**Competition rules for the AIPS AFRICA 2023 award**

**Presentation of the award**

The AIPS AFRICA 2023 award is an initiative of the African branch of the International Sports Press Association (AIPS) in partnership with AGL (Africa Global Logistics), the leading multimodal logistics operator in Africa.

The award aims to showcase and celebrate excellence in African journalism. It focuses on works with significant social and economic impact, particularly related to the African Cup of Nations (CAN), and their influence on communities. The AIPS AFRICA 2023 award aspires to enrich the media landscape with quality content and redefine sport, especially football, as a powerful vehicle for inclusion and social cohesion.

**2. Conditions for participation**

The AIPS AFRICA 2023 award is open to all working African professional journalists and African media. There are no age limits or work experience conditions.

**3. Prize categories:**

* Press (reports, investigations, documentaries, portraits, etc.)
* Radio
* TV
* Web
* Special prizes awarded by the AIPS Africa Executive Committee for outstanding achievements

**4. Application criteria:**

* Closing date: 15th January 2024
* Applications can be submitted in the following categories: audio, video, print, photography and web.
* Works presented must have been published or broadcast between the 1st of January 2023 and the 20th of January 2024 in a recognised and publicly accessible medium. Content must be original, relevant, creative and respect the principles of professional ethics.
* A summary in English or French must be provided with applications, regardless of the original language of the work: French, English, Arabic or Portuguese.

**5. Selection of winners:**

Applications will be reviewed by a jury comprising personalities from the sport and media sectors appointed by the Executive Committee of AIPS Africa. The jury will evaluate the works according to the following criteria:

* quality of information, analysis, style and form;
* originality, creativity and innovation;
* relevance, rigour and ethics;
* social and economic impact, particularly on communities concerned by the ACN.

The jury will select one winner per category, as well as special mentions if necessary. If no works meet the competition requirements, the jury reserves the right to award no prizes in a category. The jury's decision is sovereign and final.

**6. Application Procedures**

Applicants must submit their applications to **bestofafrique@gmail.com** by the 20th of January 2024.

**Send applications to:** **bestofafrique@gmail.com****until the 20th of January 2024.**

**Submissions must include the following:**
• a copy of the applicant's identity card or passport;
•a copy of the candidate's press card or a certificate from their employer or a media partner;
•a copy of the work presented or a link to it;
• a summary of the work presented, explaining its context, approach, sources and impact;
• a sworn statement that you are the author of the work submitted to the jury.

Applications must be submitted no later than midnight (Abidjan time) on the 20th of January 2024. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

**7. Announcement of winners and awards:**

* The list of winners will be published on the AIPS Africa media and partner platforms.
* The winners will be announced at an official ceremony to be held in Abidjan on the 25th of January 2024.
* Winners will receive trophies, certificates and cash prizes worth €1,500 per category, provided by AGL.
* Winners will also benefit from promotion on the AIPS and AGL communication platforms, training opportunities, networking, and increased visibility in the journalistic community.

**8. Participant rights and responsibilities:**

* Participants retain the copyright of their works.
* AIPS Africa may use award-winning works for promotion.
* Participants must ensure their works comply with copyright laws and ethical journalistic standards.
* Partners may use the information, images and award-winning works for corporate communication.

**9. Amendments to the rules:**

* + The organiser reserves the right to change the rules for justified reasons and participants will be informed in a timely manner.

**10. Contact**

**For questions or more information, contact the AIPS Africa at** bestofafrica@gmail.com or the AGL media service.