



Bits of Future: Food for All – Bridge Connecting Continents

International cooperation and culture side by side for a sustainable development

Bridge Connecting Continents, an art project conceived by Danilo Speranza, was presented by the Association Arte Quantica on July 9th at the Salon of Honor of the Triennale of Milan. The aim of the project is to create a common ground for interaction between Italian and African artists through the realization of large art compositions by many hands.

Bridge Connecting Continents falls within the initiatives in support of Bits of Future: Food for All, an international cooperation project intended for developing countries, Africa being the priority. Bits of Future: Food for All will provide, free of charge, an innovative system called Hyst for treating waste biomass.

The event was honored by the participation of H.E. Rhoda Peace Tumusiime, African Union Commissioner of the Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture (DREA), accompanied by Dr. Elvis Paul N. Tangem, DREA Representative and Project Coordinator of the *Great Green Wall for the Sahara and Sahel Initiative*: a program created by the AU President in order to fight poverty and underdevelopment in the African drylands. At the end of his speech Dr Tangem thanked everyone present and called on them to "support Arte Quantica, support the Hyst technology of Scienza per Amore, because the support that you are going to give to them will be fed also into the Great Green Wall for the Sahara and Sahel."

After presenting the greetings and good wishes of H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, President of the African Union Commission, H.E. Rhoda Peace Tumusiime emphasized the significant contribution that Hyst, through *Bits of Future: Food for All,* can give to "address challenges such as migration and desertification". "Let me inform you," continued H.E. Rhoda Peace Tumusiime, "that already eight countries have been proactive and have embraced this technology [...] I would like to encourage other AU Member States to follow suit. [...] We at the AU Commission collaborate with many partners including Scienza per Amore, and Hyst is part of this collaboration."

The launch event of *Bridge Connecting Continents* was an opportunity to exhibit the collective works, designed by Danilo Speranza and executed by the artists of Arte Quantica. The works attracted the interest and attention of many guests, among them Mr. Banien Yendouban, Minister Counselor of the Togo Embassy in Paris, Mr. Kodjo Tossoukpe, Director of Togo Pavilion at EXPO Milano 2015, Dr. Manuel do Nascimento Jùnior, Commercial Representative of the Republic of Angola, and Dr. Vito Pignatelli of ENEA.

During the event, H.E. Rhoda Peace Tumusiime extracted the names of the first African artists who will be participating in *Bridge Connecting Continents*. She concluded: "I'm so happy to be here and to be able to see how all these technologies of art and culture are able to connect with the people, as we are now standing here. Everything is now connected, the universe is connected, but also technology is at the centre of the same."

Photos from the event are available at the following link: http://press.technohyst.com/?page_id=4420

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