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2012 Asia-Pacific Human Development Media Fellowship *Climate Change*





Context and Objective

The human development approach puts people at the centre of development. It recognizes the importance of economic concerns for change but goes beyond them to raise issues of enhancing human capabilities and expanding people's choices. The objective of the Media Fellowship is to contribute to building capacity in the Asia-Pacific region and support policy through advocacy and dissemination of research that bring people to the centre of development debates. The fellowship encourages media professionals from Asia-Pacific developing countries to undertake media advocacy on issues of concern in the region from a human development perspective on a new theme each year.

Theme: Climate Change

Asia-Pacific not only has many of the world's most climate-exposed territories, it is also home to millions of the most vulnerable people. The unprecedented pace and scale of human activities have been transforming the natural environment and contributing to climate change. Emissions cross borders, and so do some of the most affected natural systems, such as glaciers, coral reefs and mangroves. Some of these natural systems that act as natural buffers to the impacts of climate change are increasingly at risk of deterioration and destruction, posing a serious challenge to people's lives in the region. While the most vulnerable people have contributed little to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, they will face some of the most serious consequences. They are not just highly exposed and sensitive to climate events, but also lack adequate adaptive capacity. Unlike the developed countries of today, in a time of climate change, growing first and cleaning up later is no longer an option. Developing nations must grow, support climate resilience, especially among vulnerable populations, and shift to lower carbon pathways to sustain hard-won human development gains attained in the past decades.

What are some of the issues and challenges, which contribute to the persistence of vulnerability to the region's poor and marginalized? What steps can governments, civil society, the private sector, and everyday people take to reduce emissions and build people's climate resilience? What examples exist of Asia-Pacific countries promoting changes in policy, which together with alliances developed with civil society and the private sector have translated in addressing climate change? These are some of the questions that could be addressed.

The Fellowship

The Fellowship application will be based on a proposal, including a draft budget. Proposals can cover different media outputs, e.g., radio programmes, short films, public service announcements, print media articles, cartoons, photo essays, etc. The fellows should be willing to present their work at workshops, seminars, and other events as may be arranged by UNDP from time to time (travel-related costs will be covered separately).

The final media product will be shared with UNDP and acknowledge UNDP's support as follows: "This work was supported by the United Nations Development Programme under an UNDP Asia-Pacific Human Development Media Fellowship. The content, information, analysis, and policy recommendations of this work represent the independent efforts, perspective, and views of the author. They do not necessarily reflect the views of the United Nations Development Programme, its Executive Board, or its Member States."

Eligibility

Eligibility criteria are as follows:

- A citizen of one of the Asia-Pacific developing countries listed in Annex II (proof of citizenship required)
- A mid-career accredited media professional
- Approximately 5 years of relevant professional experience
- Completed application with enclosure (proposal, budget, timeframe, curriculum vitae, supporting material, if any, in English. Supporting material in a language other than English must be accompanied by an English translation)
- UN staff members are not eligible to apply

Application Process

All candidates must complete a formal application in English or with an English translation, including:

- Application form
- Summary statement of the objectives of the proposal
- Project proposal, including a draft budget, not exceeding 2,000 words (the project timeframe should not exceed 12 months)
- Statement of professional objectives (please indicate how selection as a UNDP Media Fellow will contribute to your short and long term career objectives)
- Curriculum vitae

- Two references from professionals in your media who can comment on the applicant's past work and the potential of the proposed work to contribute meaningfully to its chosen field

Completed applications should be sent to:

undpfellowships@tttglobal.com

Online applications can be submitted at:

<http://asiapacific-hdr.aprc.undp.org/2012-asiapacific-human-development-fellowships>

Incomplete applications or those received after the due date will not be processed.

Selection Criteria

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be selected:

- Demonstrate exceptional creativity and innovation
- Contribute to value-addition or innovation in communicating research
- Provide evidence for placement of final product in established media: Preference will be given to strategic or wide-reaching work
- Complete work by fourth quarter of 2013 or earlier

Selection Procedure

Shortlisted candidates will be required to participate in an interview, conducted by an independent panel, which will comprehensively assess the proposal. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and subsequently informed about the results of the interview.

Deadline

Applications should be submitted by **15 September, 2012**.

Contact Information

Applications or any queries should be sent, preferably by e-mail, to: **undpfellowships@tttglobal.com**

Alternatively, they may be sent by post to:

UNDP Asia-Pacific Human Development Fellowships
Training and Technology Transfer
PO Box 10488
Wellington 6011
New Zealand

Annex I

A selected list of readings on human development includes the following:

- What Is Human Development?
(<http://hdr.undp.org/hd/>)
- Human Development Reports
(<http://hdr.undp.org/>; especially chapter 1 of HDR 1990)
- Asia-Pacific Human Development Report
(<http://asiapacific-hdr.aprc.undp.org>)

Annex II

Nationals of the countries listed below are eligible to apply in their individual capacity:

1. Afghanistan
2. Bangladesh
3. Bhutan
4. Cambodia
5. China
6. Cook Islands
7. Democratic People's Republic of Korea
8. Federated States of Micronesia
9. Fiji
10. India
11. Indonesia
12. Iran, Islamic Republic of
13. Kiribati
14. Lao People's Democratic Republic
15. Malaysia
16. Maldives
17. Republic of Marshall Islands
18. Mongolia
19. Myanmar
20. Nauru
21. Nepal
22. Niue
23. Pakistan
24. Palau
25. Papua New Guinea
26. The Philippines
27. Samoa
28. Solomon Islands
29. Sri Lanka
30. Thailand
31. Timor-Leste
32. Tokelau
33. Tonga
34. Tuvalu
35. Vanuatu
36. Viet Nam



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