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# ROADBOOK



**Linking people.  
Empowering territories.**

JANUARY

**18-22** 2026

Dakar & Saint-Louis, Senegal

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## WELCOME TO BRIDGE X

# Bridge X is the territorial extension of Bridge Africa – designed as a strategic, immersive, and action-oriented format.

It translates the Bridge Africa vision into context-specific experiences, anchored in place, culture, and institutional ecosystems. Bridge X is not a side event; it is a deliberate continuation of the Bridge Africa method, applied at territorial scale.

The Dakar & Saint-Louis edition is built on a strong bilateral dynamic between Morocco and Senegal. It places youth leadership at the center of a structured dialogue around foresight, inclusive economic models, cultural influence, and climate action.

This roadbook outlines the framework, rhythm, and intentions of the experience. It is designed to guide participants through a collective journey that combines reflection, immersion, and concrete outputs.



## ABOUT BRIDGE AFRICA

Bridge Africa is a pan-African leadership and collective intelligence platform bringing together emerging leaders, institutions, researchers, and practitioners from across the continent.

It is grounded in a clear strategic posture:

Building a shared continental narrative rooted in African realities

Developing leadership anchored in responsibility and long-term impact

Creating structured spaces for cross-sector and cross-border collaboration

Testing ideas through practice, dialogue, and co-construction

Bridge Africa is conceived as a structured working framework, where strategic reflection is closely linked to experimentation, implementation, and tangible outcomes.

Its strength lies in its capacity to adapt formats without diluting purpose — allowing initiatives such as Bridge X to emerge as coherent and complementary extensions.



## ABOUT BRIDGE X

# Bridge X is the territorial and experimental format of Bridge Africa.

It is designed to:

Activate bilateral and regional dynamics through immersion

Connect strategic reflection to local ecosystems and lived realities

Foster concrete collaborations between youth, institutions, and cultural actors

Each Bridge X edition is shaped by its host territory. While formats and themes adapt, the underlying logic remains constant: prospective thinking, collective intelligence, and action-oriented dialogue.

Bridge X is conceived as a reproducible yet non-standardized model, allowing Bridge Africa to extend its impact while preserving authenticity and depth.



## EDITION OVERVIEW

This edition focuses on:

- ✦ Culture as influence and soft power
- ✦ Youth leadership and public action
- ✦ Climate, sustainability, and green finance
- ✦ Collective intelligence and inclusive economic models

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# PROGRAM

## DAKAR | ARRIVAL & OPENING MOMENT

SUNDAY, JANUARY

18

Arrival of participants in Dakar | Airport transfers & hotel check-in

Afternoon

Africa Cup of Nations Final – Group Viewing  
Shared viewing of the AFCON final in Dakar

## DAKAR | OPENING & LEADERSHIP IMMERSION

MONDAY, JANUARY

19

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Bridge Academy Workshop in Public Leadership (Session 1)  
BAPL participants only

1:00 PM

Networking & “Breaking the Ice” Lunch  
Hôtel Terrou-Bi, Dakar

3:30 PM – 6:00 PM

“Walk My Dakar”  
Immersive city walk led by young Dakarois.

8:30 PM

“Threads of Dakar” – Fashion Gala Dinner  
An evening blending fashion, heritage, and contemporary Senegalese creativity.



## DAKAR → SAINT-LOUIS

TUESDAY, JANUARY

20

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Keynotes Plenary Session (Amphitheatre)  
Culture as a lever of influence  
Youth leadership and engagement  
Climate, ecological transition & green finance  
Collective intelligence and inclusive economic models

1:00 PM

Lunch | Dakar

2:00 PM

Road transfer from Dakar to Saint-Louis  
Arrival, hotel check-in & refreshment

8:00 PM

Networking Dinner | Saint-Louis



# SAINT-LOUIS | LEADERSHIP & WORKSHOPS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY

21

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Bridge Academy Workshop in Public Leadership (Session 2) BAPL participants only
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Workshop 1   <b>“Which priorities are most urgent for Africa’s Future?”</b> <b>Group A:</b> Continental scope – Scenario planning for Africa as a whole <b>Group B:</b> Regional scope (West Africa) – Scenario planning with a regional focus
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Outputs (Workshop 1) Presentation of group insights and emerging perspectives.
12:00 PM	Lunch
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Workshop 2   <b>“How can we make Africa’s economies more inclusive?”</b> <b>Group A:</b> Women and youth as architects of new economic models <b>Group B:</b> Rethinking value creation through collaboration and collective impact
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Outputs (Workshop 2)   Key takeaways and synthesis.
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Coffee Break
4:00 PM – 4:45 PM	Workshop 3   <b>“How do we strengthen Africa’s cultural industries and creative influence?”</b> <b>Group A:</b> From heritage to innovation – transforming culture into economic and diplomatic power <b>Group B:</b> Building sustainable ecosystems for artists, creators, and cultural entrepreneurs
4:45 PM – 5:15 PM	Outputs (Workshop 3)   Proposals for culture-based influence projects.
5:15 PM – 5:45 PM	Workshop 4   <b>“How can Africa’s Young People Take the Lead in Building Climate Resilience?”</b> <b>Group A:</b> Innovation and action – reimagining Africa’s climate solutions through youth-driven entrepreneurship and science <b>Group B:</b> Systems transformation – integrating sustainability into governance, education, and collective behavior
5:45 PM – 6:15 PM	Outputs (Workshop 4)   Proposals for climate-resilient initiatives.
8:00 PM	Dinner



## FIELD EXPERIENCE & CLOSING

THURSDAY, JANUARY

22

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

“Bridges in Harmony”  
Collective artistic creation  
BAPL participants only

11:30 AM

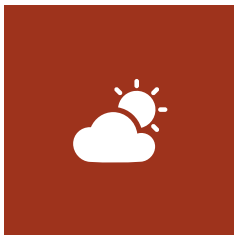
Early Lunch

12:00 PM

Farewell & Departure  
Transfer to Dakar Blaise Diagne Airport



# PRACTICAL INFORMATIONS



### WEATHER & WHAT TO PACK

In January, Dakar and Saint-Louis enjoy mild and pleasant weather.

- ✘ Average temperatures : **20°C – 26°C**
- ✘ Cooler evenings, especially in Saint-Louis
- ✘ Very low probability of rain.

Light clothing, comfortable shoes, and a light jacket for evenings are recommended.



### DAYTIME ACTIVITIES

Not specified.

Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable, weather-appropriate outfits suitable for mobility and outdoor activities.



### DRESS CODE

Gala Dinner – “**Artistic Chic**”

Participants are encouraged to wear elegant outfits inspired by their cultural heritage, interpreted in a contemporary and refined way.

Examples (non-exhaustive):

- ✘ Moroccan participants: caftan or modern reinterpretations
- ✘ Senegalese and West African traditional attire
- ✘ Cultural fabrics and silhouettes revisited with an artistic touch.



## ACCOMMODATION

Dakar : Hotel Azalaï – Monday 19 to Wednesday 21 January (**2 nights**).

Saint-Louis : Accommodation across selected sites coordinated by the local team.



## AIRPORT PICK-UP & TRANSFERS

Airport pick-up will be organized on **Sunday, January 18**.

Participants arriving at Dakar Blaise Diagne International Airport will be welcomed by the Bridge X team and transferred to the hotel.

On-site airport contacts:

- ✘ Accueil  
**Birago Camara +221 77 881 76 28**
- ✘ Protocole  
**Wagane Sene +221 77 820 96 20**

Specific arrival instructions will be shared individually. For any coordination issues or last-minute changes, please contact:

**Farouk Chekrabou : +212 690 829 548**



## ROAD TRANSFER: DAKAR > SAINT-LOUIS

A collective road transfer will be provided on **Tuesday, January 20**.

Departure details will be communicated on-site.

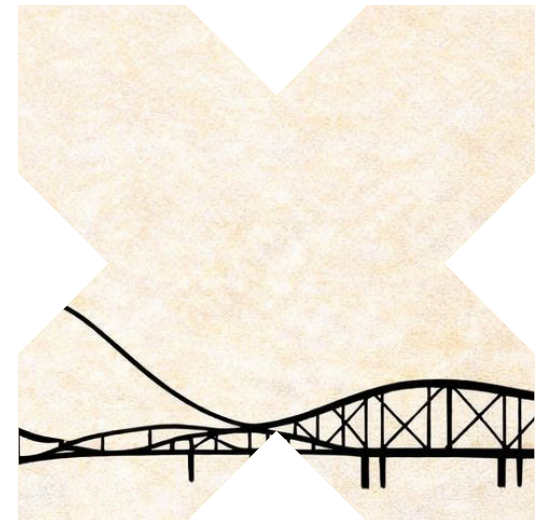


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