

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Reporting Grants

to support Namibian journalists, researchers, and media professionals in their efforts related to environmental journalism (21.09.2026)

In a nutshell:

Do you want to contribute to a *transparent* Green Future in Namibia? We will support selected media actors to conduct **research and reporting projects** on the green transformation, extractive industries, as well as energy projects and environmental policies and their impact on communities.

Background:

These Reporting Grants are part of the **EU-funded project *Eco Dialogue Collective – Empowering Media and Civil Society for a Transparent Green Future*** which aims to empower media and civil society for evidence-based policy dialogue, accountability, and access to information on green growth and extractive industries. This happens through targeted capacity building, collaborative content production, and research along with dialogue events to foster stakeholder engagement and improve public policy. The project is implemented by four consortium partners: DW Akademie, the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR), the Namibia Media Trust (NMT), and the Legal Assistance Centre (LAC).

In particular:

We are offering **financial grants** (FSTP – Financial Support to Third Parties) to Namibian journalists, content creators, media professionals, media organisations, researchers, and CSOs, supporting their efforts related to environmental journalism. The aim is to **promote high-quality content focusing on environmental issues, green growth initiatives, and the extractive industries in Namibia**. FSTP is granted to selected proposals aiming at the following:

- Conduct in-depth (investigative) **journalistic research** (desk research, on site research, and interviews),
- Gather **data**,
- **Produce and publish** high-quality (multimedia) content (such as explainer pieces, investigative reports, data-driven stories, documentaries, data visualisations, Social Media content, podcast series), **focusing on environmental issues, green growth initiatives, and the extractive industries in Namibia.**

The reporting project should be designed to contribute to an informed public dialogue. That means it should be easy to understand by a wide range of people, providing factual background, and reflecting a variety of perspectives.

What does the grant consist of?

Financial Support: Selected applicants can receive financial support of a maximum of 1,250 EUR (approx. N\$23,300.00), according to the scope of the proposal, and the availability of funds, to conduct a reporting project between December 2026 and May 2027.

Publishing via The Green Screen, which is the Digital Information Hub of the Eco Dialogue Collective project.

Application Process

CSOs, media organisations, journalists, and activists interested in participating are invited to submit proposals outlining their approach to address one or more of the thematic focus areas. Applications should include:

1. Project Overview: Clearly outline the proposed reporting initiative, including the chosen thematic focus area. We encourage applicants to use any form of visualization they deem appropriate.

2. Methodology: Describe your research/reporting approach including your media strategy. Also let us know in which areas you might need support.

3. Timeline: Present a realistic timeline for the implementation of the reporting project between December 2026 and May 2027.

4. Budget: Provide a budget calculation outlining how the financial support will be utilized.

5. Experiences: Provide a short CV including reliable references for background checks. Please highlight relevant work experiences and provide at least 2 work samples.

Templates for the project overview, methodology, timeline and budget calculation can be downloaded [under this LINK](#).

The deadline for applications October 5th 2026, EOB. In case of a lack of suitable applicants, we reserve the right to extend the deadline.

For inquiries and the submission of applications, please contact:

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Thank you!

Selection Criteria

All applications will be reviewed by an evaluation committee consisting of representatives of the project partners NMT, IPPR, LAC and DW Akademie. The following criteria will be taken into account:

- **Quality, Relevance and Feasibility** of the proposal, outlining the specific issue, as well as the availability of data and sources.
 - Clear focus on **green transition issues**.
 - Incorporation of a **relevant Namibian policy discourse**.
 - Aim, design and **methodology** of reporting project.
 - **Audience participation** approach, incl. impact potential.
 - **Innovativeness** of the approach.
- Integration of **marginalised perspectives**, regional / ethnic diversity.
- **Expertise** of the applicant for proposed project.
- **Diversity** and relevance of involved partners and resources (if applicable).
- Implementation **time-frame** feasibility.
- **Commitment** to the Editors' Forum of Namibia (EFN) [Code of Ethics and Conduct](#).

Expected expenditure must be duly justified by the proposed activities and expected impact. The Evaluation Committee may suggest changes to the proposed project and budget within the limits of the grant amount.

Please note: After preliminary award, DW Akademie will conduct a partner appraisal and reserves the right to reject the application if the applicant does not meet the necessary ethical/technical and funds management criteria before issuing the FSTP Grant contract.

Terms of Financial Support

- Funds will be remitted to the recipient in instalments during the implementation period. Payments to the recipient are entirely linked to the achievement of contractual agreed milestones (e.g. research, publications, etc.).
- An advance payment will be made upon signature of the Agreement.
- The Recipient shall confirm the receipt of each payment by e-mail providing the respective bank statement and/or credit advice.

DW Akademie will be the contracting party and will support grant recipients in all steps related to the management of their financial support.

All grant applicants must follow a zero fraud and corruption policy.



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