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XIII ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE AWARD "CASA AFRICA ESSAY": MIGRATION

I. Purpose of the Award.

The purpose of the prize, in its unique form, is to contribute to the dissemination of knowledge about Africa, by incentivizing the research and dissemination of original and unpublished essays, written in Spanish, English, French or Portuguese, which use a balanced, diverse and up-to-date narrative, steering away from the stereotyped and biased images that predominate in the collective image of the continent.

II. The theme related to the African continent on which the essays to be submitted must be based.

The call for essays must deal with the theme of migration. Migration is a phenomenon inherent to humanity since the beginning of history. We are also living in a period where migration from the African continent to Europe is increasing, in conjunction with a pandemic situation and the global crisis and in the context of an interconnected and interdependent planet. It is therefore essential to reflect on mobilities, their origins, their causes and their potential impact, and to propose creative and sustainable solutions to the problems they pose.

III. Award.

The amount of the award shall be two thousand euros (\in 2,000.00). The award will be subject to the corresponding deductions.

In the case of co-authorship of the winning essay, the prize shall be prorated between the beneficiary authors.

The maximum total amount appearing in this call for essays has an estimated character, for which reason the awarding of the prize remains conditional upon the existence of adequate and sufficient credit at the time of the award decision. In those cases, in which the budgetary credit approved by the Advisory Board is greater than the initially estimated amount, the managing body may decide whether or not to apply it to the call for essays, after processing the corresponding expenditure file prior to the resolution, without the need for a new call for essays.

The prizewinner authorizes and freely grants full rights for development, reproduction, publication, exhibition, and public communication, including on social media, to the Casa África Consortium, necessary for the development of a first edition of up to one thousand copies of the prizewinning essay, as well as to disseminate it through the Consortium's web portal and via other platforms of international scope for the maximum time, and under the conditions, that may be found in the consolidated text of the Intellectual Property Law, approved by the Royal Legislative Decree 1/1996, of April 12.

IV. Budgetary allocation.

The amount of the award will be charged to the budget application 83040118CE of the estimated budget of the Casa África Consortium for the year 2022.

V. Requirements to apply for the awarding of the prize and method of accreditation.

Natural persons over the age of 18, being authors of unpublished essays written in Spanish, English, French, or Portuguese that deal with this convocation's theme of migration, may apply for the award.

Individuals for whom any of the following circumstances pertain may not apply:

a) Recipients of the Award "Casa África Essay" in previous calls.

- b) Those who hold any type of work or professional relationship with the Casa África Consortium or with any of its integral entities (The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation; The Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation; the Government of the Autonomous Community of the Canary Islands and the Municipality of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria).
- c) Being related by blood within a fourth degree, or by affinity within the second, to any person who provides services in the Consortium or to any of the members of the Jury in the present call.
- d) Those concurring with any of the circumstances specified in article 13.2 of Law 38/2003, of November 17, General of Subsidies.

The applicants may submit only one essay, even in the case of co-authorship. In the event of a conflict between various entries for this reason, that which was presented first will be admitted and the rest will not be accepted.

The applicant guarantees, as author or co-author of the essay, to hold all intellectual property rights to the essay.

The essay associated with each application to participate must be presented without signature, appearing only the title and the pseudonym that each author-applicant decides to use, guaranteeing anonymity as a safeguard toward the objectivity and impartiality of the evaluating Jury.

The length of the essay should not be fewer than 15,000 words nor more than 20,000 (including footnotes, but excluding the bibliography at the end of the piece), and should be written double-spaced in Word font Arial size 12 format.

VI. Method and Deadline for Applications.

Applications for participation will conform to the example attached as an Appendix to this convocation and that also may be downloaded from Casa África Consortium's web portal (http://www.casafrica.es/es).

Along with the application and the essay, a copy of the applicant's National Identity Card, Residence Card, or passport must be provided.

The presentation of the applications for participation and the complementary documentation must be done electronically, or in whichever of the places established in article 16.4 of the Law 39/2015, of October 1, of the Common Administrative Procedure of Public Administrations.

However, and unless at the express opposition of the applicant, it will not be necessary to provide those documents that are already currently on file with Casa África or which have been done by any other administration. In this case, the applicant should indicate at which time and in which administrative body he/she previously presented the aforementioned documents.

Exceptionally, if Casa África cannot gather the aforementioned documents, the applicant may be requested to provide them again.

The deadline for submission of applications will be open from the day after the publication of the extract of this call in the "Official Gazette of the Spanish State" (BOE - Boletín Oficial del Estado) until 15th April 2022 at 13:00 hours (GMT+0).

Any doubts or incidents in the participation process will be dealt with by e-mail at premio@casafrica.es

The presentation of applications for participation implies acceptance of the contents of the regulatory terms and of the present convocation.

VII. Competent Authorities for the Instruction and Resolution of Procedure.

The competent authority responsible for determining and instructing the procedures for the granting of this award is the Secretary General of the Casa África Consortium.

The competent authority responsible for granting this award, at the motion of the Secretary General of the Consortium, is the person holding the office of Director General of the said entity.

VIII. The Jury.

The Jury, which is responsible for evaluating the essays, establishing the order of priority derived from the same, as well as the decision of the present call, will be made up of a number of members of no less than three and no more than seven, who will be designated by means of a resolution by the person holding the office of Director General of Casa África, selected from among personalities of recognised prestige in the literary field or on the subject matter of the call for entries, in accordance with the provisions of Article 7 of the Order of 15th September 2021, which approves the regulatory terms for this award.

The designation decision will be published on the Casa África Consortium web portal. (http://www.casafrica.es/es).

IX. Criteria for Evaluation.

In the evaluation of the essays, the Jury will keep in mind the following criteria for evaluation, which will be weighted according to the maximum score assigned to each one:

- a) Conformity of the essay to the objective and purpose of the award. From 0 to 10 points.
- b) Scientific rigour, methodology, depth, creativity, and quality with which the essay is developed. From 0 to 10 points.
- c) Clarity of structure facilitating the understanding of the main ideas of the essay. From 0 to 10 points.
- d) Contribution to the dissemination of information related to the subject matter of this call. From 0 to 10 points.
- e) Providing novel, original, or highly relevant focus points, far removed from purely Eurocentric lines of argument and the stereotypes and simplistic discourse about Africa which are most commonly known. From 0 to10 points.

The Jury will classify the essays in descending order, after adding the scores obtained in each one of the evaluation criteria.

The Jury may propose that the award be declared void when it considers, with due reason, that the essays presented do not conform to the stated objective and purpose or do not reach a score of 7 on the evaluation criterion to which paragraph b) above refers.

If after the evaluation of the propositions, a draw in the final score is produced, the tiebreaker will be resolved in favor of the essay which obtained the highest score on the evaluation criterion to which paragraph e) refers.

If applying this criterion still produces a draw, as a last resort the draw will be resolved by raffle.

X. Deadline for Resolution and Notification of the Procedure for Granting the Award.

The deadline for resolution and notification of the procedure of granting the award shall be 6 months, calculated from the date of publication of the announcement of this convocation in the «Official Spanish State Gazette» (BOE - Boletín Oficial del Estado).

XI. Medium of Publication.

The award decision will be published in the National Grants Database (BDNS - Base de Datos Nacional de Subvenciones).

Likewise, the acts and formalities of the procedure and, in particular, the publication of the award decision, will be published by means of its insertion on the website https://www.casafrica.es/es in accordance with the provisions of article 45.1.b) of Law 39/2015, of 1 October.

XII. Legal Regime.

The procedure for awarding the prize will be processed on a competitive basis, in accordance with the provisions of Law 38/2003, of 17th November, General Law on Subsidies; its Regulations, approved by Royal Decree 887/2006, of 21st July; and Order AUC/1114/2021, of 15th September (BOE no. 247 of 15th October 2021), whichapproves the regulatory terms for the awarding of the Award "Casa África Essay" by the Casa África Consortium.



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Casa África is a Spanish foreign policy instrument, dedicated to promoting relationships between Africa and Spain and improving mutual knowledge. For this purpose, Casa África encourages cooperation and long-lasting relationships through joint political, economic, cultural, academic and social activities and programs.

APPENDIX

APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE AWARD "CASA ÁFRICA ESSAY"

APPLICANT INFORMATION First and Last Names: **Pseudonym: Identity Card/Passport/Residence Card: Home Address: Country:** Province, Region or State: **Post Code:** City: **Telephone: Email Address:** ATTACHED DOCUMENTATION **Essay** - Title: - Word Count: Copy of Applicant's Identity Card/Passport/Residence Card APPLICATION, DECLARATION, PLACE, DATE AND SIGNATURE The undersigned **DECLARES** responsibly that the information included in this application, as well as in the accompanying documentation, is true, and that he/she: Fully accepts the contents of this convocation and its regulatory terms for the granting of this award. Does not, either personally or the co-authors of the essay if applicable, meet the conditions outlined in article 6.2 of Order AUC/1114/2021, of 15th September (BOE no. 247 of 15th October 2021), which approves the regulatory terms for the granting of the award - Is the author or co-author of the essay and holds all intellectual property rights over it. And REQUESTS that the attached essay be accepted for participation in the current edition of the Award "Casa África Essay".

On (place)..., (day)..., of (month).... of (year)



The Applicant Signed: