



DEVELOPMENT JOURNALISM AWARDS (DJA) 2019

CALL FOR SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

Every year Rwanda Governance Board (RGB) in collaboration with Rwanda Journalists Association (ARJ) organises Development Journalism Awards to **recognize and promote excellence and professionalism by awarding best-performing journalists and media houses**. This year, the awards event will take place on November 8th, 2019.

In light of the above objective, Rwanda Governance Board and Rwanda Journalists Association call for submission of entries for the 7th Edition of the Development Journalism Awards.

SUBMISSION CATEGORIES

1. Features/documentaries award

This is for the best features/ documentary journalist. It rewards excellent journalism on a matter of public interest which could be descriptive, of a human interest nature or based on an interview. This category is not intended for investigations. Open to broadcasters, written pieces and digital projects.

2. News reporting award

For journalists or media outlets that have demonstrated unequalled professionalism in their reporting of news. Judges will be looking out for application of the core journalistic principles in submitted entries.

3. Business, Finance and economics journalism award

For the journalist who has done the most to probe and investigate the world of business. The Award recognises journalists who accurately interpret the impact of policies and laws on businesses and business practice on the public. Entries are accepted from Print/online and Radio/TV.

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4. Investigation journalism award

For the most incisive and revelatory public interest investigation of the year Collaborative (team) entries from Print/online and Radio/TV are accepted. Judges will be looking for compelling work which brings significant new information to light on a matter of public interest.

5. Photojournalism award

For the photographer whose work has done the most to serve the public interest. This award recognises photographers who have uniquely and creatively used the camera to tell compelling stories. Entrants are required to submit up to three photos (JPEG files). Entrants can also provide PDFs of the photos as they appeared in print or online with a supporting statement of up to 300 words.

6. Interviewer of the year award

For the journalist who has done the most to bring new information to light through interviews. The judges are looking for work which shows journalistic skill and rigour, is revelatory and which serves the public interest. For print/online, broadcast entries, entrants should provide one sample of their best work. A supporting statement of up to 300 words must also be included.

7. Sports journalism award

For the journalist who has done the most to report, comment on or investigate the world of sport and serve the public interest. Collaborative (team) entries are accepted.

8. Talk-show of the Year award

Specific to radio and television, this award recognizes the best talk-shows that served public interest. Entrants shall submit a profile of a talk-show indicating regularity, time of broadcast, hosts and a CD/ DVD with recordings of two best episodes.

9. Video Journalism Award

This category awards the best journalist who has produced captivating videos that address issues of public interest. The submission should be in DVD format accompanied with a description of not more than 300 words. Collaborative entries are accepted.

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10. Unity and Reconciliation reporting Award - sponsored by National Unity and Reconciliation Commission (NURC)

For journalists who have done compelling work on Unity and Reconciliation. Judges are looking for original work on Unity and Reconciliation that has served public interest.

11. Gender, children rights reporting award - sponsored by MIGEPROF

For journalists who have done original, compelling work on equity and empowerment of men and women, and children rights in public interest.

12. Environment reporting award - Sponsored by REMA

For journalists who in their work have displayed in-depth knowledge in covering new developments in environmental conservation, effects of climate change on human life, addressing its effects (resilience). Judges are looking for work which had impact, brought new information to light and which served the public interest. **SUBMISSIONS FOCUSING ON FIGHTING AIR POLLUTION ARE DESIRED.**

13. ICT and Telecommunication award - sponsored by RURA

For journalists who have who have done outstanding articles/stories on ICT and Telecommunication to serve public interest. Judges and looking for work which had impact, brought new information to light and served the public interest.

14. Health reporting award

This award recognises a journalist's determination to generate investigative and well-researched stories related to health. The judges are looking for work which had impact, brought new information to light and which served the public interest.

15. Ikinyarwanda kinoze award - sponsored by Rwanda Academy of Language and Culture

For journalists who have demonstrated proper use of Kinyarwanda language in their work.

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16. Culture promotion award, sponsored by Rwanda Academy of Language and Culture

For journalists OR media houses that have promoted Rwandan culture in their reporting or through their media platforms. Judges are looking for work on culture that served the public interest. Open to journalists and media houses.

17. Service delivery promotion award

For journalists who have done outstanding articles/stories on Service Delivery. Judges are looking for work which had impact, brought new information to light and served the public interest.

18. Community radio of the year award

For a community radio that has done the most to serve community and public interest. Community radios are required to submit recordings of their best programs that address issues in their local communities.

19. Lifetime achievement award

This award recognizes a long serving journalist whose outstanding accomplishments (work ethic, skills, integrity, and dedication) promote the journalistic profession. Only nominations can be made in this category. Nominees will be required to submit a short bio of not more than 500 words showing how their journalistic work served public interest. The winner will be selected by a panel of judges. Submissions are NOT accepted in this category.

20. Female Journalist of the year award

For the female journalist who more than any other, deserves recognition for her outstanding individual performance. The winner will be selected by a panel of judges after examining entries by all female journalists. Submissions are NOT accepted in this category.

21. Journalist of the Year award

For the journalist, who more than any other, deserves recognition for their outstanding individual performance. The winner will be determined by a panel of judges after examining all submitted entries. Submissions are NOT accepted in this category.

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