



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS – CoMMPASS Journalism Award on Migration Reporting

The CoMMPASS programme (Communicating Migration and Mobility: E-Learning Programs and Newsroom Applications for sub-Saharan Africa) is pleased to announce the CoMMPASS Journalism Award, which seeks to recognize excellence in reporting on migration issues in sub-Saharan Africa.

The competition is primarily – but not exclusively – open to journalists and journalism students who have participated in the CoMMPASS online training on media and migrations in Africa. However, any eligible journalist or journalism student may apply.

OBJECTIVE

The CoMMPASS Journalism Award celebrates outstanding, ethical, evidence-based and innovative reporting on migration, displacement and human mobility. It aims to encourage coverage that goes beyond stereotypes and focuses on depth, accuracy, human stories and constructive perspectives.

ELIGIBILITY & SUBMISSION RULES

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Journalists, journalism students or media practitioners working for print, radio, TV, digital or multimedia platforms or as freelancers.

Participants who completed the CoMMPASS online course will receive priority consideration, but this is not a requirement.

PUBLICATION PERIOD

Submitted work must have been published or broadcast between 15 Jan 2025 and 15 January 2026 in a recognized media outlet or journalistic platform.

FORMAT

- Written article (from a legacy or an online media)
- Radio or podcast report
- TV or video report
- Photojournalism
- Multimedia or web documentary

LANGUAGES

1. English
2. French
3. Portuguese
4. Kiswahili

THEMES

Submissions may address any aspect of migration, including but not limited to:

- Migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, internally displaced people
- Climate and migration
- Migration and gender
- Trafficking and protection
- Labour migration & economic impacts
- Diaspora & transnational ties
- Policy, governance and human rights
- **Cross-border stories and regional perspectives are highly encouraged**

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All entries must include:

- The article/report (maximum 2 entries per applicant)
- Proof of publication/broadcast
- A brief cover letter explaining the subject and relevance of the piece
- A short biography of the author(s) (max. 150 words)

Submissions must be sent by 15 January 2026 to: commpass2326@gmail.com only.

By submitting an entry, participants grant CoMMPASS a non-exclusive right to reproduce and share the material for educational and promotional purposes, while full copyright remains with the author(s).

Personal information collected through the application process will be used solely for award administration and will not be shared with third parties without consent.

Participation in the competition is free of charge and no fees will be requested at any stage.

Collaborative works are eligible, provided that all co-authors are clearly identified in the submission.

EVALUATION PROCESS

All entries will be reviewed by the CoMMPASS Award Jury, composed of CoMMPASS trainers and facilitators and professional journalists and media experts.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The jury will evaluate submissions based on the following criteria:

- Accuracy & factual rigor
- Depth of research and use of credible sources
- Relevance and originality of the topic
- Ethical considerations and respect for human dignity
- Quality of storytelling and narrative structure
- Balance of perspectives and diversity of voices
- Innovation in format or approach
- Constructive and solution-oriented reporting
- Cross-border or regional significance (strongly encouraged)

The jury reserves the right not to confer any distinction if submissions do not meet the required standards.

AWARDS & CEREMONY

The awardees will be publicly announced during the CoMMPASS International Closing Conference, to be held in early February 2026 in Kampala, Uganda. Additional special mentions may be granted depending on submissions received.

The awardees will receive an official CoMMPASS distinction and international recognition and will:

- Have their work published and featured on the official CoMMPASS website
- Receive promotion through the programme's social media channels
- Be awarded an official international certificate of achievement

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