

CNN MultiChoice African Journalist 2009 Awards

Entry Form

CNN founded the African Journalist Awards in 1995 and since that time the competition has grown to be the most prestigious and respected Award for journalists across the African Continent.

The CNN MultiChoice African Journalist Awards aim to reinforce the importance of the journalists' role in Africa's development and to reward and recognise journalistic talent across all media disciplines.

To enter the competition, the journalist must be an African national and work on the continent for African owned, or headquartered, media organisations that produce a printed publication or broadcast through an electronic medium (television broadcaster; radio station or website) primarily targeted at and received by an African audience.

Judging Criteria:

The judges will be looking for work which:

- Tells the story in a balanced, comprehensive and objective manner
- Demonstrates journalistic ability and integrity
- Has made the topic accessible and relevant to their audience
- Displays well organised research and insight
- Was broadcast or published between January and December 2008, with proof supplied

The deadline for receipt of entries is **February 16th 2009**

The prizes

The finalists selected will enjoy an all expenses paid programme of networking activities and workshops in Durban, South Africa, culminating in the Gala Awards ceremony. In addition to this each category winner will receive a cash prize and a state-of-the-art laptop computer and printer.

The CNN MultiChoice African Journalist 2009 Award winner will be selected from the category winners and will receive a further cash prize and will be invited to participate in the CNN Journalism Fellowship Programme at CNN headquarters in Atlanta.*

The Categories

Please go through your 2008 stories and ensure you send us the work that best demonstrates your story telling abilities. **Entrants are strictly limited to TWO entries per category and a MAXIMUM OF FOUR ENTRIES ACROSS ALL THE CATEGORIES LISTED BELOW.**

With the exception of Television, Print and Radio General News categories and the Mohamed Amin Photographic Award - all categories are open to print, radio, television and internet journalists.

Arts & Culture Award presented by Zain

The Arts have the power to transform lives while culture is at the heart of today's Africa. Stories should celebrate African culture or The Arts, such as visual art, music, dance, acting, writing, sculpture and crafts

Economics and Business Award

Stories should demonstrate a contemporary, balanced and clear understanding of any aspect of economic and/or business issues on the continent.

Environment Award presented by Ecobank

Entries should relate to any issues including protection of the environment and innovative ways to combat environmental damage across the African continent

Free Press Africa Award

This award rewards excellence and provides support to African journalists who tell their stories at continuing risk to their lives and safety by covering conflicts, exposing corruption or crises in an atmosphere where information is controlled or often suppressed. The award has previously been presented to the late Deyda Hydra from Gambia; the imprisoned Eritrean journalist Seyoum Tsehaye and Musa Saidu Khan whose stories caused him to be tortured and subsequently flee Gambia.

As this category is so specific to the cause of Free Press, it may not always be possible for a journalist to enter his/her own work, so nominations are encouraged from family members, the public, editors or colleagues – using the nomination section of this form.

The HIV/AIDS Award

This Award will recognise reporting on HIV/AIDS that illuminates the broad impact of the epidemic on individuals, communities and nations, and the resilience of the African response to the epidemic. This category is open to journalists from English, French and Portuguese speaking territories.

Mohamed Amin Photographic Award presented by A24 Media

This award is given in recognition of the life and work of the late Kenyan photojournalist, Mohamed Amin. Entries may be either an individual photograph or a photographic essay of not more than 5 photos. Both Black & White and Colour photos accepted.

MSD Health & Medical Award

Entries may relate to all general health and medical issues including, but not limited to, diseases and their treatments; healthcare development; training of medical personnel; the cost of healthcare; the role of traditional medicines and healers and the exodus of medical professionals from the continent.

Print General News Award presented by Safebond Africa Ltd.

This award specifically recognises the work of the print journalist in bringing general news stories to the forefront of the news agenda. Entries may be a single story or a series of articles on the same topic.

Radio General News Award

Radio continues to play an integral part in satisfying listeners' appetite for news, submission should relate to general news stories.

Sport Award presented by Global Media Alliance

Entries should relate to any aspect of sports journalism including, but not limited to, reporting of sporting events; the business behind sport; features on personalities and sports as a tool for developing and building national unity.

Television Features Award presented by IPP Media, Tanzania

An extended news story or documentary up to 60 minutes duration

Television News Bulletin Award

A general news bulletin story not more than 5 minutes duration

Tourism Award

A diverse category that covers the many and varied aspects of the travel and tourism industry in Africa and its contribution to a country's socio-economic development.

Francophone General News Awards

Please refer to separate entry form

Portuguese Language General News Award

Please refer to separate entry form

PLEASE REFER TO THE RULES BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR ENTRY

Failure to complete all fields in the entry form and inclusion of your Curriculum Vitae may result in disqualification.

Fully complete this entry form (copies accepted), detach and return with your entries along with two copies of your CV and any relevant background information relating to your entries, such as any difficulties experienced whilst reporting.

- **Print entries please send the original AND photocopy of each submitted article**
- **Television entries please send two DVD or VHS copies of each submitted article**
- **Radio entries please send two CD/Audiocassette copies of each submitted article**
- **Internet entries please print out the relevant web page and clearly indicate on the form the URL for your work**

Please remember you can only submit a maximum of four stories across all the categories, with a maximum of two entries in one category.

First Name _____

Surname _____

Sex _____

Date of Birth (day/month/year) ____/____/____

Nationality _____

Company _____

Full Postal and street address

Daytime telephone _____

Mobile telephone _____

Email _____

Referee: A person known to the entrant in a professional capacity and, if required, can validate the work submitted

Name _____

Company _____

Position _____

Daytime telephone _____

Mobile telephone _____

Email _____

Category	TV	Print	Radio	Internet	Where & When published/broadcast
Arts and Culture					
Economics & Business					
Environment					
Free Press Africa					
Health & Medical					
HIV/AIDS Journalism					
Photographic					
Print general news					
Radio general news					
Sport					
Television Features					
Television News bulletin					
Tourism					

Rules of Entry

- The competition is open to African professional journalists, whether directly employed or freelancers, working on the continent for African owned media organisations or media organisations headquartered on the continent of Africa and produce a printed publication or broadcast through an electronic medium (television; radio or website) primarily targeted at and received by an African audience.
- The judges, at their discretion, may also consider entries from African journalists filing stories from African countries for media who, for political reasons, are headquartered outside the Continent but continue to produce media primarily targeted at and received by an African audience.
- All entrants must be an African national and be at least eighteen years of age.
- No entry fee is payable
- Employees and their immediate families of Turner Broadcasting System Europe Ltd., (TBSEL), and their respective parent companies, subsidiaries and agencies are not eligible to participate in the competition.
- Each entry must have been published or broadcast in 2009 and proof supplied.
- Applicants are strictly limited to a maximum of four entries across all categories and within a specific category only two stories may be submitted.
- Entries should be made in accordance with the instructions given in this entry form and must be received on, or before, February 16th 2009 at one of the collection point addresses provided on this form.
- TBSEL, MultiChoice and all supporters of the competition will not accept liability for late or lost entries and illegible or fraudulent entries or acts shall render the entrant illegible.
- TBSEL and MultiChoice will be entitled to assume ownership rights to all entries received and all entrants agree to execute any documents as may be necessary to transfer such ownership.
- The panel of distinguished, independent judges with a knowledge and experience of journalistic practices in Africa will meet April 27th to May 1st 2009. Panel members cannot vote on work entered by their organisation, employees or family members.
- Should the quality of entries fall below the standard required, the judges reserve the right not to select a finalist.
- The judges reserve the right to transfer entries for consideration in other categories at their discretion.
- The judges uphold the integrity and reputation of the CNN MultiChoice African journalists 2009 competition and, as such, reserve the right to disqualify any piece of work and/or finalist if, in the judges' reasonable opinion, there exists reasonable doubt about the authenticity and/or accuracy of the submitted entry.
- The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Categories and sponsors of the awards may be subject to change
- Finalists will be required to sign affidavits of eligibility and releases granting TBSEL, MultiChoice and all supporters of the competition, the right to use their names, voices, pictures and work submitted, without compensation, in any media for the purposes of advertising/public relations, media training in journalist workshops and publicizing all matters related to the competition.
- Unless expressly indicated otherwise, TBSEL shall be entitled to use the information you provide to notify you of any future CNN MultiChoice African Journalist competitions. TBSEL may also share this information with the distinguished organisations that support the competition.
- Journalists selected by the panel of judges will be taken, all expenses paid, to Durban to participate in the full finalists' programme and will be expected to be available from and participate fully in the programme from July 14th to 19th. Flights are subject to airline availability. Stopovers and/or open tickets are not permitted
- Depending on the quality of entries, 16 prizes will be awarded in the categories listed in this entry form. Each category winner will receive a cash prize and laptop computer. TBSEL and MultiChoice reserve the right to substitute any prizes, of reasonably comparable value, in the event that the award prizes for any reason are unavailable. Prizes are non transferable.

- One of the category winners will be selected as the CNN MultiChoice African Journalist 2009. Subject to compliance with any legal or immigration requirement as necessary, the CNN MultiChoice African Journalist 2009 Award winner will be offered a return flight and accommodation at CNN Headquarters in Atlanta, USA. No cash alternative.
- TBSEL, MultiChoice and all supporters of the competition disclaim any liability for loss to any person or property relating to the delivery and/or subsequent use of, or participation in, any of the prizes awarded. The winners agree to abide by any and all terms and conditions of the supplier(s) of the prizes. The promoter is TBSEL. For a complete list of finalists please email cnnafrika.competition@turner.com at the end of May. Winners will be announced at the Gala Awards ceremony on July 18th 2009.
- TBSEL have the right to refuse entries not complying with the above rules

Before you send us your entry, please ensure that you have included everything we need:

- Fully completed entry form – plus photocopy
- Two copies of your recent CV
- Print entries – please send original and legible photocopy of your work
- TV/Radio – please send two dvd/tape/cds of your work
- Photographic entries – original photograph plus copy of publication/print out of website where your picture appeared
- Internet – two print outs of the website along with URL
- Any relevant background information on your submitted entries

* Subject to competition rules of entry and in compliance with any legal or immigration requirements as necessary.

NOMINATION ONLY

ONLY USE THIS FORM TO NOMINATE AN INDIVIDUAL FOR THE FREE PRESS AFRICA AWARD

The Free Press Africa Award seeks to recognise a journalist whose work enhances the cause of media freedom in their county and demonstrates courage, integrity and initiative.

These courageous journalists often put their life in danger to tell their story and because of the extreme conditions in which they work it may not be possible for them to enter their stories themselves.

These journalists need to be recognised for producing stories not welcomed by governments of their countries, however due to their hard work, perseverance and bravery the public gain important information – regardless of the consequences to the journalists' lives.

The Free Press Africa Award has previously been presented to the late Deyda Hydra from Gambia; the imprisoned Eritrean journalist Seyhoum Tsehaye and Musa Saïdykhan whose stories caused him to be tortured and subsequently flee Gambia.

Below please provide details of the journalist you are nominating for The Free Press Africa Award and the reason for your nomination. Please give as much detail as possible.

Name of Journalist to be nominated:

Of

(name of publication/broadcaster and country)

Nominated journalist's contact details:

Email : _____

Daytime telephone number: _____

Reason for my nomination:

Please provide as much information as possible relating to the journalist and their work including, if possible, the story/stories covered for consideration by the judges. Supporting documentation/material is also welcomed and actively encouraged.

My details:

First name: _____

Surname: _____

Occupation: _____

Company: _____

Relationship to nominee: _____

Day telephone: _____

Mobile telephone: _____

Email: _____

I nominate the person included on this form for the 2009 Free Press Africa Award and am willing to be contacted for further details

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Entries can be sent to London or to the collection point in Africa nearest you or to any MultiChoice DStv office. All entries must be at these collection points by February 16th 2009.

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