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Mike van Graan serves as the Secretary General of Arterial Network, an Africa-wide network of artists, cultural activists, creative enterprises and NGOs engaged in the creative sector and its contribution to human rights, democracy and development on the continent.

Mike is based at the African Arts Institute in Cape Town which develops leadership for the African creative sector and builds South African markets for African creative goods and services, and serves as the regional coordinator of the IFACCA.

After South Africa's first democratic elections in 1994, Van Graan was appointed as a Special Advisor to the new Minister responsible for arts and culture, and is currently one of a team of UNESCO cultural policy experts to advise governments on the implementation of the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions.

Artscape, the largest theatre in Cape Town, recently appointed Van Graan – recognised as one of the country's foremost contemporary playwrights - as their Associate Playwright for three years.