

Netflix inked deal to collaborate on its first African animated original

Netflix has inked a deal to team up with South Africa's Triggerfish Animation Studios and UK distributor CAKE on animated action-comedy series *Mama K's Team 4*, the first African animated action series.



Set in Zambia and intended for children from six- to 11-year-olds, *Mama K's Team 4* supports the idea that anyone can be a superhero, with its story line centred on a group of teenage girls who are recruited by a former secret agent to help save the world.

It's created by Zambian writer Malenga Mulendema and designed by Cameroonian artist Malcolm Wope, who took inspiration from '90s R&B and hip-hop girl groups.

The series, which is Netflix's first African animated global original, has been in progress as a 25 x 22-minute 2D-animated project since September 2017. Its launch date has yet to be announced.

From a creative perspective, Netflix is collaborating with Triggerfish (*Adventures in Zambezia*) and CAKE, on a continent-wide search to hire black female writers for the show. Their command is to find candidates who have had their work produced for either TV or film, and who are English-speaking African citizens or permanent residents.

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