

Application invited: workshop for journalists



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The Himalayan Climate Change Adaptation Programme (HICAP) is a pioneering collaboration among three organizations – CICERO, ICIMOD, and GRID-Arendal– aimed at contributing to enhanced resilience of mountain communities, particularly women, through improved understanding of vulnerabilities, opportunities, and potentials for adaptation. Under its communications and outreach component, GRID-Arendal and ICIMOD will hold a training workshop for journalists, primarily from India, reporting on the Northeast region. The training will be held from 17 to 23 February 2014 in Assam, India.

The objective of the workshop is to improve creative thinking and effective communication on adaptation to climate change in a local context. The main focus areas include water, food security, ecosystems services, vulnerability, adaptation to climate change, and the role of women in climate change adaptation in Northeast India.

The workshop will bring together highly motivated journalists from India working with various media outlets like broadcast, print, web, video, and photo journalism. Special attention will be dedicated to photo and radio journalists. The workshop will be conducted by two principal trainers, both international senior reporters.

Over a seven-day workshop in Assam, India, the trainers will guide participants in the art of compiling and editing stories. Participants will hone their knowledge and skills in reporting about climate change and its impacts. They will also work on creating innovative reports and exchange views with fellow journalists and local editors. One day will be dedicated to familiarization and to discussion of journalistic techniques and information gathering. This will continue with a field trip bringing the journalists to destinations than they may not be familiar with from their everyday reporting. One or two days will be dedicated to producing and finalizing the stories. An editorial roundtable with editors and the participating journalists will provide a platform for dialogue. The thematic focus areas include water, food security, ecosystems services, vulnerability, adaptation to climate change, and the role of women in climate change adaptation in Northeast India.

By the end of the workshop, journalists would have prepared relevant stories ready for publication.

Interested journalists may apply using the online application form no later than 10 January 2014. Please make sure that you provide the following information while submitting the form:

- An updated Curriculum Vitae (maximum 2 pages) in English
- A written statement in fewer than 150 words, indicating the reason for applying and why you should be considered in English.
- Two samples of recently completed work

Eligibility

- Journalists working in all forms of media like broadcast, print, web, radio, video, and photo journalism may apply.
- Only journalists who have reported on Northeast India are eligible.

- Applicants can be either full-time journalists or freelancers with a minimum of five years experience.
- Demonstrate good investigative reporting skills.
- Experience in reporting environmental issues is an advantage, but is not essential for the workshop.
- Personal motivation for reporting on adaptation to climate change and its socio-economic implications.
- Journalists working in non-English media are welcome to apply, but must indicate a proficiency in English, as English is the working language of the training workshop.

All applications will be reviewed by a selection committee. Only successful applicants will be notified by email by 25 January 2014. If you have problems in submitting the form or have questions specific to the workshop, please write to hicapmediagrants@icimod.org.

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