

## Cascoland Mafikeng 2010 projects by Katharina Rohde

### What is your dream for Mafikeng?

As a warm up, I went out to the streets to find out from the inhabitants of Mafikeng what they are missing in their city. Drawing inspiration from the public the Mmabhato stadium is the testing ground for site specific interventions that provide for the dreams for Mafikeng.



### PV- B\_ Public Viewing Box

Following up on the interviews in the streets, Public Viewing Boxes are constructed. The PV- B's are installed in the Mmabhato stadium for the PVA's (Public Viewing Area) and function as a telescope. Different areas of the stadium are in focus and people are asked to draw possible future scenarios for those spaces within the stadium.



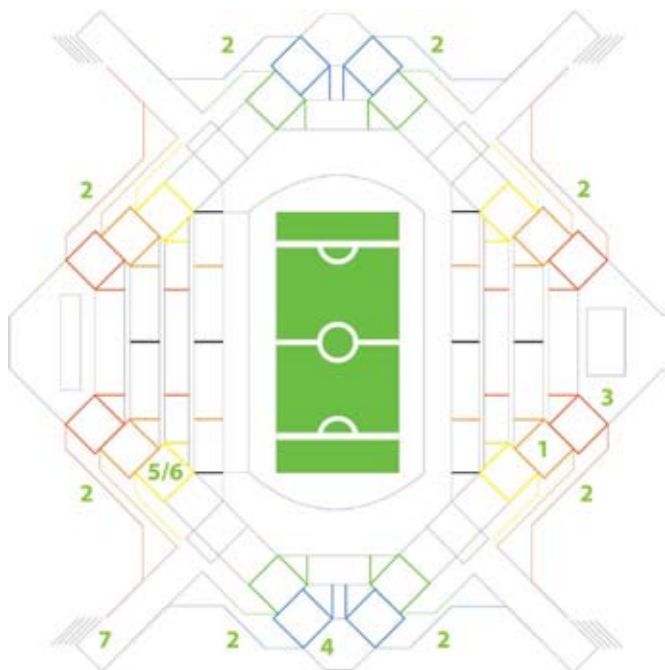
### Mafikeng Manual\_ a user guide for a creative city

The Mafikeng Manual - a user guide to a creative city - locates empty spaces in the town of Mafikeng. The project developed due to the need in Mafikeng, to set up spaces for creative ideas and industries. During three weeks of research, 21 empty spaces in the realm of the inner town were found, documented and future purposes proposed.



## Guided Tours\_ Masterplanning Mmabatho

Seven un(der) used spaces within the Mmabatho Stadium are declared for new usages. A ranking of the peoples' Dreams for Mafikeng decides on spatial transformations and the implementations of ideas. On the days of the PVA's (Public Viewing Area) Guided Tours to all seven spaces and events are organized.



## A new **Running Trail** in Mafikeng

Guided Tour 1\_ The architecture of the Mmabatho Stadium encourages the idea to implement a new running trail. The Ramps, the platforms, and the unused concrete seating areas are transformed; a short, a medium, and a long trail are designed and marked through a sign system sprayed onto the architecture.



## A new **Viewing Point** in Mafikeng

Guided Tour 2\_ In Paris it's the Eiffel Tower, in London the Big Ben, in Mafikeng it's the Mmabatho Stadium that creates the backdrop for a Family Photo. On the days of the PVA's (Public Viewing Area) for the World Cup games the audience is invited to join for a free photo shoot. The photos can be collected on 11th July at the Mmabatho Stadium.



## A new **Dance Studio** in Mafikeng

Guided Tour 3\_ An empty room within the stadium, a few local dancers already practicing, searching for opportunities. During the PVA's (Public Viewing Area) for the World Cup games dance classes are provided in collaboration with the dancers. The classes shall be continued in the future.



## A new **Park** in Mafikeng

Guided Tour 4\_ The lack of public space in South Africa is visible also in Mafikeng. An area on the outside of the stadium is turned into a wild- life experience. Equipped with head- torches and MP3 Players, the visitor can explore the new park after dark. A lighting concept reflects existing structures of trees and bushes onto the architecture of the stadium and therefore the park is being expanded. A sound carpet with wild life vibes accompanies the visitor and plays with their imagination.



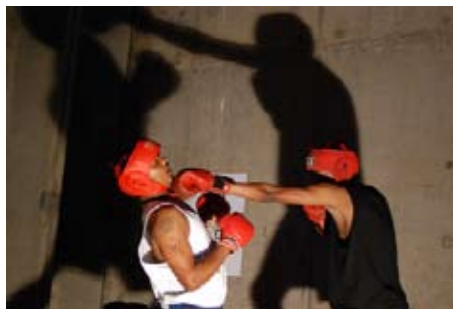
## A new **Food Market** in Mafikeng

Guided Tour 5\_ Out of 300 crates a street- restaurant is designed at an empty parking lot at the entrance of the stadium. In collaboration with local traders- Rebecca and Peter Pule- the new food market offers local delicacies to the soccer audience. The concept of the crate follows spontaneous spaces designed by street traders in Mafikeng- and elsewhere.



## A new **Fight Club** in Mafikeng

Guided Tours 6\_ At night the fighters meet in an abandoned concrete ticketbox. Local boxers are invited to show their skills and the audience is welcome to participate in some matches. Fair fights for all!



## A new **Club** in Mafikeng

Guided Tour 7\_ An empty room within the Mmabatho stadium is turned into a night club with disco-ball, local Dj's and a bar. During and after the games the audience is invited to shake their bodies.

