

## CALL FOR ENTRIES Seychelles

# Governance, Peace and Stability in the Indiooceanic region

*Apply and benefit from a training program on the conflict sensitive  
journalism*

**As part of the "Governance, Peace and Stability" project, the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) is offering to train 15 journalists from the Republic of Seychelles in parliamentary coverage and democratic institutions.**

**Training dates: 9, 10 and 11 October 2023.**

### **1. Overall objective**

The aim of this activity is to improve journalists' understanding of the workings of democratic institutions and journalistic coverage of their activities through training courses in four IOC member countries, to create avenues for collaboration between the media and democratic institutions in order to improve the quality of information for the public, to professionalise journalistic coverage of democratic institutions and, lastly, to enhance the internal skills of democratic institutions through training courses for journalists.

### **2. The project**

"Governance, Peace and Stability" is a 8 million € project funded by the French Development Agency (AFD). It is implemented by the IOC. The training component devoted to parliamentary and democratic institution coverage aims to improve the quality of coverage of democratic institutions by enhancing the skills of 15 journalists from the Republic of Seychelles.

### **3. Activity implementation**

The training programme breaks down into three main components over three days, followed by results monitoring.

Day 1: Knowledge of democratic institutions, in particular the National Assemblies: rules governing parliamentary activities, the role of the Speaker and the secretary general, the process of drafting and adopting legislation, parliamentary debates, parliamentary committees.

Day 2: Reminder of the rules of journalistic ethics and deontology, the duties and rights of journalists, angles for covering parliamentary proceedings with examples and case studies based on parliamentary debate archives.

Day 3: At the National Assembly for a day of immersion and coverage of the proceedings.

### **4. Selection criteria**

Journalists invited to apply must be from a media outlet holding a national operating license, from both the public and private sectors. An equitable distribution of participants (radio, television, online media covering democratic institutions) will be sought in the selection.

Journalists applying for this training must demonstrate that they:

- Have five years' experience covering democratic institutions, including the National Assembly;
- Are willing to strengthen their journalistic skills in covering democratic institutions;
- Undertake to attend the entire training course and provide the training-related productions for quality follow-up;

- Have obtained written authorization from their manager to attend the course.

NB: Applications from women are strongly encouraged.

### 5. **How to apply?**

Candidates have until **September 25<sup>th</sup>** to apply only via the following link:  
<https://www.commissionoceanindien.org/coi-gps-aac-2023-005/>

The journalist must upload the following documents in pdf format to the platform:

- Resume
- Management authorization
- Cover letter

### 6. **Key dates:**

- Applications open from September 11th to September 25<sup>th</sup>
- Deadline for receipt of written applications: September 25<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm (UTC+4)
- Selection of 15 journalists: October 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Training in the Seychelles: 9 to 11 October 2023

### 7. **Pre-selection criteria**

Applications will be examined by a jury composed of media professionals from the Indian Ocean according to the following criteria:

Criteria	Marks
Level of education and training	20
Global professional experience	25
Experience in coverage of Parliament	25
Motivation	30
Total	100

For any questions, please write to [gps@coi-ioc.org](mailto:gps@coi-ioc.org)