

CALL FOR PROPOSAL OF REPORTING TOPIC ON FISHERIES IN AFRICA

The Network of Journalists for Responsible and Sustainable Fisheries in Africa (REJOPRA) calls on journalists across Africa to come up with original stories on artisanal fisheries. This call includes proposals for print, online, radio and television.

Context :

Small-scale fishing is one of the main sources of income for the inhabitants living on the African coasts. According to the FAO, the majority of the 12 million Africans depending on fisheries for their livelihoods, including 3.5 million of women, are engaged in the artisanal fisheries sector.

Over the last few decades, the livelihood activities of coastal communities have been impacted by climate change and other economic activities, including trawling, construction of all kinds of infrastructure in coastal communities, etc. The coastal communities have been forced to shift their livelihood activities in order to make the both ends meet.

The obstruction of the fishing activities for coastal populations is not only a threat to their livelihoods, but has also jeopardized the sustainability of the marine ecosystem through the overexploitation of resources.

In gearing up for the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture (2022), we want to highlight not only the actors in small-scale fisheries, the challenges as a result of climate change, but also the adaptation initiatives developed here and there.

Topics :

Here-below is listed topics for indicative purpose:

- 1- Women in small scale fisheries
- 2- Blue growth (eviction for tourism, mining activities, etc.)
- 3- Climate changes
- 4- Working conditions
- 5- Fish meal
- 6- African artisanal fishery's emerging voices (Technologies and small-scale fisheries)
- 7- Migration in artisanal fisheries
- 8- Innovative financing and insurance in small scale fisheries

Langages :

Journalists must submit their proposals in **English, French and Portuguese**. Proposals submitted in a language other than the three above mentioned ones will not be considered either for evaluation nor for selection.

Number of proposals

Each journalist can submit as many proposals as he or she wishes. There is no restriction as for the number. Only the relevance of the topics, the proposal's quality and the quality of the journalist matters.

Proposal submission deadline

Proposals must be submitted by 25 March 2020 at the latest to: rejoprao.contact@gmail.com. The shortlisted applicants will be contacted by 30 March at the latest and they will have until 15 April to complete and submit their productions.

Amount and payment :

Written reports (texts + illustrations) will be paid at 300 euros each, while video reporting will be paid at 400 euros each. Payments will be made upon receipt of the final version of the production.

Dissemination :

By submitting their proposals, journalists are committing themselves to disseminating their productions, if accepted, in local media. Therefore, it is necessary to indicate in the proposal form the media in which the production will be disseminated and to confirm that they have the prior consent the concerned media manager. Journalists will subsequently provide proof of dissemination via the following address: rejoprao.contact@gmail.com.

The productions will then be disseminated on [sipanews](#) platforms in French, English and Portuguese for the international viewers.

How to apply:

Each journalist can submit as many story proposals as he or she wishes.

To apply, you must download and fill in the most precise and concise way the Word document «Story Proposal Form» and send it back to us by **March 25, 2020** at the latest to the following email address: rejoprao.contact@gmail.com.

Upon application you will receive an acknowledgement of receipt email for your application within the 24h.

Download the form : **IN ATTACHMENT** _____

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REPORTING PROPOSAL FORM

1st call for reporting / multimedia investigation topic proposals on small scale fisheries in Africa

Period: March 2020

Application deadline: March 25 2020

Production deadline: April 15 2020

*Below information is mandatory

1. Journalist's identity	
FAMILY NAME *	
FIRST NAME (S)*	
PRESS BODY *	
TOWN	
COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE *	
TEL 1*	
TEL 2	
EMAIL*	
FACEBOOK	
TWITTER	
WEB SITE	
BLOG	
2. Proposal	
Which topic your proposal will cover ?*	

<i>What is your topic ? (in one sentence)*</i>	
<i>What is your methodology (how do you plan to report your story ? (in one sentence)*</i>	
<i>Describe in 125 words maximum your reporting idea by clearly stating what you would like to pinpoint.*</i>	
<i>What are the locations you are planning to visit ?*</i>	
<i>What are the people to meet with?*</i>	
<i>Which other source of information?*</i>	
<i>How much time do you need to fully cover this topic?</i>	
<i>Describe the working material you have and to be used for this reporting activity</i>	
<i>For the proposals to be eligible, the applicant must commit himself to publish the article or the video in a local media. Tell us in which local media you are planning to publish your article / video in case your proposal is shortlisted ?</i>	
<i>Do you have the consent from the manager of the media in which you will publish your article or video ?</i>	
3. Cases of previous production works done	
<i>Attach your two best production works recently published (regardless the topic)</i>	