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Travels back to the
Democratic Republic of the Congo



Cercle d'Art des Travailleurs de Plantation Congolaise (CATPC)

- Institute of Human Activities
- Renzo Martens
- The White Cube

2021



2023

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- Institute of Human Activities
- Renzo Martens/ **Hicham Khalidi**
- The White Cube
- **Venice Biennale/Dutch entry**
- **The Mondriaan Fund**



APPROVED!

(We Need A Plan.....)

First Requirements

Oversight

Pedestal and Vitrine



Ndubuisi Ezeoluomba
Curator of African Art

Borrower's Agreement Insurance Immunity from Seizure





ALERT!

DR Congo: Reconsider Travel (Level 3)

Key Concerns for 2024 Travel Advisories

- **Civil Unrest:** Violent protests can occur in urban centers with little warning. 
- **Armed Conflict:** Fighting, including shelling, has escalated in eastern DRC, particularly in Ituri, North Kivu, and South Kivu provinces. 
- **Terrorism and Kidnapping:** There is a risk of terrorist attacks and kidnappings, especially targeting foreigners. 
- **Violent Crime:** Armed robbery and express kidnappings targeting foreigners can occur in both urban and rural areas. 
- **Health Risks:** Outbreaks of diseases like Ebola, cholera, and Mpox have been issues. 
- **Infrastructure:** Roads are poorly maintained, and transportation, including ferries and trains, is limited and can be unsafe. 

Travel Preparations

- Letter of Invitation
- Visa
- Proof of Yellow-Fever Immunization



Here we go.....or not



Arrival in Kinshasa



No Straps.....

Infrastructure issues

















Inside the White Cube

Ceremony, Prayers, Supplication









Live-stream for the Venice Biennale



Venice





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