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Submissions for Open Doors Hub & Lab 2018 are open!

Open Doors is looking for South Asian talents for its co-production platform and producers lab, wrapping its 3-year cycle in the region.

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Since 2016, Open Doors has been dedicating its program to 8 countries in the South Asian region: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

In 2018, Open Doors is wrapping its focus, opening all its activities to the 8 countries at the same time.

Producers and directors of the 8 chosen countries are able to apply for:

Open Doors Hub

A co-production platform where project-holders (director&producer) connect to potential partners during professional 1to1 meetings to foster international collaborations.

The Open Doors jury will award the Open Doors prize worth 50,000 Swiss francs, offered by the Swiss film production fund visions sud est (also supported by SDC) and by the City of Bellinzona.

[Link Open Doors Hub](#)

Open Doors Lab

A tailor-made incubating-workshop for 8 promising producers/filmmakers-producers from the region, focused on project development and working with international film professionals.

In-kind prizes are awarded to few of the participants.

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Applications for the Open Doors Hub and Open Doors Lab 2018 will be received from 23 October 2017 to 23 January 2018.

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Last but not least, the Open Doors Screenings section will curate a selection of



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shorts and feature-length films from the region to introduce its cinematographic landscape to the Festival public and professionals attending.

While several films supported in the previous editions are entering production, Open Doors extends its outreach to further assist industry players in South Asia by organizing seminars and workshops on the ground. These initiatives complement the Locarno program and are organized in collaboration with local festivals and professionals. Next destinations for November/December 2017 are Myanmar (Myanmar Script Fund, part of MEMORY! International Film Heritage Festival), Nepal (Ekadeshma International Film Festival), Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

Since its inception, Open Doors has enjoyed the collaboration of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. The initiative is organized closely with the Industry Office of Locarno Festival and enjoys support from numerous European bodies, including ARTE and the CNC (Centre national du cinéma et de l'image animée).