

CALL FOR ENTRIES Seychelles

Governance, Peace and Stability in the Indioceanic 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: 05 to 09 February 2024.

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.

Days 4 and 5 : Practical exercises.

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 **January, 12th** to apply only via the following link: <https://www.commissionoceanindien.org/coi-gps-aac-2023-007/>

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

- Resume
- Management authorization
- Cover letter

6. Key dates:

- Applications open from December 20th 2023 to January 12th 2024
- Deadline for receipt of written applications: January 12th 2024 at 12pm (UTC+4)
- Selection of 15 journalists :January 19th 2024
- Training in the Seychelles: 05 to 09 February 2024

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