

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

2006-2008  
National Superior School of Fine Arts of Paris. France (**Master's degree, Multi-media/ photography video and sound/ November 2008. Final Project:** *"Bagamoyo – Photography And The Useful Space.* Maputo, Mozambique June 2008)

2006  
National Superior School of Fine Arts of Paris. France (**BA, June 2006**)

2001-2003  
Yabatech (college of arts and technology) Computer science, Lagos, Nigeria

### PROJECTS/ COMMISSIONS

#### 2010

**AFRICA.ES:** Photographic project involving 7 African Artist producing works in 7 different cities of Spain for 11 days (Emeka produced works in Madrid), commissioned by the Spanish Ministry of Culture. July 2010.

**INVISIBLE BORDERS 2010:** Coordinator of the second edition of the photographic road trip project, involving 12 Nigerian photographers traveling by road from Lagos to Dakar (Senegal). April 2010.

#### 2009

**INVISIBLE BORDERS 2009 -** Initiator and coordinator of a photographic road trip project involving 10 Nigerian photographers who traveled by road from Lagos to Bamako, and creating images. November 2009

**LAGOS –PARIS 2009:** Coordinator for a project involving a 2-weeks exchange workshop between photography students of the Fine Art School of Paris and the Art students of Yabatech Lagos. **Venue is Paris.** 27<sup>th</sup> of November – 11<sup>th</sup> of December 2009.

**SPARCK** – Space for Pan African Research, Creation and Knowledge  
Project: Net/ Works (Investigating the Ariria Market Space in Aba)  
Duration: 8 July – 9 August 2009

## **2008**

**PHOTOGRAPHY AND THE USEFUL SPACE:** Photographic project in Maputo (Mozambique). Experimenting on art and the public - Project in collaboration with the French ministry for foreign affairs and the French-Mozambican Cultural Centre in Maputo. June/July 2008.

**PARIS – LAGOS 2008:** Coordinator for a project involving a 3-weeks exchange workshop between photography students of the **Fine Art School of Paris** and the Art students of **Yaba College of Arts Lagos.** **Venue is Lagos.** 7<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

## **2007**

### **DO WE NEED COCA-COLA TO DANCE?**

Director of Photography for the project carried out in 6 cities of Africa: **Lagos, Cairo, Johannesburg, Maputo, Nairobi and Cameroun.** Experimentation on Contemporary dance and The Public Space. Coordinated by Dancer, Qudus Onikeku.

## **2005/2006**

Artistic residency program at the Cité Internationale des Arts, sponsored by the French embassy in Nigeria.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Solo Exhibitions**

## **2008**

**BAGAMOYO-** Photography and the Useful Space. Catembe, Maputo 2008. (july 2008)

**UNSPOKEN HERO** – Neukölln Museum Berlin, Germany

**UNDER-CITY,** Gallerie CROUS. Paris, France

**2006**

**RITUALS**, Agence Française de Développement. Paris, France.

**2005**

**HIDDEN PLACES**, French Cultural Centre. Lagos, Nigeria.

**2004**

**BLACK & WHITE**, sponsored by MC2A and the Town Council of Bordeaux. France

**2003**

**RITUALS**, French Cultural Centre. Lagos, Nigeria.

### **Collective Exhibitions**

**2011**

**Africa.Es** at Circulo Des Bella Artès, Madrid (February 2011)

**2010**

**Invisible Borders at Kunsthalle Bern Switzerland** (October – Dec 2010)

**ATOPIA- Art and City in 21<sup>st</sup> Century**. CCCB Barcelona, Spain (Feb 2010)

**2009**

**8th Edition of Bamako Photography Encounters**. Bamako, Mali (November 2009)

**PHOTOQUAI 2009** (a public space photography Biennale) Musée Quai Branly Paris. (Sept. 2009)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Pan African Festival of Arts of Algeria, Algiers 2009**. (July 2009)

**Adding Subtractions – Bag Factory Studio Johannesburg** (june 2009) curated by Daniella Géo.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thessaloniki Biennale of Arts, Greece 2009**. (May 2009)

**10<sup>th</sup> Havana Biennale, Cuba 2009** (March 2009)

**A TALE OF ONE CITY**, Oslo Museum Norway (February 2009).

**2008**

**1st JOHANESSBURG ART FAIR**, South Africa. Curated by Simon Njami.

**BLACK PARIS**, Musée d 'Ixelles, Brussels. Curated by Kirsten Pinther.

« Unspoken Hero » Neukolln Museum, Berlin Germany.

**2007**

**PARIS BLACK**, Museum of World Cultures. Francfort, Germany.

**CO-INCEDEANCE**, Cité Internationale Des Arts. Paris, France.

**2006**

**ANOTHER WORLD**, National Library of France (La BNF). Paris, France. Curated by Simon Njami.

**NOUVELLES AFRIQUE**, 60 African photographers in the 20th district of Paris organised by Africultures.

**PARIS BLACK**, Iwalewa House. Bayreuth, Germany. Curated by Kerstin Pinther.

**SNAP JUDGEMENT**, International Center of Photography. New York. Curated by Okwui Enwezor.

**2005**

**LABO PHOTO**, A look into the life of Africans in Seine St. Denis by 6 African photographers. Paris, France.

**AWARDS:****2009**

Artist Of The Year: The Future Nigeria Award 2009. An accomplishment award for young Nigerians.

**2008**

Winner ( Visa Pour La Création 2008) For project- Photography and the Public Space. Maputo June/ July 2008. Awarded by the French Ministry of foreign affairs.

**2006**

1st runner-up: Future Nigeria, an accomplishment prize for young Nigerian artists.

**2005**

3-years full scholarship to study at the National Fine Art School in Paris. Awarded by the French Embassy in Nigeria.

**2004**

Tv5 Prize for Best Photography at the exhibition 'Made In Africa'. Milan, Italy.

**2003**

Prize of AFAA, Afrique en Création: Best Young Photographer of the 5th Festival of photography. Bamako, Mali.