Ezekiel Moshi (most right) at Ushirika Cooperative Building during guided tour Kariakoo, 24/06/07



Jord den Hollander at Architecture and Film Event at Dar es Salaam Institute / Goan Club, 26/06/07



Buffet at Dar es Salaam Institute / Goan Club, 26/06/07