**Center for Human Rights**

## Call for Photography Contest

*Theme: Human Rights in the Lens of Photographers*

## 1. Description

The Center for Human Rights, Addis Ababa University (CHR) is an academic institution engaged in interdisciplinary human rights teaching, research and community services. As part of its Arts and Human Rights Initiative, the Center seeks the submission of photographs taken in an ordinary context that explore human rights victories or failures in the Ethiopian context.

The photographs will exemplify how human rights relate with our daily lives and how rights violations loom large unnoticed and unchecked. With the eyes of photographers, often ignored dimension of human rights will be brought to the stage. The powerful message of images will serve to inspire people to personally get involved and take a stand for human rights. It will also contribute to further inspire the use of artistic works to the promotion and sensitization of human rights in Ethiopia.

## 2. Eligibility

This call is a unique opportunity for amateur and professional photographers to exhibit their past and present photographs. Participation to the competition is free and open to all photographers.

## 3. Submission Instructions

All photographs must relate to human rights issues highlighting the most captivating imagery illustrating hope, courage, compassion and/or despair, injustice, inequality, destitution, struggle against oppression, and in general human rights failures or victories in Ethiopia.

All images must be the photographer's own work and should be original. Image file extensions accepted are JPG/JPEG & PNG and photographs can be captured using professional camera and/or smart phones with good resolution (permitting the use of both digital and print medium). Participants may submit up to ten photographs. A high-resolution file will be required for finalists.

Photoshop images will be disqualified but, slight alterations such as fixing red eyes and cropping are allowed. Do not add overlay texts onto the photographs and collages are not acceptable.

Each image must be accompanied by a descriptive caption telling the viewer what the photograph is about, where and when the photo was taken. (Creative captions are very much appreciated)

## 4. Submission Deadline

All entries must be submitted between November, 11- December 14, 2020 at yodit.bayissa@aau.edu.et

## 5. Awards and Recognition

A panel of experts will select the photographs that meet the Center's requirements and standards. Selected photographs will be featured in an exhibition hosted by the Center for Human Rights. Top five photographs will be awarded certificate of recognition and a special trophy in the presence of dignitaries and the photos will be features in the Center's website and other online platforms.

## Contact Information

Should you have any question or need further explanation, you can reach out to us via yodit.bayissa@aau.edu.et or 011-1-223783. (Full name and contact details of contestants should be included in the email)