



Ministry of Information, Communications And Technology

Film Screenplay/ Script Writing Competition Terms & Conditions

NOTE

These Terms and Conditions were amended on February 12th 2019 to add the following to the Competition Rules (paper page 2);

- 1. Entries must be in English*
- 2. Competition is for full feature films*



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Objectives

To grow the Kenyan film industry by taking advantage of the China and SMART Africa market through co-production with China

Outcomes:

1. Creation of new markets for Kenyan films
2. Growth of supplementary film industry in Kenya
3. Skills, infrastructure and technology transfer
4. Development of content factory/hub
5. Development of Kenya as a film production destination

The Competition

The Competition will be executed in two stages:

1. Screenplay submission in 12pt Courier font and in PDF as follows:
 - Cover page with contact details
 - Log-line (one sentence)
 - Synopsis (2 paragraph synopsis that details the key characters and storyline)
 - Treatment (5 page summary with the location, art-direction and cinematography)
 - Appendices (any other relevant documents but not more than 3 pages)
 - Shortlisted applicants requested to submit full script.

Competition Rules

- Each applicant is allowed only one entry
- Entries must be in English
- Competition is for full feature films
- All submissions must be received by 11:59 p.m. EAT on 26th February 2019;
- All applicants MUST own the rights/IP of submissions
- Falsification of any information will lead to automatic disqualification
- All submissions must be as specified under the Screenplay Submission section above, failure to adhere to prescribed format will lead to automatic disqualification
- All material must be submitted electronically as a PDF
- Applications must be received on or before the deadlines
- All submitted material must be original, and all rights must be wholly owned by the writer(s)
- The material must be submitted by the author or owner of the material. Material written by writing teams must be submitted by one of the writers, with the



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consent of the other(s). All originators or writers must be credited on the title page.

- There are no requirements as to when the material was written.
- Substitutions of either corrected pages or new drafts of the entered material are not allowed. Please proofread your script very carefully before submitting.
- Contact information must be included on the cover page of the screenplay
- Competition winners will be announced and notified approximately 25th April 2019 after the application deadline.
- Entrants may be required to submit further information to assist in the judges' verification of eligibility as appendices
- Entrants may submit the key profiles of the producer, director, cinematographer, art director, sound technician, screenplay writer if they have identified them. Lack of this will not disqualify the entry
- Any Entrant may be deemed ineligible at the sole discretion of the Ministry of Information, Communications and Technology
- Shortlisted Entrants will be required to submit a full script and a copyright Certificate issued by the Kenya Copyright Board.

Eligibility

- Application is open to Kenyan citizens only
- Application is open to persons of all ages. If an applicant is under the age 18 years, a verifiable parental or guardian consent form must also be submitted with the application.
- Current students of the Kenya Film School and current employees of the Ministry of ICT and its Department and Agencies and their immediate family members, including without limitation, employees of the Kenya Film School and their immediate family members, are **NOT** eligible to submit an entry.

How To Enter

- Download the competition terms and conditions from www.kenyafilmcommission.com or www.ict.go.ke/tenders
- The Call for Entries for this competition opens on Tuesday, 5th February 2019 and will close on Tuesday, 26th February 2019 at 11:59 p.m., Kenyan Time
- All Submissions must be submitted electronically as a PDF through the web portal www.kenyafilmcommission.com

For any enquiries, email competitions@filmingkenya.com



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Winners

Winner Selection

There will be a curatorial selection panel consisting of both Kenyan and Chinese film industry professionals that will evaluate the winners based on artistic and thematic criteria highlighted below. The final selection of winners will be announced no later than April 2019.

Prizes

- Best Script – **KES 1,000,000**
- 1st Runner up – **KES 500,000**
- 2nd Runner up – **KES 300,000**
- Best student writer – under 25 years of age – **KES 100,000** (Must be a student at the time of script submission)
- Best young writer – 18 years old and below – **KES 100,000** (Must be 18 years old or younger at the time of script submission)

Judging Criteria

In evaluating Entries and determining winners of the competition, the following, core criteria will be applied. Additional criteria may be applied at the discretion of the Ministry of ICT, and its partners. The judging categories are as follows:

1. Originality
2. Story structure
3. Characterization
4. Visual inventiveness
5. Overall viability for world-class film festivals and/or online distribution

Terms & Conditions

Representations and Warranties

By submitting an Entry, you hereby warrant and represent the following:

- You are the exclusive owner and sole author of the submitted material, or one of the owners and authors, if co-authored, such that your original creative work and submission thereof will not infringe, misappropriate, or violate the Intellectual



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- Property, privacy or other rights of a third party; and/or you have obtained prior written authorization to act on behalf of any co-authors of the submitted material.
- Your submission/ Entry and participation in the competition will not conflict or breach any condition or term of any agreement to which you, or your co-authors, are a party.
 - There are no threatened or pending or current claims, actions or legal suits in connection with your submitted material and you agree to notify the Ministry of ICT immediately upon your notification of any such claims, actions or suits.
 - You are at least eighteen (18) years of age or have valid parental/ guardian consent to submit an entry.
 - You have the right, authority, and capacity to enter into an agreement with the Ministry of ICT and agree to be abide and be bound by the rules, terms and conditions of entry into the Competition.

Copyright and ownership and use of submissions

By submitting a winning Entry, you hereby agree to assign to the Ministry of ICT your right, title and interest in the Entry. Following such assignment of copyright, the Ministry of ICT will have full ownership of, and right and title to, the Entry, to use the said material in a manner of its choosing including, without limitation, assign or license such right to a third party, without compensation, permission or notification to the Entrant, co-authors or any third party. The Entrants shortlisted to receive an award must provide a copyright Certificate issued by the Kenya Copyright Board and must execute a Deed to effect the assignment of the copyright to the Ministry of ICT.

The Entrant warrants to the Ministry of ICT that:

1. neither the submission of the Entry nor the use of the submitted material by the Ministry of ICT will cause the Entrant to be in breach of any agreement to which is the Entrant is a party or is subject;
2. the Entrant has and will continue to have full ownership of the submitted material for a period of not less than 6 months immediately after the submission of the Entry, or until such time as the winning entries are announced, whichever is earlier; and
3. the use of part or all of the submitted material by the Ministry of ICT will not result in the infringement of rights of any third parties.

Subject to the rules, terms and condition herein, the Entrant agrees not to assign, licence or transfer to a third party any rights to part, or all, of the Entry for a period of six (6) months



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following submission of the Entry or until such time as winners of the Competition are announced, whichever is earlier.

The Entrant agrees to indemnify the Ministry of ICT against any losses, costs, actions, claims, demands, expenses, judgments, court orders or other liabilities arising directly or indirectly out of or in connection with any claim made or threatened, whether by legal proceedings or otherwise, against the Ministry of ICT by a third party on the ground that by virtue of rights to which such third party lays claim, such third party is entitled to prevent or interfere with the free use of any or all of the copyrighted material and/or intellectual property in the submitted material.

The Entrant acknowledges that the Ministry of ICT has no obligation to use any Entry submitted. Subject to these Terms, the Entrants whose submissions are not selected for an award retain copyright ownership of their Entry.

Privacy

By submitting an Entry, you agree that your personal data included in your submission, including your name, date of birth, phone number, and email address (and any other such information about you and/or your co-authors, where applicable) may be processed, stored, shared and otherwise used for the purposes of administering the Competition, within the context of the Competition. The Entrant understands this data may be used by Ministry of ICT, and its partners in order to verify an Entrant's identity in the course of administering the Competition. If the Entrant does not provide the data required at the time of submission, the entry may be deemed ineligible.

Publicity

Except where prohibited by law, participation in this program constitutes each Entrant's consent to the Ministry of Information, Communications and Technology and its associated departments and agencies, agents' and sponsor's use of Entrants' names, likenesses, photographs, and/or personal information for promotional purposes in any media, worldwide, without further payment or consideration.



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