



**NILE BASIN INITIATIVE**  
INITIATIVE DU BASSIN DU NIL



# NILE MEDIA AWARDS 2020

CALL FOR SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

The Nile Basin Initiative (NBI) invites all print (newspaper & magazine), Radio, Television, Photography and Digital News Publication journalists in the 10 NBI Member States to submit entries for the Nile Media Awards 2020.

Journalists are invited to submit original pieces of their work that promote **Cooperation in Transboundary Waters in the Nile Basin**. This includes such topics as countries jointly addressing challenges like climate change, maximising socio-economic benefits, minimising risks and costs of development projects, and promoting regional peace and security through the cooperative management and use of the shared Nile Basin water resources.

We encourage journalists to explore the benefits of cooperation in the Nile Basin on various topics/sectors, including food, water and energy security, climate adaptation, ecosystems, governance and management of water resources, regional investment projects and many more. We particularly welcome submissions with a strong focus on the human impact of cooperation in the Nile Basin.

On February 22, 1999, Nile Basin countries agreed to cooperate to develop the shared Nile Basin water resources, share substantial socio-economic benefits and promote regional peace and security. This is in addition to jointly addressing challenges, which cannot be tackled by a single country acting alone. To date, all 10 NBI Member States agree that Nile cooperation is not a choice but a must - that it is the best way for ensuring sustainable management and utilisation of their shared Nile Basin water resources in order to maximise benefits and minimise risks and costs.



Egyptian journalist, Ayah Aman, shows off her certificate of recognition at the 2017 Nile Media Awards.

Articles based on the aforementioned theme with a transboundary perspective and published between **July 2017 and March 31, 2020**, will be accepted.

## Goal:

To promote increased, factual and accurate reporting on Nile cooperation and Nile Basin issues.

## Objectives of the Nile Media Awards

- \* Recognise and reward balanced reporting on issues related to Nile Cooperation and the Nile Basin
- \* Inspire journalists in the region to report more on issues surrounding Nile Cooperation and the Nile Basin.
- \* Promote investigative journalism and accuracy as well as creativity and innovation in presenting information about key topics to the Basin, including water security, energy security, food security, environment sustainability, climate change adaptation and trans-boundary water governance.

## Eligible group:

The Award is open to all practicing journalists as well as freelancers in the mainstream media and multi-media outlets from the Nile Basin countries, those that NBI has engaged with directly (e.g. through training and other events), as well as all others. **No entry fee is required.**

## Language of operation:

Entries will be in the following languages; English, French, Arabic, Kiswahili, Amharic, Kirundi and Kinyarwanda. Entries in French, Arabic, Amharic, Kirundi, Kinyarwanda and Kiswahili should be sent along with a compulsory translation in English.

## Award categories:

Awards will be given in the following categories:

Print



Radio



Television



Photography



Digital



## Entry form and Rules of engagement:

**Visit:** [www.nilebasin.org/mediaawards](http://www.nilebasin.org/mediaawards) (effective April 9, 2020)

## Deadline for submission of entries:

June 30, 2020. Email to: [mediaawards@nilebasin.org](mailto:mediaawards@nilebasin.org)



Winners of the 2017 Nile Media Awards display their plaques in Kigali, Rwanda.

## Important Dates:

DATE	ACTIVITY
April 9, 2020	Official announcement/Opening for submissions
June 30, 2020	Deadline for submission
July 1 - September 30, 2020	Review and judging of entries
October 6 - 10, 2020	Unveiling nominees
October 27 - 29, 2020	Awards Event



Burundi



DR Congo



Egypt



Ethiopia



Kenya



Rwanda



South Sudan



The Sudan



Tanzania



Uganda

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