



COMESA MEDIA AWARDS 2016

Call for Entries



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The Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) announces the call for entries for the 2016 COMESA Media Awards. The Award scheme is conducted every year to recognize and reward journalists who have contributed to regional integration by publishing and producing broadcast stories on the subject.

Objective of the Awards

The objective of the Awards is to promote the reporting of COMESA regional integration activities. These include COMESA Programmes and Projects in Member States on trade, infrastructure, and investments among others as well as on COMESA institutions (<http://www.comesa.int/>).

Eligibility

The Awards are open for published and broadcasted works in the fields of Print, Radio, Television, and online media. Only journalists who are COMESA nationals are eligible to enter the competition.

The competition is open to individuals and not media institutions or organisations;

Submission of entries

The entries shall be works published/broadcast by a recognised media institution in any of the 19 COMESA Member States between **1st January 2016** and **31 December 2016**

All entries to be submitted online through the online registration form available at www.comesa.int

Languages

All works entered for the competition shall be in one of the COMESA working languages, namely Arabic, English and French

Categories

Entries shall consist of the following:

- (a) **Print Journalism:** Features/articles of a minimum 700 (seven hundred) and maximum 1,500 (One thousand five hundred) words published in newspapers, magazines/ journals and newsletters.
- (b) **Radio Journalism:** Documentary or discussion programmes of minimum 10 (ten) minutes and maximum 20 (twenty) minutes duration;
- (c) **Television Journalism:** Documentary or discussion programme of minimum 10 (ten) minutes and maximum 20 (twenty) minutes duration.
- (d) **Online/new media:** Features/articles of a minimum 700 (seven hundred) and maximum 1,500 (One thousand five hundred) words published in newspapers, magazines/ journals and newsletters.

Adjudication

Selection of the best works will be decided upon by an adjudication panel identified by COMESA Secretariat from Member States. The adjudication of the Panel shall be final and only the winners will be notified.

Winners and prizes

Winners shall be announced and prizes awarded during the COMESA Heads of State and Government Summit in 2017.

First Prize winners will get sponsorship to the Summit, a monetary award, a trophy and a certificate. In case of a winner being unable to be present at the ceremony, COMESA will make arrangements to send the prize to his/her country.

Respects for Copyrights:

All works submitted must be original and in conformity with copyright requirements.

COMESA is a regional economic community established by Treaty in 1994. It comprises 19 Member States with a population of over 400 million into a cooperative framework for the attainment of sustainable economic growth and prosperity through regional integration.

The work submitted by the entrants shall not be used by COMESA in any other way other than the intended purpose.

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Deadlines

Entries submitted should be those published or broadcasted between **1st January 2016** and **31 December 2016** and reached COMESA Secretariat by **31 January 2017**.

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