



Call for Applications

Media and Journalism Days in Africa session dedicated to the challenges of climate change October 12-16, 2020 in Geneva, Switzerland

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October 12-14, 2020 + study trip October 15 and 16

The Media and Journalism Days in Africa is a project led by Africa 21 and its partners aimed at annually convening journalists from the African continent, alongside experts from international Geneva and around the world, to review, exchange and debate on a selected theme related to the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The first edition took place in 2019 on the theme of climate change with journalists from French-speaking Africa, with a follow up edition in 2020 covering the same theme with journalists from English-speaking Africa. Our objectives are two-fold. The event will strengthen the skills of journalists invited on this topic, offering participating journalists the opportunity to share their realities with the public and international experts. In addition, the event will integrate the Network of African journalists specializing in sustainable development and climate change, in order to create a strong link between international Geneva and the African media.

OBJECTIVES

The 2020 edition of the 'Media and Journalism Days in Africa' engages Journalists from Anglophone Africa to:

- Raise awareness among African media on the 2030 Agenda, international Geneva and environmental and climate issues so that these subjects are adequately followed in the participating media;
- Renew the appeal of international Geneva to the English-speaking African media by establishing a connection between African journalists and organizations in international Geneva;
- Highlight to international Geneva, the realities, challenges and opportunities facing African Journalists, with a particular focus on the realities facing the participating Journalists
- Expand the Network of African journalists specializing in sustainable development and climate change.





AGENDA

Provisional agenda

Saturday October 10

Reception of journalists at the Geneva airport and transfer to hotel

Briefing by the Africa 21 team

Sunday October 11

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Excursion to Chamonix (France) to visit the 'Mer de Glace' glacier

Evening briefing with all journalists on the conditions of stay and the program of the week

Monday October 12 – The Palais des Nations

Opening Ceremony

with representatives from Africa 21, the Swiss Confederation and the United Nations

Opening Debate on Climate Change on the African Continent

with key stakeholders

Panel Discussion on the 'Climate Information'

Journalists debate on the place of climate information on the African continent

International Press Evening

with the Association of Accredited Correspondents to the United Nations

Tuesday October 13 – World Meteorological Organization headquarters

Workshop: What is Climate Change? Climate Policy

with WMO / GEO / IPCC / UNFCCC

Networking Lunch

with the Swiss Representation to the UN and several representatives of international organizations

Workshop: Crises, Prevention and Management of Climate Risks

with UNDRR and ICRC

Wednesday October 14 – World Meteorological Organization headquarters

Workshop: Social impacts of Climate Change

with OIM, Nansen initiative, UNRISD and WHO





Workshop: Economy and Innovations in the Face of Climate Change
with UNCTAD and WTO

Partners Evening at Bain des Pâquis Restaurant

Thursday October 15 – Presence Switzerland

Visit to the ETH Zurich on the Theme of Innovation and Climate Change

Friday October 16 – Presence Switzerland

Visit to the Parliament in Bern on Governance and the Swiss Political System Facing Climate Change Issues

Press Conference

Saturday October 17 and Sunday October 18

Debriefing meeting with the Africa 21 team

Departure of Journalists

Selection criteria

Participating Journalists must meet the following criteria :

- Current Professional Journalist for the written press, radio or TV (press card);
- Poses at least 5 years of professional experience in media;
- Must be active in the field as well as in the newsroom;
- Interest or specialization in sustainable development and climate change issues;
- Valid passport until December 31, 2020 at least and availability to travel to participate in the MJDA event;
- **Female candidates strongly encouraged;**
- Eligible countries: Botswana, Egypt, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mauritius, Nigeria, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Calendar

- 1 – 20 May 2020** Call for Applications
21 – 31 May 2020 Selection of Journalists
1 June 2020 Publication of list of selected Journalists on the website : www.africa21.org





What we fund

Africa 21 and partners cover all travel related and subsistence costs for Journalists attending the MJDA in Geneva, this includes travel allowance, flight ticket, on-site transport, hotel and allowances for food costs on site.

To apply

Applications must be sent no later than midnight May 20, 2020 to info@africa21.org with the subject line "Application for Media and Journalism Days in Africa 2020".

Application documents expected include:

- Copy of the applicants passport and press card;
- A cover letter;
- A short biography;
- A small presentation of the media outfit for which the applicant works;
- Each applicants portfolio of work over the past 2 years (if the applicant has produced a significant number of pieces over the past 2 years, the Applicant is encouraged to select and present only the most relevant pieces;
- Samples of published articles or reports on sustainable development or climate change;
- A proposal for a draft article or report on climate change at local or national level (**important**).

Please note that any incomplete file will automatically be excluded.

