**TOR for Climate Change Reporting Grant**

1. **Objective**

Climate Change Reporting Grant aims to produce well-researched, in-depth stories on the impact of climate change in Bhutan. Under the Grant, the grantees will explore the stories on the impacts of climate change on vulnerable rural communities of Bhutan.

The Grant provides the participants of BMF’s Climate Change Reporting Training an opportunity to put their newly acquired skills and knowledge into practice. The Grant will pay the interested journalists for the time they spend to do in-depth climate change stories.

1. **Number of Grants**

A total of 8 grants will be awarded: 6 for print and 2 for visual media. The 6 print grantees will have to do two stories each.

1. **Eligibility criteria**

* Only the individuals who attended the climate change reporting training may apply for the grant.
* Both English and Dzongkha journalists are eligible for the grant.
* An applicant must submit a duly filled grant application form along with a copy of CV.
* An applicant must submit a work plan showing the number of days required for travels, interviews, meetings, and field and desk research to complete the story.
* An applicant may submit more than one story pitch but only one pitch will be selected for the grant.
* A story pitch should be on climate change or an issue related to climate change in Bhutan.

1. **Evaluation criteria**

* The selection of the proposals will be based on the following criteria

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| **Sl.No** | **Criteria** | **Points (100%)** | **Remarks** |
| 1 | Story pitch/idea | 25 |  |
| 2 | Newsworthiness & relevance | 25 |  |
| 3 | Expected impact of the story | 25 |  |
| 4 | Doability | 25 |  |
|  | Total | 100 |  |

1. **Grant amount**

* A grant recipient from print media will be paid a lumpsum of **Nu. 60,000** for two stories and **Nu. 150,000** will be paid to the grantee from visual media for one story.
* A grant recipient is entitled to an advance of 50 percent of the total grant amount upon signing the contract. BMF will pay the remaining 50 percent of the amount upon successful publication or airing of the proposed story and submission of the published or aired story to BMF along with good quality pictures from the field.

1. **Expected outputs**

* A grant recipient is expected to complete and publish/broadcast a compelling climate change story.
* A grant recipient is expected to submit a copy of the story, along with pictures/recordings to BMF.

1. **Timeframe**

Applications must be submitted to t.yangden@bmf.bt before **5 pm on 9 April 2023**. Hard copy application or walk-in submission will also be accepted.

A grant recipient will be given until **14 July 2023** to complete and publish/broadcast his or her story.

1. **Intellectual property**

Content developers shall have the intellectual property ownership right.

1. **Right to withhold the grant**

BMF retains the right to refuse the Grant to an applicant if the Jury deems the proposal

is not up to the mark or not in line with the stated objectives of the Grant.

1. **Contract**

A grant recipient shall sign a contract agreement with BMF guaranteeing that he or she will produce the proposed work within the stipulated timeframe.

1. **Contact person for enquiries**

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