CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

In Her Own Voice

Amplifying Coverage of Women-Led Environmental Initiatives in Rwanda

Environmental Journalism Training Programme



Are you an accredited journalist based in Rwanda interested in producing compelling, data-driven environmental stories and bringing greater attention to women's contributions to climate action?

The Legal Aid Forum (LAF) invites applications for a capacity-building programme aimed at strengthening data-driven, gender-sensitive environmental journalism in Rwanda, with particular attention to women-led environmental initiatives.

The programme is implemented by LAF in partnership with Thomson Media gGmbH and is funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

About the programme

The programme combines online learning, in-person training, and opportunities for production support and mentorship. Twenty journalists will be selected through a competitive process assessed by a jury that includes an independent senior editor. The programme comprises:

Online learning

An e-course in Kinyarwanda on data journalism. This course forms part of the programme, and its completion is mandatory for participation in the in-person training.

In-person training

Two in-person workshops in Kigali, covering gender-sensitive reporting and reporting on environmental and climate initiatives.

Production support and mentorship

10 of the 20 trained journalists will be competitively selected to receive production support of up to 10,000,000 RWF each, alongside mentorship from experienced experts.

Course link: https://www.journalismnow.org/course/itangazamakuru-ryifashisha-amakuru-shingiro-ku-banyamakuru-bo-mu-rwanda

This production support is designed to enable each recipient to publish two (2) in-depth environmental stories that incorporate a gender-sensitive perspective. Stories highlighting women-led environmental initiatives are particularly encouraged. Recipients must provide a letter from a media organisation confirming its commitment to publish their stories.

What does the programme offer?

Practical knowledge and skills in data-driven, gender-sensitive environmental reporting.

Opportunities to connect with fellow journalists and experts in environmental and gender-sensitive reporting.

Production support and mentorship for 10 selected journalists to develop and publish their stories.

Who can apply?

The programme is open to accredited journalists based in Rwanda who work in print, online, radio or television. Both freelance and staff journalists are eligible. Applicants must:

- Be fluent in Kinyarwanda and/or English.
- Complete the data journalism e-course before attending the in-person training.

Female journalists are particularly encouraged to apply.

How to apply

Applicants must submit:

- Certificate of completion of data journalism e-course.
- A copy of a valid press card.
- An up-to-date CV.
- Examples of previous articles or reports on climate change or the environment (if any).
- A 250-word story pitch outlining an environmental issue they would like to explore. Pitches focusing on women-led environmental initiatives are particularly welcome.
- A recommendation letter from their media organisation.

Applications should be submitted to info@legalaidrwanda.org by 30th November 2026 at 17:00 CAT.