

Competition rules for the 4th 'Africa Focus' Photography Contest

Casa África announces the 4th 'Africa Focus' Photography Contest, which will reward the photographs which best make known the positive aspects of the African continent in relation to water, which is this edition's theme and coincides with the International Year of cooperation in the water field announced by the United Nations. Photographs should show an optimistic approach in order to break down the stereotypes that have marked the neighbouring continent for a long time. Casa África, as a public consortium that is made up from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, the Spanish Agency of International Development Cooperation (AECID), the Government of the Canary Islands and the Town Council of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, is entrusted with the functions of promoting actions and projects that contribute to better understanding and development of all kinds of relations between societies in Africa, Europe and Spain.

1. Participants

- a. Any person of legal age can take part in the competition. Under no circumstances may they have any kind of working and/or professional relations with Casa África
- b. Participation by the competitors implies the acceptance of these rules and is subject to the judges' final decision
- c. Each participant expressly authorises Casa África to reproduce, distribute and publicly communicate the images submitted, as well as to adapt them to the necessary medium for their communication. These images will form part of Casa África's archive, which may only be used by them for non-profit documentary purposes. This authorisation does not grant Casa África exclusivity, and the authors may use their own images as per their own criteria. In the event that Casa África uses an image in public communication events, the author's name will always be mentioned
- d. In cases that differ from those specified in the previous section (1.d.), Casa África will manage those corresponding rights with each author

2. Subject

- a. The 4th 'Africa Focus' Photography Contest is looking for photographs that best portray water in all its facets and that enhance the current and positive aspects of the African continent, that side that usually does not appear in traditional media. It hopes to publicise the role that water plays in societies of the neighbouring continent. In this way, images will be accepted that communicate positive concepts related to water: landscapes, sustainable projects that promote its development, sanitation, access to water, agriculture or food, among other aspects

3. Procedure and selection

- a. The invitation to submit photographs will be open from 7th October until 9th December at 2 p.m. (Spanish mainland time)
- b. Each contestant can take part with a maximum of three (3) photographs. For this, you should send them by email to redes.sociales@casafrica.es. The

photographs should be in JPEG or PNG format with an appropriate resolution and size of between 1.5MB and 4 MB. The participant's following personal details should be included:

- Name and Surnames
- Contact telephone
- Email address
- Date of Birth
- Nationality
- ID No., passport or Foreign residence card
- Address
- Post Code
- Town and Country
- Title of each photograph
- Description of each photograph
- Date and place where each photograph was taken

Competitors that do not include these details in the message could be excluded from the competition.

- c. We also value the creativity and innovation of the technique used and the way the message is transmitted. The photograph's description and title will also be valued under these criteria
- d. The jury will be made up from renowned professionals from the field of the arts. Its composition will be communicated once the decision is published and they will meet shortly after the reception period for the photographs ends. The jury's decision will be published on Casa África's website (<http://www.casafrica.es>) and on the social networks where Casa África is present
- e. Casa África reserves the right to declare the competition void if the number of images presented were not enough or in the case that, in the jury's opinion, the artistic level or reason for the photographs does not fit in with the competition's rules or objectives
- f. The photographs may not be older than ten years when they are submitted, and should not have received an award in any other contest

4. Prizes.

- a. Each image could obtain one of the following prizes:
 - First prize: 600 €
 - Second and third prize: 200 € each one
- b. The authors of the five prized photographs will be notified of their prize via the email address given for communication
- c. The winners must respond to the message received accepting the prize. If no response is received within five working days from when the email is sent or if the email address is incorrect or non-existent, the prize will automatically pass to the following photograph chosen by the jury
- d. Payment of the prize will be subject to Spanish tax legislation in force at the time of payment, regardless of the winner's country of tax residence

- e. The winners will be able to receive the prize via a bank transfer or a money transfer service. The transfer fees will be charged at the destination account

5. Data Protection

- a. The competition's contestants and participants are informed and authorise that personal data given when enrolling into the competition, without which they could not take part in the competition, will be incorporated into an automated file, which is held by the Casa África Consortium, and will be used only so as to allow them to take part in the competition

6. Rights of exclusion

- a. Casa África Consortium reserves the right to rule out and exclude participants from the competition in the following cases:
 - If they enrol with false data. Due to this, participants may be requested to verify their data
 - If they fraudulently or artificially manipulate their participation in the competition
 - If the jury consider that the photographs do not fit in with the subject matter set out; contain elements that in any way could be considered contrary to fundamental rights and public freedom; they induce, incite or promote criminal, slanderous, violent actions or that are generally against the law, morality or good customs generally accepted in public order; they are protected by any copyrights or intellectual rights belonging to third parties, without the participant having acquired previous legal permission from the holders beforehand; they violate the right to honour, personal or family privacy or the image of people themselves; they could be considered advertising or have a virus or other elements that could damage the normal functioning of the network, system or computer equipment
 - If any of these rules are not complied with in any way

7. Exoneration of responsibility

- a. The Casa África Consortium will be exonerated and will not be responsible for the failure of the participant to comply with copyright, intellectual property ownership or that of image, as well as any responsibility that could arise from this failure or defective compliance by the participants of these Competition rules