



## **Commendation**

(in the framework of the TOURA D'OR 2002 contest)

**Category: Other kinds of productions**

### **Adventure Ninki Nanka – Samba lives in Africa**

(AX Mediaproduction and German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, German, 3x 15 minutes)

Nine year old Samba sets out in search of the fantasy creature, Ninki Nanka, whom his grandfather had told him about. This dramaturgical trick takes the viewer on a journey through West Africa, through Gambia and Senegal, where the young boy starts his trip on the river Gambia with his German mother and his Gambian father. Picking up the trail in search of the legendary dragon the viewer gets impressions of urban and rural regions in a comprehensible and understanding way: Africa beyond the clichés of bellies blown up by hunger, corrugated iron huts and tribal clashes.

The available version of 3 x 15 minutes is aimed at children; there are additional versions for adults and a 30 minutes travel report on the track of Ninki Nanka. The music was composed especially for this film.

"Adventure Ninki Nanka" encourages the traveller to meet the people of the host country and to have a look behind the scenes of tourism. Because of its basic objective to serve as a drama documentation it fulfils further TOURA D'OR criteria only to a limited extent. For this reason the film is given a commendation.