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RULES FOR CASA ÁFRICA'S 5TH FLASH FICTION COMPETITION

First. Participants

1. Any physical person who is over 18 years old will be able to take part in the competition and be of any nationality or resident in any country. They must under no circumstances have any working relationship with the Casa África Consortium
2. Up to a maximum of three short stories will be admitted per author

Second. Subject

The subject is free to choose although the stories should have some type of link to Africa. The story can take place inside or outside the continent and its degree of connection with Africa can vary from just a detail to the whole part of it.

Third. Conditions that the short stories should meet

1. The short stories should be original, unpublished and should not have won a prize or be pending a decision in other competitions or contests. The participants must guarantee that there are no rights from third parties on the short stories presented and they will be liable for any claims that may arise due to this
2. The stories can be presented in Spanish, English, French or Portuguese
3. Each short story must have a maximum of 1,400 characters (not words), excluding the title, i.e., around 200 or 250 words approximately

Fourth. Sending of short stories and documentation

1. The short stories must be presented using the online form made available on the website www.casafrika.es. The participating authors must attach a photocopy of their National Identity Card, Passport or Residence permit in the last step of the form
2. The form referred to in the preceding paragraph will not allow any short story that contains more than 1,400 characters, including spaces

3. The contest will remain open from the 21st April to the 2nd July 2017, both included. Any short stories received after the deadline will not be accepted

Fifth. Composition of the Jury, performance and assessment criteria

The jury will comprise of experts in African literatures, appointed by the Casa África Consortium. The composition of the jury will be announced after their decision is published.

Sixth. Jury's Decision

1. Casa África will make public the decision of the awards on 21st July 2017. The jury's decision will be published on Casa África's website (www.casafrika.es) and on the social networks Casa África is present on
2. The jury's decision is final, with Casa África having the right to declare the prize void

Seventh. Prize

1. The first prize will be for 500 euros. The payment of this prize is subject to Spanish legislation in force at the time it is paid, irrespective of the tax in the winning author's country of residence. The winner can receive the amount of the prize through bank transfer or a money transfer service. Transfer and handling costs will be deducted from the total amount of the prize or charged to the destination account
2. The second and third prizes will be for gift vouchers of 100 euros sponsored by Librería Canaima to use on their online shop
3. The prize winners in these three categories will each receive a set of books belonging to Casa África's Literature Collection
4. The 50 best stories, chosen by the Jury will form part of a digital publication that Casa África will publish. This digital edition will feature renowned writers, among them leading African writers who have taken part in Casa África's Literature Collection and in Casa África's African Letters programme
5. The authors chosen authorise and give Casa África

the necessary rights to create an electronic edition of the chosen short stories and disseminate them through Casa África's website and other platforms. These authors will not receive, for these and other concepts, any financial remuneration, except for the authors of the winning three short stories who will receive the prizes set out in point 1 of this Seventh Rule

Eighth - Acceptance of the Rules

To take part in this competition, you must send the online form to register for the competition, and this will imply you are aware of and accept this competition's Rules, together with Casa África's decisions regarding them, which are final.

Ninth - Data Protection

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.

Tenth - Notifications

In accordance with the provisions of art. 59.6.b) of Law 30/1992 on the Legal Regime of Public Administrations, all decisions taken by Casa África as part of this competition, including the decision of the prizes, will be communicated to the interested parties by publishing them on the Consortium's website (www.casafrica.es), with this publication substituting that of an individual notification to each person.

Eleventh - Rights of exclusion

6. Casa África Consortium reserves the right to rule out and exclude participants from the competition in the following cases:
- When they enrol with false data. Due to this, participants may be requested to verify their data
 - When they fraudulently or artificially manipulate their participation in the competition
 - When the jury considers that the short stories do not fit in with the subject chosen; contain elements that could in any way be considered against fundamental rights and public freedom; induce, incite or promote criminal, slanderous, violent actions or are generally contrary to law or public order; are protected by any rights of intellectual property belonging to third parties, without the participant having previously obtained the necessary authorisation from their owners; violate the right to honour, personal and family privacy or the image of individuals; may constitute advertising or incorporate elements that may damage the normal operation of the network, system or computer equipment.
 - When any of these rules are not complied with in any way

Twelfth - Exoneration of responsibility

Casa África Consortium is exonerated, and will not be liable regarding any breach from the participant in matters of intellectual, industrial property or of image, as well as any liability that could result in the breach of defective performance by the participants in the competition that relates to these Rules.



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