



## **RULES OF COMPETITION OF THE FAAPA GRAND PRIZE FOR THE BEST ARTICLE, THE BEST PHOTO, THE BEST VIDEO REPORT AND THE BEST AUDIO REPORT**

Considering the decision of the Atlantic Federation of African Press agencies which approved, during its 1st General Assembly held on November 26 and 27, 2015 in Rabat (Morocco), the creation of the FAAPA Grand Prize for the best article, the best photo, the best video report and the best audio report of the journalists belonging to the news agencies members of this African federation;

Whereas the General Assembly mandated the Executive Council of the FAAPA to examine the modalities and criteria for the participation and award of this prize, which aims to encourage excellence in African news agencies;

Whereas the Executive Council, which met on 10 May 2016 in Rabat, finalized the draft Rules of the FAAPA Grand Prize Competition for submission to the General Assembly for adoption;

The Second General Assembly of the Atlantic Federation of African Press Agencies, held on 8 and 9 December 2016 in Casablanca (Morocco), unanimously approved the present FAAPA Grand Prize Rules for the best article, the best photo, the best video report and the best audio report.

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS:**

1. The FAAPA Grand Prize for the best article, the best photo, the best video report and the best audio report, will be awarded annually, except in case there will be no participation or competition for candidates.
2. News items, photos, video and audio reports must refer to themes concerning the African continent.
3. The proposed news items, photos, video and audio reports must first have been published or broadcast by the submitting news agency during the 12 months preceding the submission of applications.
4. Each news agency may participate in the FAAPA Grand Prize competition with only one article, one photo, one video report and one audio report.

## **PROCEDURES AND CONTENTS:**

5. The proposed articles, photos, video and audio reports must be submitted and reach the Secretary General of FAAPA before 30 September each year. They must be sent by fast mail or by e-mail.

6. News items, photo captions and the contents of the video and audio reports should be translated into English or French by the news agency which submitted the application.

7. Articles must not exceed 1200 words.

8. Photos may be in color or black and white.

9. Photo captions must not exceed 100 words.

10. The video reports should not exceed 3 minutes.

11. The audio reports should not exceed 3 minutes.

12. The Secretary General of FAAPA shall send copies of the various applications to the members of the Executive Council, for review and evaluation, two weeks after the closing date.

13. The Executive Council will select the laureates of the FAAPA Grand Prize in accordance with the rules mentioned above and will announce the winners at the General Assembly.

## **PRIZE:**

14. The FAAPA Grand Prize will be worth one thousand dollars (US \$ 1,000) for each category.

15. The award ceremony will take place during a brief ceremony at the General Assembly.

16. The winners will be offered a one-week trip in the country to host the General Assembly. The news agency of the host country will bear all costs arising from the travel (airline return ticket, hotel, catering and transport).

17. Certificates signed by the President of FAAPA will be presented to the winners.

18. The best article, the best photo, the best video report and the best audio report will be posted on the FAAPA website.

**Adopted in Casablanca, on 9 December 2016**