



2017 ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE MEDIA AWARDS CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Zambia Environmental Management Agency (ZEMA) is mandated by the Environmental Management Act (EMA) Number 12 of 2011 to regulate the management of our environment. The EMA outlines the functions of ZEMA ranging from advisory, consultative, co-ordination and information dissemination roles on environmental issues in Zambia.

In March 2017, Government launched the National Policy on Climate Change (NPCC) whose overall objective is to provide a framework for co-ordinating climate change programmes in order to ensure climate resilience and low carbon development pathways for sustainable development towards the attainment of Zambia's Vision 2030. The NPCC is aimed at enabling the country to re-align its climate sensitive sectors of the economy and its society in order to meet its developmental goals through adaptation and mitigation interventions with an integrated approach in line with the forthcoming Seventh National Development Plan.

The Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources is the lead institution in overseeing the implementation of the NPCC. The Ministry of National Development Planning is responsible for overall co-ordination and oversight, and mainstreaming of Climate Change in national development planning processes. The Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit is responsible for, among other things, developing and implementing of Climate Change related disaster preparedness and response programmes.

Both the EMA and NPCC recognise the importance of information provision in the country in facilitating informed decision making on environmental management, climate change and disaster preparedness. In doing so, the Government acknowledges the role played by media in disseminating information on the environment and climate change interventions.

The 2017 Environmental and Climate Change Media Awards are being organized by ZEMA and the Ministry of National Development Planning in liaison with other stakeholders to raise public awareness on issues relating to the environment and climate change in Zambia. The main objective of the awards is to encourage Zambian journalists to produce high quality and accurate stories that give prominence to environmental, climate change and disaster risk reduction issues in Zambia.

We now invite submissions from journalists for the following **three** categories:

1. Environment

- i. Best Features (Print).
- ii. Best News (Print).
- iii. Best Radio.
- iv. Best Television.

2. Climate Change

- i. Best Features (Print).
- ii. Best News (Print).
- iii. Best Radio.
- iv. Best Television.
- v. Best Photography.

3. Disaster Risk Reduction

- i. Best Features (Print).
- ii. Best News (Print).
- iii. Best Radio.
- iv. Best Television.
- v. Best Photography.

Eligibility

Zambian journalists working for or freelancing with any print and electronic media institution are eligible.

Rules

- a) Candidates are required to submit their work (one piece per category) for consideration which must have been published or aired between 1st May, 2016 and 30th April 2017;
- b) Print: Scanned newspaper cuttings or copies/papers, blogs and/or links to newspaper pages. This must include the date the article appeared and the name of the publication in which it appeared;
- c) Broadcasting: Radio/TV: Submit recorded audio broadcasts on CD and/or links to where these can be viewed or heard. Submissions must be backed with a script and authenticated by the Programme Manager and must have been aired; and
- d) A photograph with details of the publication and copies of publication in which the photo was used.

The awards will be adjudicated based on entries submitted by the journalist(s) themselves. Closing date for receipt of materials is **Wednesday, 7th June, 2017**. All entries should be clearly labeled **2017 Environmental and Climate Change Media Awards** and together with a cover letter, should be delivered to:

Ministry of National Development Planning
Attention: National Coordinator for Climate Change
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