

"Water and environment» media competition: 25 years of GWP

Global Water Partnership West Africa (GWP-WA), as part of the celebration of 25 years of activities of the Global Water Partnership (GWP), is launching the sixth edition of the "Water and Environment" journalism contest.

The prize will reward the best press articles and audio or video reports on the theme "Water Security and Climate Resilience in West Africa: Acting for the Well-Being of the People" and which should highlight the action of change makers in the processes described.

The articles and reports selected by a jury of GWP-WA professionals will be awarded and the author(s) of the best production will be invited to take part in the GWP-WA Assembly of Partners which will take place in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, at the end of September 2021.

All candidates should send their participation file by email to gwp.westafrica@gwpao.org and sidi.coulibaly@gwpao.org before September 05, 2021 at midnight. Competing stories and programmes must have been published or broadcast in the media (newspaper, radio and internet) between 1st March and 31st August 2021.

For more information refer to the competition rules.

RULES OF THE "WATER AND ENVIRONMENT" MEDIA COMPETITION

1. Global Water Partnership West Africa (GWP / WA), located at Ouaga 2000 - Sector 15, Rue Charles Bila KABORE, Door No. 1673 Ouagadougou - Burkina Faso is organizing a "Water and Environment " media awards on "*water security and climate resilience in West Africa: acting for the well-being of the people* " .
2. Environmental journalists from West Africa are invited to participate in the "Water and Environment" media contest on this topic individually or collectively, except employees of GWP.
3. All applicants to the "Water Prize" are expected to have read the Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) Principles, the West Africa Regional Water Policy (WARWP) and the West Africa Water Vision or the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and decided if and how their work could take into account one or more aspects of these principles, policy or the Vision or contribute in achieving the sustainable development goals.
4. Applicants (individually or in a group) can only send one application (series of articles are counted as one) for each price. Applicants submitting more than one application will be automatically disqualified.
5. Any application with false contact details of the applicant is void; organizers of the contest reserve their right to verify.
6. Applicants to the "Water Prize" must submit one news and current affairs report/piece or series (documentaries, research works, or other non-journalistic works will not be accepted), specifically referring to West Africa's water security and climate resilience with a focus on the action of actors that led to a change. These media items do not need to refer explicitly to specific articles of the IWRM principles or the Vision but applicants must be able to demonstrate how they can be used to illustrate one or more of these principles and the Vision and the WARWP. See also point 9 below.
7. Works submitted should have been published between 1st March and 31st August 2021 (a publication and non-profit use authorization to be signed by the author and editor is included in the application form).
8. For radio pieces, the script should be attached in addition to audio versions of the stories complying with one of the formats included in the application form. Pieces submitted should not be longer than 15 minutes.
9. Articles/reports can be submitted in either English, French. However, a summary (maximum 10 lines) showing how the piece illustrates one or more aspects of the IWRM principles, the WARWP or the West Africa water Vision and globally the sustainable development goals and highlighting its content and relevance locally and regionally should be provided in English or French.
10. Applications can be sent by email to: gwp.westafrica@gwpao.org and sidi.coulibaly@gwpao.org (midnight, Ouagadougou time or GMT+00). Applications sent by airmail or other means than email will not be accepted, unless there is a prior exceptional agreement with the organizers.
11. Titles of files uploaded should clearly indicate the surname and the country of applicant.
12. A first selection will be done at the level of organizers based on the summaries mentioned under point 9.
13. For each price a selection will be made by an independent jury made of natural resources and Media management experts. The jury that will award the "Water price" will meet and select the prize-winning works.

14. Decisions taken by the juries should be considered final and cannot be appealed.
15. For each prize, winners will receive a certificate representing the trophy for their contribution to illustrating the sustainable management of natural resources with powerful and eye-opening stories. In the case of group applications, only one author (selected by the group) will be invited to receive the prize.
16. Three prizes will be awarded, and the author of the best production will be invited to the next GWP-WA Assembly of Partners in Ouagadougou in the week of September 27, 2021. The participation cost including air ticket, accommodation and a DSA will be covered by organizers.
17. All winning stories will be published on the GWP WA website. GWPWA reserve the right to publish all or extract of the non-winning stories on the awards website or other websites or any form of publication in the frame of this competition with the name of the author. Negotiations regarding media rights with other entities should be done directly by the applicant(s)/author(s)/editor(s).
18. GWP-WA reserve the right to shorten, extend, suspend, modify, or cancel this competition in case of unforeseen circumstances. But information about these changes will be made known as much as possible through traditional communication channels. In addition, GWP- WA cannot be held responsible for:
 - a. incident related to the use of the computer and / or telephone line, Internet access and / or any other technical problem;
 - b. delays or damage caused by the Post Office in case an agreement was made on this mailing;
 - c. or any other case of force majeure, such as unexpected cancellation of the world Congress by third parties.
19. According to the law "Computer and Freedom", participants have a right to access, modify, rectify and delete data concerning them, which right may be exercised directly on the website of the Competition and / or contact the organizers at the following addresses: gwp.westafrica@gwpao.org or sidi.coulibaly@gwpao.org
20. The information collected will not be used for purposes other than those of information and communication in the frame of this competition. However,
 - a. The information collected in this Contest may be disclosed to third parties, such as campaign partners, business partners (media and broadcasters interested in the work and want to negotiate with the candidate a possible replay) or non-commercial (media development NGOs). Participants not wishing can indicate this on the application form.
 - b. Winning participants allow GWP- WA to use elements of their nominations, to promote the "Water and Environment" media competition without limitation or reserve, and without giving them remuneration, a right or any other benefit other than the award of the prize.
21. Statements and testimonies included in the stories and programmes submitted for the PRIZE cannot and should not be used to testify or imply any commitment or responsibility of the organizers for recognizing, validating any reference or geographical delimitations or others. The authors are solely responsible for the content of the stories and programmes.

22. Participation in the contest implies acceptance without limitation or reserve of this Regulation. All questions of application or interpretation of the Rules or any unforeseen issues that would arise should be processed sovereignly by organizers.

This Regulation shall be exclusively subject to the law of Burkina Faso.