



EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

***"I write what I feel and in the way I feel it should be written"***  
**Poetry, Dub and Rap-Master Lesego Rampolokeng in Berlin**



On **Tuesday, 9 November 2010 at 18.00 hours**, the Embassy of the Republic of South Africa in Berlin in cooperation with the Seminar of African Studies at the Humboldt University and AfricAvenir presents a reading of South African Poet- and Rap-Master Lesego Rampolokeng. Admission is free.

A **personal registration is compulsive**, please fill out the rsvp form below and fax it back to: 030-22073-194 or email it to: [webmaster@suedafrika.org](mailto:webmaster@suedafrika.org).

**Lesego Rampolokeng** (1965), belongs to the "Children of Soweto" generation, and was part of the *Black Consciousness Movement* demonstrations against apartheid. He grew up and still lives in Orlando West, Soweto, Johannesburg. His early work reflects influences from diverse sources: the reggae of Caribbean dub poets; the political rap of North Americans such as Gil Scot-Heron; street poetry as well as elements of *dithoko* songs, stemming from seSotho traditions.

Rampolokeng has published several poetry collections – some with German translations –, spoken word albums and two volumes of prose. His elaborate poetic art and biting wordsmith's tongue have made him one of the **most widely sought-after South African poets** on stages around the world. It is been a while since his last performances in Berlin. So: **Don't miss this show!**

*"One measure of a poet is what he is prepared to take on, and Rampolokeng is prepared to take on everything: history, politics, religion, war, economics, obscenity, consumerism, silliness, sexual hypocrisy and his own contradictions."* (Centre for Creative Arts, University of KwaZulu-Natal)

**Date: Tuesday, 9 November 2010, 18 hours**

**Venue: Embassy of the Republic of South Africa**

**Tiergartenstr. 18, 10785 Berlin**

Bus 200 (Tiergartenstr.) / M29 (Hiroshimasteg); S/U Potsdamer Platz

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