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To mark the **World Portuguese Language Day** and **UNESCO Culture and Arts Education Week**, the Embassy of Portugal in Brussels and the United Nations present **“Nteregu”**, directed by **Manuel Loureiro & Roger Mor**, and produced by NGO **Ser Mudança**.



## Introductory remarks by

**Sherri Aldis**, Director of the United Nations Regional Information Center  
**António Costa Moura**, Ambassador of Portugal to Belgium

## Closing remarks by

**Lurdes Bessa**, Ambassador of Timor-Leste to Belgium

## The film will be followed by a panel discussion with



**Manuel Loureiro**  
Movie Director

**Manuel Loureiro** is a multidisciplinary filmmaker with a background in video, film, television, and photography. His work includes documentary series produced for Portuguese television, as well as award-winning short films such as Bissau Vila Morena and Cicatriz. He currently works as a videographer, director, and director of photography, with a primary focus on documentary filmmaking.



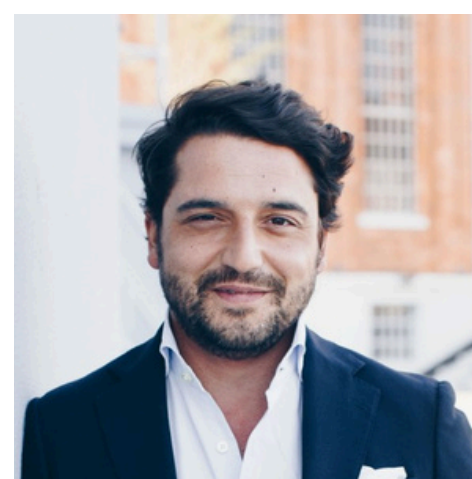
**Sherri Aldis**  
Director, United Nations Regional Information Centre

**Sherri Aldis** is the Director of the United Nations Regional Information Centre for Western Europe since February 2022. From 2015 to 2022 she was Chief of United Nations Publications at UN headquarters in New York, overseeing its publishing activities and strategic partnerships with the publishing industry and academia. Before joining the United Nations, she had an extensive career in international publishing.



**Lodovico Folin Calabi**  
Director of the UNESCO Liaison Office in Brussels and UNESCO Representative to the European Union

**Lodovico Folin Calabi** is the Director of the UNESCO Liaison Office in Brussels and UNESCO Representative to the EU since March 2025. Prior to this, he served as Senior Crisis Coordinator at UNESCO Headquarters and was Chief of Taskforce in the Director-General's Cabinet, coordinating the large-scale efforts for the reconstruction and recovery of the Old City of Mosul in Iraq and of Beirut after the August 2020 blast. He has been UNESCO Representative to Palestine and Head of the UNESCO National Office for Palestine from 2014 to 2019. He was also the UNESCO Representative to Libya and Head of the UNESCO Project Office in Tripoli.



Moderation by **António Ferrari**  
Communications Officer for Portugal, United Nations Regional Information Centre (UNRIC)

**António Ferrari** is currently the UN Communications Officer for Portugal at UNRIC. He has been working with the United Nations since 2017, having also served as a Multimedia Producer and Associate Spokesperson in the Office of the Spokesperson for the UN Secretary-General in New York. Before joining the UN, he had an extensive career in journalism, media, communications, and public affairs across both the public and private sectors.

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## Synopsis

Through an engaging visual and sound narrative, Nteregu reveals music as a transversal link that crosses ethnicities, languages, traditions, and histories. In a territory where more than 30 languages coexist alongside a remarkable diversity of communities, music emerges as an invaluable piece of intangible heritage, a vessel of memory and a guardian of collective identity.

*A documentary by Manuel Moura and Roger Mor, produced by NGO Ser Mudança.*

*Run Time: 82 minutes*



## World Portuguese Language Day

*The date of 5 May was officially established in 2009 by the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (CPLP) - an intergovernmental organization that has been in official partnership with UNESCO since 2000, and which brings together peoples with the Portuguese language as one of the foundations of their specific identity - to celebrate the Portuguese language and Lusophone cultures. In 2019, the 40th session of UNESCO's General Conference decided to proclaim 5 May of each year as "World Portuguese Language Day".*

*The Portuguese language is one of the most widespread languages in the world, with more than 265 million speakers spread through all continents. It is also the most widely spoken language in the southern hemisphere. Portuguese remains, today, a major language of international communication and a language with a strong geographical projection, destined to increase.*

**#WorldPortugueseLanguageDay**

## UNESCO Culture and Arts Education Week

*Culture and arts education plays a vital role in building inclusive, peaceful, and sustainable societies. Celebrated each year, this week highlights the power of culture and the arts to inspire creativity, foster empathy, and support lifelong learning.*

*In a world marked by complexity, uncertainty, and profound transformation, the integration of culture and education is more critical than ever. Together, they equip individuals with the creativity, critical thinking, resilience, and social awareness needed to navigate change and contribute meaningfully to the common good.*

*25 - 31 May 2026 will mark the first edition of UNESCO Culture and Arts Education Week, which will have the theme: Culture and arts education for lasting peace.*

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