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Berlinale Talent Campus **2500 applications from 104 countries**

Great response – The *Berlinale Talent Campus* has received 2500 applications from 104 different countries by the end of the application period. Compared to the previous year more nations have joined those interested in participating. Countries with few applicants last year feature far more prominently this year: Argentina is in the lead with 31 additional applications, followed by India and Brazil (+15) in second and Nigeria and Peru (+14) in third place. Like in the year before the largest groups of applicants are from Germany (288), the UK (250) and the USA (226).

“We are happy about the great response that is apparent above all in Argentina and India. We put the growing interest in the *Berlinale Talent Campus* down to our close co-operation with the new Talent Campus initiatives in New Delhi, Sithengi, and the Talent Campus in Buenos Aires scheduled for April 2005. The result confirms that the Campus has been understood and established as an international network”, says Christine Dorn, Director of the *Berlinale Talent Campus*.

In June 15.000 flyers were distributed worldwide through an international network consisting of the Goethe-Institut, the British Council and cultural institutes and embassies in Berlin. On top of this, the TV stations DW-TV (Deutsche Welle) and TV5 broadcast the Campus application trailer worldwide.

The Berlinale Talent Campus

The *Berlinale Talent Campus* is an initiative of the Berlin International Film Festival and is intended as a tutorial platform and contact forum for young film professionals. Next year, 500 filmmakers will once more be given the chance to meet and exchange ideas with professional filmmakers and colleagues from all over the world. The *Berlinale Talent Campus* 2005 takes place in Berlin from February 12 – 17, 2005.

Further information:

Sithengi Talent Campus – Cape Town: www.sithengi.co.za (Sithengi Film&Television Market)

Talent Campus India – New Delhi: www.talentcampusindia.net (Cinefan Film Festival)

Talent Campus Buenos Aires: http://www.ucine.edu.ar/talent_campus/welcome.html