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WE-RISE!
Women Empowerment for Resilience,
Inclusion, Sustainability and Environment

“SUDANESE HEROINE”

Comic Strip Competition

GUIDELINES

On the occasion of the International Women’s Rights Day, AICS Khartoum is happy to present the comic contest "A Sudanese Heroine". The competition, open to the Sudanese community, invites young Sudanese artists to present a comic strip that can express the meaning of International Women's Day in the complex reality of women's lives in the current Sudanese context. The initiative is carried out in the framework of the project [WE-RISE! - Women's Empowerment for Resilience](#), funded by the [European Union](#), and jointly implemented by [AICS - Italian Agency for Development Cooperation](#) and [UN Women](#). The initiative aims to build inclusive, sustainable, and resilient communities in Sudan, promoting an environment that supports economic empowerment, and the protection of the civil rights of women and girls.

Objective:

- Get involved in the celebration of International Women's Rights Day.
- Encourage critical reflection and dialogue about the situation of Sudanese women.
- Raise public awareness of the challenges, triumphs, and experiences of Sudanese women in the current context of Sudan.

Art. 1 Theme:

"Capturing the essence of International Women's Rights Day in the lives of Sudanese women today"

Participants are requested to explore and represent, through a comic story, the profound meaning of International Women's Rights Day in the complex reality of female life in Sudan today. The artwork should capture the diversity of experiences, challenges and daily burden that Sudanese women are facing, highlighting their role and resilience in unique contexts.

Be creative and be inspired! and Participate in the competition to honor and celebrate Sudanese women by giving voice to their extraordinary stories through the powerful medium of comics.

Art. 2 Eligibility:

The competition is open to all Sudanese artists of any gender. Participation of women is encouraged.

Sudanese citizenship is compulsory.

Participants who are not based in Sudan are eligible to participate.

Art. 3 Submission Rules:

1. Each participant can submit only one participation request and must submit a unique and unpublished artwork. Works previously awarded or presented during other competition will be excluded.
2. Comic strip must not exceed 10 panels/*vignette* (size A4).
3. Language: Arabic and English. Comics in Arabic must be translated into English.
4. Format: The comic strip must be sent in PDF or JPG digital format.
5. The comic strip must be presented with a one-page description in English explaining the message together with a short bio of the author.

Art. 4 Submission Deadline:

May 31st, 2024, at 13:00 Khartoum time (14-00 Addis Ababa Time)



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Art. 5 How to Submit:

To participate, please submit your comic strip in PDF or JPEG to the following email to procurement.sudan@aics.gov.it, specifying in the email subject '**CANDIDATES NAME - Comics Contest**'

Email received after the deadline will result in exclusion from the competition.

The email must have the following document zipped in one File

1. The Comics strip and the one-page description in English with a short bio of the author, as specified in **Art. 3**.
2. A copy of your Sudanese identity document or any other document certifying Sudanese origin.
3. A fully completed **Application form** in English **signed**.
4. Financial Identification Form.

Due to technical constraints, **we do not accept submissions via WeTransfer**. Please use GOOGLE DRIVE.

Art. 6 Evaluation Criteria:

The AICS Khartoum Head of Office will appoint an evaluation committee.

The comic strip will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. **Consistency with the theme specified in (Art. 1):** Scored from 0 to 30.
2. **Communicative effectiveness of the project:** Scored from 0 to 30.
3. **Adaptability of the project idea to the "Comics" format:** Scored from 0 to 20.
4. **Innovativeness of the project idea:** Scored from 0 to 20.

Art. 7 Prizes:

Among the best works selected by the Evaluation Committee, the first three projects in the ranking will be awarded cash prizes as follows:

- **1st Place:** 1.000,00 euro
- **2nd Place:** 700,00 euro
- **3rd Place:** 300,00 euro

In the case of a tie, the prize will be evenly distributed among the winners who share the same position. The prizes will be delivered within 60 days maximum from the publication of the final ranking.

The final ranking will be published on AICS Khartoum web page at the following link:

<https://khartoum.aics.gov.it/home-ita/opportunita/avvisi/>.

The winning entries will be showcased across diverse digital platforms, including websites and social media channels managed by AICS and partnering organizations such as the EU, UN Women, and others involved in the WE-RISE! initiative.

- The recipient will sign an Agreement/Contract with the Contracting Authority to receive the awarded funds. The prizes will be transferred in euros via bank transfer.

Art. 8 Bank Transfer Information:

It is important to note that your bank account for the prize transfer must be in your name.

Additionally, please be aware of the following:



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1. AICS can make foreign currency (EURO) payments to a local EURO account at the Bank of Khartoum.
2. Alternatively, a EURO account outside of Sudan.
3. If you do not have a EURO account with the Bank of Khartoum or an overseas EURO account, AICS will pay the equivalent amount in SDG.

Additionally, due to the challenges situation faced by the financial sector in Sudan, additional supporting documents might be requested:

1. Your bank should stamp the financial identification attached and identify the swift code.
2. A screenshot of your online bank account shows the same bank account number declared in the financial identification, and the swift code should be submitted.
3. Your account's standard PDF bank statement should be submitted as declared in the financial identification with the swift code.

Art. 9 Evaluation Committee:

- 1°. Composition: The evaluation committee comprises three members a gender expert and two members with a solid artistic background. The composition of the evaluation committee ensures a holistic and well-informed evaluation of the proposed artwork, considering both the artistic merits and the alignment with gender-related considerations.
- 2° Role: The role of the evaluation committee is to:
 - i) meticulously verify that all required documents are duly submitted together with the requested information indicated in the relevant article (from Articles 2 to 8)
 - ii) assessing the proposed artwork, drawing upon the details outlined in Article 6 as guiding criteria. This thorough examination ensures compliance with the selection criteria, promoting fairness and transparency in the evaluation process.

Join us in this creative journey, and let your creativity be a force for positive change!

For any further information, do not hesitate to contact the AICS Khartoum office at the following email address: procurement.sudan@aics.gov.it

Please write in the subject: "Comic Contest INFO REQUEST"

Request of information must be sent by May 6th, 2024, the latest.