



AFRICAN WOMEN WRITERS WORKSHOP 2019

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS



AFRICAN WOMEN'S
DEVELOPMENT FUND

THE AFRICAN WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT FUND (AWDF) INVITES AFRICAN WOMEN WRITERS AND JOURNALISTS TO APPLY FOR THE AFRICAN WOMEN'S WRITERS WORKSHOP 2019. THIS 10-DAY WRITING WORKSHOP TAKES PLACE IN GHANA, FROM 21ST OCTOBER 2019 TO 30TH OCTOBER 2019.



SYLVIA VOLLENHOVEN



YEWANDE OMOTOSO

The workshop will be facilitated by award-winning writer **Yewande Omotoso**, and internationally acclaimed journalist, **Sylvia Vollenhoven**.

This workshop is targeted at women writers, journalists and activists who wish to step-up their involvement in highlighting issues around women's rights and social justice and who wish to improve and practice their personal writing skills. Participants will be expected to read widely from assigned selected texts, and to complete daily writing exercises. After the workshop, the participants are expected to use the knowledge acquired to write widely about social justice issues in and beyond their communities. Participants will also be required to produce at least two articles, blogs or longer pieces for use by AWDF.

As a feminist organisation, AWDF is focused on raising awareness on social injustice towards African women,

and taking action to combat the injustice and abuse of the human rights of African women. We also promote more nuanced narratives around African women that highlight our diversity, our achievement and our agency.

This workshop is part of AWDF's efforts to amplify African women's voices and is aimed at enhancing the skills of African women writers to enable them to frame their own narratives about issues that affect African women and are of concern to them.

A. ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet the following requirements

- Be from the African region, or the diaspora.
- Be a feminist or women's rights activist
- Have high proficiency in English (verbal and written)
- Be an experienced writer (published or unpublished)
- Be available to travel to Ghana and stay for the entire 10-day session

Young women writers between ages 21-35 are especially encouraged to apply.

Priority will be given to interested women writers (fiction & non fiction) journalists, academics who wish to actively engage in women's rights activism.

B. PACKAGE

AWDF will provide the following to successful applicants

- Round trip fare. Participants from the diaspora may be required to pay part of the cost of air fare depending on the budget
- Full accommodation and meals
- Workshop material and stationary

In return, AWDF expects from participants,

- Commitment
- Creativity
- Hard work
- Openness
- Feminist behaviour
- Integrity

A Memorandum of Understanding will be signed by successful applicants to enable smooth running of the workshop.

C. APPLICATION GUIDELINES

To apply, send an e-mail to communications@awdf.org with the following:

- Contact details including name, email address, telephone number
- A short bio (maximum 200 words)
- A sample article written by the applicant, about women's rights or social justice -between 500 and 1000 words. The sample maybe unpublished or published on any media. AWDF will not be responsible for any cases of alleged plagiarism

THE E-MAIL SUBJECT SHOULD READ 'AFRICAN WOMEN WRITERS WORKSHOP 2019'
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS 24TH JUNE 2019.
ONLY THOSE ACCEPTED TO THE WORKSHOP WILL BE NOTIFIED, BY 24TH JULY, 2019.

The African Women's Development Fund was established in June 2000, as an Africa-wide philanthropic, grant making initiative to support the realisation and fulfilment of African women's rights through funding of autonomous women's organisations on the continent. AWDF believes that if women and women's organisations are empowered with skills, information, sustainable livelihoods, opportunities to fulfil their potential, plus the capacity and space to make transformatory choices, then we will have vibrant, healthy and inclusive communities. To achieve this, AWDF mobilises financial, human and material resources to support local, national, and regional initiatives for transformation led by African women.