



## Call for Expression of Interest

**What:** Media Awards

**When:** 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022

**Where:** Lusaka (Venue to be communicated in due course once secured but in good time ahead of the awards ceremony)

**Target:** Female Journalists and journalists with disabilities

**Categories:**

1. Most outstanding media report on gender equality and social inclusion
2. Most outstanding media report on climate change
3. Most outstanding media report on cyber security and digital rights
4. Most outstanding media report on access to information and social accountability
5. Most outstanding media report on corruption
6. Most outstanding media report on human rights defenders (HRDs)
7. Most outstanding media report on persons with disabilities
8. Most outstanding media report on conflict-sensitive journalism
9. Most outstanding media report on children's rights
10. Most courageous female journalist or journalist with disability

**Participant Eligibility:** Exclusively for female journalists and journalists with disabilities across the country.

**Number of awards:** One award per category

**Media Report Eligibility:** Media reports (both electronic and print) published between 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 and 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022 are eligible for submission and selection.

**Organizer:** Panos Institute Southern Africa (PSAf), a non-profit, non-governmental and evidence-based media advocacy and communication for development organisation that uses

innovative communication methodologies to amplify voices of the poor and marginalized to advance social change and foster social accountability. PSAf advances social change and social accountability by promoting informed and inclusive participation of marginalised people in governance and development processes by creating opportunities and platforms for informed and inclusive dialogue.

**Background to the Awards:**

PSAf is currently implementing Open Spaces Zambia (OSZ), a project aimed at *strengthening the democratic foundations of freedom of speech and assembly; build independent and new media; and safeguard a space for activists, human rights defenders (HRDs), and oppositional voices to protect shrinking democratic space in Zambia.*

**Objectives:**

OSZ will support the production of quality, relevant content, strengthen the enabling environment for independent media, and advance social and online platforms that allow for free expression and access to information.

**Objective 1:** *Strengthen and Promote a Viable, Independent Media*, which is anticipated to result in increased viability of targeted outlets; more balanced and in-depth coverage of locally relevant content; and greater integration of online/social content into traditional broadcast media.

**Objective 2:** *Promotion of Digitally Literate and Cybersecure Users and Inclusive, Online Spaces of Engagement* leading to improved digital literacy and adoption of cyber-safety practices among users and increased use of online platforms for engagement.

**Objective 3:** *A Strengthened Enabling Environment for Independent and New Media*, resulting in increased capacity of media and CSOs to respond to legal and regulatory challenges and strategic advocacy efforts that support independent media and Internet freedom.

**Mode of submission:** Submission of entries (one each) can be delivered electronically to [openspaces@panos.org.zm](mailto:openspaces@panos.org.zm) or physically to **No. 5, Chinungu Close, Off Mwatusanga Road, Woodlands, Lusaka.**

**Deadline for submissions:** Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 by 17:00 hours.

**Important Note:** PSAf is an equal opportunity organisation that is committed to diversity and inclusion as well as fraud free processes. To this effect the selection process will be impartial and on merit, conducted by a team of professionals with diverse backgrounds. The decision of the selection team will be final.