

# CS STUDIO ARCHITECTS

## IFAS- FRENCH INSTITUTE IN SOUTH AFRICA JUTA STREET

LOCATION: JUTA STREET, JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

DATE: 2011

### BACKGROUND

This project was undertaken in association with Christophe Hutin Architects based in Bordeaux France. The brief was to renovate two floors at no 62 JUTA Street - a high rise building in Johannesburg - to accommodate the French Institute in South Africa. The challenge was to design a contemporary space in a 1960's building.

### DESIGN

The first floor is a multipurpose space for public exhibitions, workshops and lectures with research facilities. The space is sub dividable with folding sliding glass doors. The second floor houses the administration offices.

The existing steel windows on the two floors were changed into inward opening tilt and turn aluminium double glazed windows in order to mediate the climate and noise from the surrounding roads.

The building has no air-conditioning and relies on natural light and ventilation. An outdoor walkway was added on the 2nd floor to allow for access to all offices from the reception space. This allowed the offices to be bigger. The public multi-purpose space is also decorated with curtains made by a woman's community group.



