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## Press Release

The Market Photo Workshop in Maputo

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The **Market Photo Workshop** in collaboration with **Pro Helvetia** announces the start of a series of training workshops in Maputo – Mozambique. The workshop commenced on the 13th of October and will run till the 21st. The workshop is being hosted by the Museu Nacional de Arte.

Twenty students and alumni of the Photo Workshop (from South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe) have been producing a body of work, engaging in exchanges that will facilitate a broader understanding of their neighbours and the broader African continent.

The overall workshop, facilitated by Mozambican photographer Carlos Litulo will be supported with sessions from other local professionals as guests. Through this process students are encouraged to negotiate the city and its surrounds independently, gaining a self reliance and sense of agency that is important to any cultural practitioner. This is typically balanced with the furthering of their skills as photographers, not only technically but aiming to equip them with a criticality that is essential.

Some of the results of the workshop (the students photographic work) will be presented at various venues in Maputo as impromptu screenings.

Alongside and in conjunction with this, the Photo Workshop will be opening four exhibitions in Maputo during October 2008. Specifically:

**Face Her**, a group show of Photo Workshop students engaging with issues around gender, opens at the **Museu Nacional de Arte** on the **16 of October 2008**.

**Invisible Woman**, Sabelo Mlangeni's solo exhibition that was the end result of the Edward Ruiz Mentorship 2006, opens at the **RuaDArte** on the **16 of October** as well.

**Portfolio 07**, an end of year show of 2007 students of the Photojournalism and Documentary Photography programme (PDP) opens at the **Sindicato Nacional de Jornalistas (SNJ)** on the **17 of October**.

**I am Home**, a solo exhibition by Mimi Cherono Ng'ok, the 2007 Edward Ruiz Mentorship recipient, opens at **BCI – Fomento's Mediateca** on the **20 October**.

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