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Programme

20-22 November, 2025

	09:50-11:00	11:00-12:00	12:05-13:05	14:20-15:20	15:25-16:25	16:30-17:30	19:00-20:30	22:00-22:30
Thursday 20 November	**Welcome Ceremony**	**Panel Discussion** ***The Rise of Romance*** Fatima Bala Adesuwa Nwokedi Oreva Olujimi **Host:** Amyn Bawa-Allah	**Book chat** ***Dealing With the Dead*** Alain Mabanckou ***Congo Inc*** Bofane In Koli **Host:** Nnamdi Ehirim	**Book Chat** ***The Lion's Den*** Iris Mwanza ***Let Me Liberate You*** Andie Davis **Host:** Wanjiru Koinange	**Panel Discussion** ***Whose Truth Is it Anyway?*** Sonia Faleiro Isa Sanusi Dipo Faloyin **Host:** Ayisha Osori	**Book Chat** ***Mrs Kuti*** Yeni Kuti Femi Kuti Made Kuti **Host:** Dami Ajayi		**Bedtime Story** Adedapo Adeniyi
Friday 21 November	**Book Chat** ***The Bone River*** Nkereuwem Albert ***Firstborn of the Sun*** Marvellous Michael Anson **Host:** Sharon Adeoye-Ajanlekoko	**Panel Discussion** ***The Stories that Matter*** ***Get Rid of Your Phone Mummy*** Mazzi Odu ***Jojo and Sandwich*** Kiisa Soyinka ***Zizah the Special Boy*** Paul Okuego **Host:** Tonye Faloughi-Ekezie	**Book Chat** ***Sweet Heat*** Bolu Babalola ***Hafsatu Bebe*** Fatima Bala **Host:** Leonora Ifeanyichukwu	**Book Chat** ***Tunde Onakoya The Chess Champion*** Tunde Onakoya Kayode Onimole Lola Shoneyin **Host:** Muthoni Muiruri	**Panel Discussion** ***Why Speculative Fiction Matters*** Marvellous Michael Anson Chisom Umeh Adedapo Adeniyi **Host:** Mazi Nwonwu	**Book Chat** ***Minor Detail*** Adania Shibli **Host:** Khadija Sanusi	**Film Screening** ***When Nigeria Happens*** Ema Edosio Bayo Oduwole **Host:** Omotoke Solarin-Sodara	**Bedtime Story** Fatima Bala
Saturday 22 November	**Interview** Bernardine Evaristo **Host:** Angela Wachuka	**Panel Discussion** ***Global Media and Selective Empathy*** Adrian Harewood Zeinab M Salih Jonas Kiriko **Host:** Joseph Ike	**Book Chat** ***Gas Light*** Femi Kayode ***The Crimson Vigilante*** Olayinka Yaqub **Host:** Chinenye Igbudu	**Panel Discussion** ***What is Truth?*** Adania Shibli Kunle Ajibade **Host:** Olaokun Soyinka	**Book Chat** ***Pride and Joy*** Louisa Onome ***Wilderness of Mirrors*** Olufemi Terry **Host:** Thandie Abigail	**Panel Discussion** ***Mainstream Media and the Loss of Trust*** Tolu Ogunlesi Colombe Schneck Myroslav Laiuk **Host:** Fatima Zahra	**Palm wine and Poetry** Momtaza Mehri Yashika Graham Maryam Bukar Abubakar Umar Sidi Dami Ajayi **Host:** Wana Ubdobang	The Recurrence Chukky Ibe Zaynab Bobi Bash Amuneni

Music: The Recurrence

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