



IOM RWANDA GLOBAL MIGRATION FILM FESTIVAL 2019



On December 12th and 17th 2019, IOM Rwanda, in partnership with the **Goethe Institut**, hosted the IOM Global Migration Film Festival in Kigali.

The IOM Global Migration Film Festival is an annual global event that brings together emerging film makers to share **migration stories**, enabling migrant journeys to be told through the eyes of the migrants themselves. The objective of the festival is to **inspire** people to think differently about migration and what it means to be a migrant.

This year IOM Rwanda screened the films '**Morabeza, The Force of Movement**' and '**#387**', both of which shed light on the realities of migration. In addition to the film IOM Rwanda organized a spoken word performance and a panel discussion to allow the audience to further relate and to better understand the films.



On the 12 December 2019, before the screening of 'Morabeza, The Force of Movement', IOM and the Goethe Institute welcomed **Kivumbi King**, a spoken word artist, who performed a short piece related to the themes of film—**migration, identity and belonging**.

In addition, on 17 December 2019, after the screening of #387, panelists from **IOM, UNHCR** and the **Goethe**

Institut discussed the **significance** of migration and why it is important for people around the globe to **understand** the realities of individuals who are searching for a better life.

All the attendees expressed their **gratitude** and **appreciation** for such an event and in fact, the majority have advocated that IOM conduct similar awareness raising events on a regular basis.

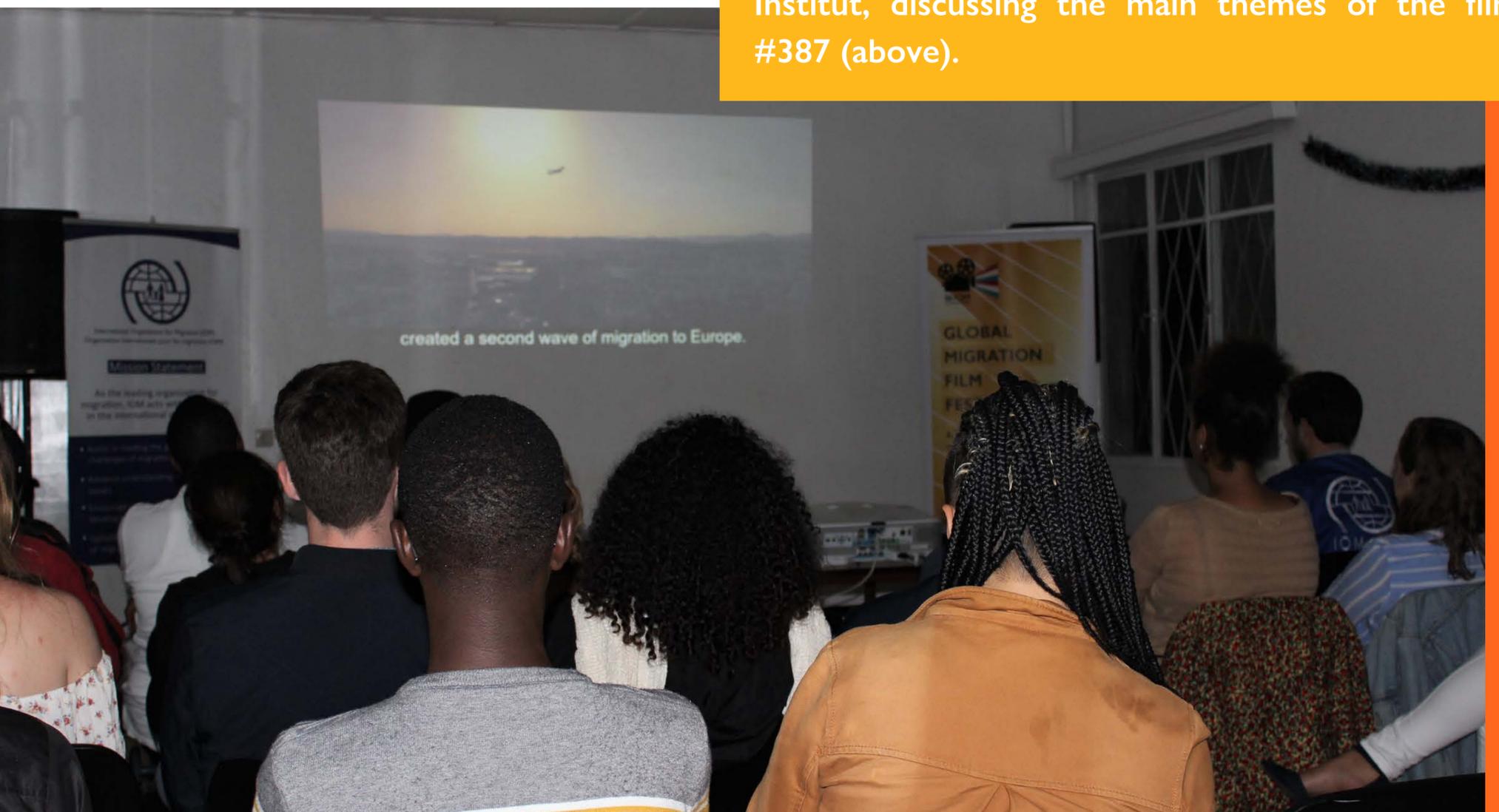


"Well, for me, all I ever wanted was to find my Identity, make peace with my memories, and agree to disagree with my history", says Poet Kivumbi King (above).





Panelist from IOM, UNHCR and the Goethe Institut, discussing the main themes of the film #387 (above).



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