

SCIENTIFIC JOURNALISM WORKSHOP:

*REPORTING ON NEGLECTED DISEASE R&D IN AFRICA*

**Application Deadline – 17th August 2018**

We would like to invite health/science journalists from Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe to submit their applications for a media workshop to be held **on 1st - 4th October 2018 in Kampala, Uganda.**

**About the workshop**

This is a three-day, all-expense paid media workshop to help reporters and editors from East, Central and Southern Africa to better understand neglected diseases in the region and grasp the science behind efforts to develop drugs for these diseases. The workshop will allow participants to:

1. Learn more about science journalism and sharpen their skills
2. Learn more about research and development (R&D) in Africa and better grasp the ins and outs of clinical trials/research
3. Broaden their knowledge of neglected tropical diseases, including emerging threats such as antimicrobial resistance (AMR)
4. Build a network of valued sources in clinical research in the region.

The sessions will include both discussion and practical sessions to expand journalists’ knowledge of neglected disease research and development (R&D). The workshop will take place during the Drugs for Neglected Diseases *initiative* (DND*i*) Stakeholder Meeting in Kampala, Uganda, which will feature researchers and clinicians from a number of countries in the region working on sleeping sickness, leishmaniasis, filarial diseases (river blindness), Mycetoma, paediatric HIV, AMR, and other neglected diseases.

**Facilitator (s)**

**Lead Facilitator - Otula Owuor**

The workshop will be facilitated by Otula Owuor, a Senior Kenyan science journalist and Managing Editor of *Science Africa*. Otula Owuor worked for decade with the Nation Media Group in Nairobi, Kenya and has trained numerous health and science journalists across Africa. He is also a trainer/mentor with the World Federation of Science Journalists.

**Other facilitators**

* Senior Scientific journalists for Nature/Scidev
* Regional and international Scientists conducting R&D for neglected tropical diseases.

**Eligibility**

* Professional Science/health Journalists working in broadcast, print and online media may apply.
* Science/health journalists working in the following countries are eligible.
  + Kenya
  + Uganda
  + Tanzania
  + Ethiopia
  + Sudan
  + South Sudan
  + Democratic Republic of Congo
  + South Africa
  + Ghana
  + Cameroon
  + Zimbabwe
* Applicants can be either full-time journalists or freelancers.
* Applicants must demonstrate a minimum of four years of professional experience of covering health and science.
* Proven experience or personal motivation for reporting on science and R&D for neglected diseases.
* Journalists working in both English and French media are welcome to apply since we will have English – French translation during the workshop.

**Application**

1. The following categories of journalists can apply:
   * Editors
   * Reporters
   * Correspondents
   * Freelancers
2. All interested journalists may apply using the online application form no later than 17 August 2018. Please make sure that you provide the following information while submitting the form:
   * A written statement in fewer than 500 words, indicating the reason for applying and why you should be considered in either English or French.
   * Two samples of (or links to) recently completed work
   * A current updated resume
3. Applicants should have a valid passport (if required) to enable them travel to Uganda
4. All staff reporters must have permission from the editor(s) to attend the workshop

**If you are shortlisted, we will contact you and provide further information.**

**APPLICATION FORM**

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| **PERSONAL INFORMATION** | | | | |
| **First Name:** | **Middle Name:** | **Last Name:** | | |
| Email Address | | | | |
| Date of Birth: | | | Sex: (Male/Female) | |
| Country | | | Phone Number | |
| **JOURNALISTIC EXPERIENCE** | | | | |
| **CURRENT WORK** | | | | |
| Work Period | Media House | Position (editor/freelancer/reporter/cameraman) | | Type of journalism (TV/radio/digital/print) |
| Brief description of your current responsibilities | | | | |
| **ANY PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE?** | | | | |
| **Work Period** | **Media House** | **Position** *(editor/freelancer/reporter/cameraman)* | | **Type of journalism** *(TV/radio/digital/print)* |
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| **Provide a written statement in fewer than 500 words, indicating the reason for applying and why you should be considered** | | | | |
| **Provide two samples (links or attachments) of recently completed health scientific work** | | | | |
| **Attach Curriculum vitae** | | | | |