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Call for Entries – Zimbabwe Journalism Awards on The African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (ACDEG)

ActionAid, being part of a consortium of 14 civil society organizations working to advance the implementation of the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (ACDEG), is calling for entries from Zimbabwean journalists. The Awards is an initiative to recognize and honour journalists in Zimbabwe who have been working on critical, analytical and high-quality reports that amplify the cause of the said Charter and the broader African Governance Architecture (AGA) in the country.

ActionAid Zimbabwe, in collaboration with the Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) Zimbabwe Chapter, convened two (2) training workshops for journalists and media practitioners in 2018 and 2019 to raise their awareness on the ACDEG implementation processes. The two-day workshops were held in Kadoma on two separate occasions. A total of 40 journalists drawn from the public and private media were in attendance. The objectives of the trainings were:

- To ensure that journalists were familiar with the African Charter of Democracy, Elections and Governance (ACDEG).
- To capacitate them to popularize the Charter through their day to day story telling as part of a broader advocacy plan.

Through the training workshops, a coalition with journalists was formed to popularize ACDEG, as well as providing vital information to citizens. It was also envisioned that this process would support the greater objective of reclaiming the constricted civic and democratic space.

ActionAid Zimbabwe hereby makes a Call for Entries for Zimbabwean Journalist who have worked on ACDEG to submit their works for consideration. The competitive awards scheme forms part of activities under the Africa We Want project, titled “Mobilizing Civil Society Support for Implementation of the African Governance Architecture,” which is being implemented by the fourteen (14) consortium members with funding support from the European Commission.

The Awards will honour outstanding stories that focus on the following thematic areas:

- Culture of Democracy and Peace
- Democratic Institutions, Elections and Transitioning of Governments

- Transparency, Accountability and Decentralization of Power
- Inclusion and participation of the youth in democratic processes

The deadline for the submission of the entries is 10 September 2020 at 23:59 Central African Time. Nominees for the Journalism Awards on the ACDEG will be announced on a date to be advised in September 2020.

NOMINATION CRITERIA

An applicant for the Awards must fit the following criteria:

- Be a citizen of and/or a journalist working in Zimbabwe
- Must be working with a media organization (print, electronic or online) in Zimbabwe.
- An entry for the Awards must have been published or broadcast between April 1, 2018 and August 30, 2020.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Interested applicants should send their entries to the contact details below. The entry should be an original work published through a media outlet and must show date of publication/broadcast and the medium in which the work was published. Applicants may submit a minimum of two entries. Invitations for nominees will be sent and the nominees for the Awards will be hosted at a ceremony by ActionAid Zimbabwe in Harare, Zimbabwe on a date to be advised in September 2020.

PRIZES

Winners from each category will receive certificates and cash prizes at the Awards Ceremony due in September 2020.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please send your entries to the following email addresses: rumbidzayi.makoni@actionaid.org; takaitei.bote@actionaid.org; ginnyvee@gmail.com and rangarirai.machemedze@gmail.com by no later than 10 September 2020.