

CALL FOR APPLICATION



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KAS REMENA German-Arab Young Journalists Academy March 03 to 12, 2018, Rabat - Morocco

Program Overview

Organiser:	Konrad Adenauer Stiftung - REMENA (Regional Program on Energy Security and Climate Change Middle East and North Africa), based in Rabat, Morocco
Training:	Capacity building training on storytelling with audio-visual media in matters of Water for MENA young journalists
Application Deadline:	February 9, 2018
Eligibility:	This training is open to any young journalists, aged 30-years maximum, who are nationals of any MENA country
Venue:	March 03 to 12, 2018, Rabat – Morocco, (including three days of research in different parts of Morocco)
Cost:	All the participation costs (round trip economic flight ticket, hotel and food, visa fees) for the Academy will be covered for the selected candidates by the organisers

Forum Theme & Objectives

Context:

All over the MENA Region, water stress is an urgent issue that affects everyone in one way or another. The limitation of water resources in the region has become tangible for its population in a variety of ways:

- decreasing surface and groundwater due to unsustainable use and lack of replenishment caused by lack of rainfall and ongoing desertification in a world with rising temperatures;
- rising sea levels that threaten to spoil potable water in coastal aquifers;
- insufficient water provision as a consequence of mismanagement in water treatment and water distribution through both public and private providers;
- pollution of water through uncontrolled waste water influx both from residential and industrial areas in bodies of water and water courses;
- inefficient use of water in agriculture, industry, tourism and other economic sectors;
- cross national conflicts on water resources that lead to limited access or even exclusion from water supply for parts of the population.

Experts from Academia, Civil Society and to a certain degree also some decision makers in public and private sector are aware of these challenges and are trying to find sustainable solutions for these and many other pressing issues related to water in the Arab World, one of the regions with the highest water stress worldwide. The consequences of ongoing climate change will aggravate the current situation even more in the coming years and decades. Therefore, the awareness of both the threats and the successful endeavours of finding feasible solutions for these that on the long run can assure a sustainable societal and economic development should be raised in the public opinion as well as among the majority of decision makers in the public and private sphere. Media can play a vital role in this if its agents are well trained in their professional capacities and their understanding of the complex interdependencies related to water in our societies and economies.

For this reason, the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung - REMENA (Regional Program on Energy Security and Climate Change Middle East and North Africa) in Rabat will bring together eight young journalists from various countries within the MENA region and eight German young journalists for a nine days capacity building training that aims at fostering storytelling and audio-visual multimedia use skills as well as their knowledge on current and future challenges and opportunities through sustainable solutions linked to water matters within Morocco and the MENA region, especially from the perspective of the youth. The training will be conducted by German and Moroccan experts in the fields of journalism, multimedia production and water issues.

Themes:

The KAS REMENA German-Arab Young Journalists Academy, accordingly, aims at providing young journalists from the MENA region a platform for building capacities while addressing pressing questions of:

- Potentials and limitations of water use (e.g. water management, water government, water diplomacy, etc.) in Morocco and the region;
- The role of the youth and media in addressing the obstacles and avenues of further development of the water sector in the MENA region
- Pending and potential cross regional cooperation in matters of water.

Structure:

The KAS REMENA German-Arab Young Journalists Academy comprises 3 main components:

- Three days of capacity building training in character driven storytelling and discussions with high level water experts and politicians from Morocco;
- Three days of research in teams of two (one German participant and one Arab participant) in different regions of Morocco;
- Three days of postproduction of video clips and embedding these in a bilingual website produced for this Academy.

Outputs:

- Elaborating video clips with character driven storytelling on water related issues in Morocco / the MENA region.
- Producing a bilingual website (Arabic/German) on current and future challenges and opportunities related to water in Morocco / the MENA region.

Venue:

The KAS REMENA German-Arab Young Journalists Academy lasts nine days (March 03 to 11, 2018, departure on March 12, 2018), and takes place in the city of Rabat (Morocco) with three days of research in teams of two all over the country.

Eligibility:

The KAS REMENA German-Arab Young Journalists Academy invites university students and early career professional that meet the following criteria:

- You are born and/or residing in any of the MENA countries;
- You have an educational or professional knowledge in the fields of Journalism and MENA regional Politics, Economy and/or Social Sciences and/or Natural Science and/or related fields; knowledge in the use and production of audio-visual media is a plus;
- Your professional and research interests are related to Water;
- You are proficient in Arabic;
- Your English proficiency is in an advanced level.

Working Language:

The KAS REMENA German-Arab Young Journalists Academy working language is English, applicants need to be proficient in order to benefit from the training and to communicate with their German research partners. As the videos produced by the Arab participants will be in Arabic, applicants should also be proficient users.

How to Apply:

Fill in the online application form and attach your CV, at this link:
<https://goo.gl/forms/irTtkRAh4iebjulB3>

If you have any problem submitting the attachment, you can simply fill in the online application and email your attachment with your full name to: info.remena@kas.de

Deadlines:

- Application Deadline: February 9, 2018
- Selected candidates notification: February 10, 2018
- Academy Date: March 03 to 11, 2018, departure on March 12, 2018

Costs:

The training organisers will cover all the costs (round trip economic flight ticket, hotel and food, visa fees) for the selected candidates.

Further Information:

For any further information, contact us at: info.remena@kas.de