



Promoting freedom, responsibility and professionalism of the media

CALL FOR APPLICATION

I. Introduction

The Government of Rwanda's vision is to create a media industry that is competitive and one that truly serves the needs of the citizens through quality programming and content.

The Media High Council (MHC), is a statutory institution established by the law N° 03/2013 of 08/02/2013 determining its mission, organization and functioning. It's mandated with the cardinal responsibility of building the capacity of the Media sector in Rwanda. In the process of implementing its mandate, MHC in partnership with UNDP and ARFEM has organized a 5 day **training of female journalists on Investigative justice reporting**. The training is planned to be conducted in September 2020.

It is in this regard that female journalists who fulfill the selection criteria are required to submit their applications.

II. Objectives

➤ General objective

The general objective of the training is to sensitize women and girls, through the media, to better understand and defend their rights in general, and right of access to justice in particular in the face of injustice against them.

➤ Specific objectives

The aim of the training is to:

- Equip female journalists with the skills that will enable them to professionally carry out all activities in line with gathering, reporting, writing, editing, analyzing and disseminating news related to human rights of accessing to justice;
- Promote human rights of accessing to justice;
- Support women through the media in their fight for social justice to have equal opportunities to secure jobs and fair pay as men, and have an equal chance to work their way out of poverty;
- To encourage and advise women through the media to pursue the path of justice when their rights are violated in various aspects of their lives;
- Empowering through the media women and girls as rights holders, focusing particularly on marginalized women and girls;
- Mobilizing and promoting women's participation in the justice sector;

III. Expected Outcomes

- The concept of justice by female journalists well understood and adopted in Media;
- Judicial issues identified in different areas of the country and reported in Media;
- Programs related to women's rights of access to justice integrated in different media outlets;

- A network of female journalists reporting on justice established;
- Female journalists will enhance their skills in reporting on justice issues.

IV. Topics

The training will cover the following topics:

➤ TOPICS FOR THEORETICAL TRAINING

1. Understanding justice, social justice and Justice Policy in Rwanda;
2. Promotion and Protection of human rights of accessing to justice (strengths and weaknesses);
3. The role of women's organizations and the National Council of Women (CNF) in mobilizing women to actively participate in justice process;
4. Strategies to overcome the barriers hindering female journalists participation in reporting on justice issues;
5. Techniques for producing an investigative justice stories and the role of female journalists in promoting justice in Rwanda;

➤ TOPICS DURING THE PRACTICAL TRAINING ON FIELD

- Do women victims of different forms of violence frequently resort to justice?
- Why do some women choose to remain silent about the violence they suffered instead of taking the issue to justice? How can that problem be solved?
- Why is the issue of sexual violence against underage girls silenced or the issue resolved amicably between families, rather than taking the issue to court? How can that problem be solved?
- What women expect from their peer journalists in the fight against violence against women and their contribution justice process;
- How is sexual violence prosecuted and punished by justice?
- How are the problems of pregnant young girls monitored and how are the people involved prosecuted and punished?
- Domestic violence, how the victims call for justice and how the perpetrators are prosecuted and punished?
- How are perpetrators of child sexual abuse prosecuted and punished?

V. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1. The motivation words explaining in brief reason why you need a selected training (describing what motivates you to apply for the selected training, expectations, what will be the added value to your personal performance and to your media outlet in general);
2. Being a female journalist;
3. Having a valid press card from RMC;

4. Recommendation letter from his/her active media house registered at RMC (it should specify the title of the training that a journalist is applying for, and approved with the current date)

Notice:

- The priority will be given to the first entries;
- Priority will also be given to female journalists who have not attended the MHC training in the last 6 months.

The applications should have been submitted not later than Tuesday, **15th September 2020 at 5pm prompt** and **must be made electronically** via online application form available on the MHC website: www.mhc.gov.rw . Late applications will be rejected.

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