

To mark International Literacy Day,

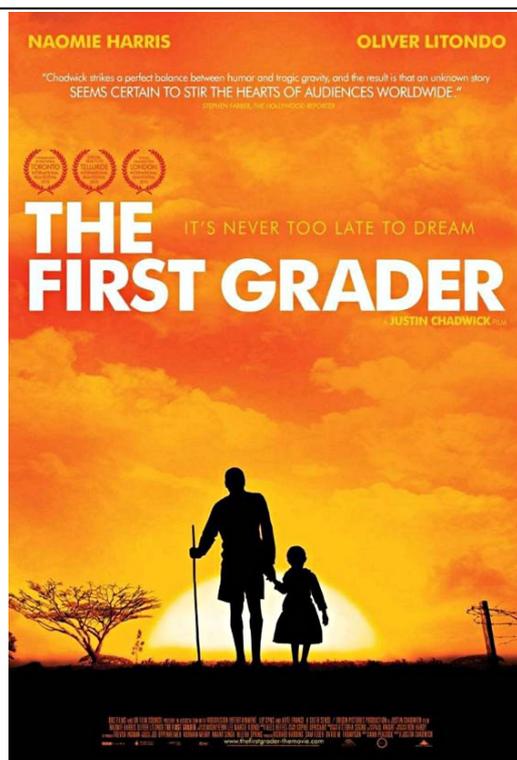
Ciné-ONU and the Goethe-Institut invite you to:

The First Grader

6.30 pm on 11 September,
at the Goethe-Institut

In a small, remote mountain top primary school in the Kenyan bush, hundreds of children are jostling for a chance for the free education newly promised by the Kenyan government. One new applicant causes astonishment when he knocks on the door of the school. He is Maruge, an old Mau Mau veteran in his eighties, who is desperate to learn to read at this late stage of his life. He fought for the liberation of his country and now feels he must have the chance of an education so long denied - even if it means sitting in a classroom alongside six-year-olds.

Based on a true story, this critically acclaimed film, starring Oliver Litondo and Naomi Harris, has been included in the official selections of the Toronto, London, and Durban international film festivals.



The film will be followed by a Q&A with:
Dr. Obdaiah Mailafia – The African, Caribbean, and Pacific Group of States Secretariat
Marie-Paule Roudil – UNESCO Representative to the EU
Joanna Maycock – Head of Europe, ActionAid
Mrs. Jeniffer Njiru – Embassy of the Republic of Kenya.

NB: The film is in English and has a runtime of 103 minutes.



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There is no entrance fee but, as places are limited, it is important to register by sending an email to: cine-onu@unric.org, with the subject field "*The First Grader*" and your full name, and the full name of guest (if applicable). Maximum tickets per person: 2. **If you do not receive a confirmation of your registration via e-mail, please contact us again.**



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