



13TH ANNUAL JOURNALISM EXCELLENCE AWARDS (AJEA) 2025 NOMINEES LIST

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY AWARD

NAME	STORY TITLE	STORY FORMAT	MEDIA HOUSE	GENDER
Suleiman Mbatiah	Climate warriors: How farmers are Protecting biodiversity through seed saving and exchange	Digital	Kilimo News	Male
Ibrahim Karanja	Sly marikiti brokers	TV	Nation Media Group	Male
Seliphar Machoni	From waste to wealth: How composting boosts farming yields and sustainability in Kakamega	Digital	Story Spotlight	Female
Sharon Atieno	Kenya: Dwindling fish populations causing conflicts over fishing grounds in Homa Bay	Digital	Science Africa	Female

ANIMAL WELFARE REPORTING AWARD

Amos Kiarie	KSPCA banks on mass vaccination campaign to combat rabies	Digital	Standard Group	Male
Haji Kibwanga	Makala ya masaibu ya punda Lamu (punda mashakani)	Radio	Royal Media Services	Male
Caroline Gichuki	When your pet suffers from cancer	Print	Nation Media Group	Female
Evans Barnabas Asiba	Makala : Punda ng'ombe	TV	Royal Media Services	Male

BEST TELEVISION PRODUCTION AWARD

Michael Ombuya	Daring abroad : Enriching lives a cup at a time; German-based mogul's journey of exporting Kenyan coffee & impact	TV	Chams Media	Male
Smriti Vidyarthi	NTV wild talk relocating rhinos	TV	Nation Media Group	Female
Reyhab Watari	The evolution of the tea industry	TV	Mediamax Network Ltd	Female



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BEST RADIO PRODUCTION AWARD

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Geoffrey Otieno	Dhahabu kijani kibichi	Radio	Sifa FM	Male
Raymond Kiwia	Ukocha bila mipaka	Radio	Mediamax Network Ltd	Male
Samuel Petro	Kilimo jangwani	Radio	Sifa FM	Male

BEST INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING AWARD

Simon Ciuri	How Sh720m jobs fraud suspect exploited Ruto's Germany tour	Print	Nation Media Group	Male
Cynthia Gichiri	Fertile deception	Digital	Africa Uncensored	Female
Kiplang'at Rotich	Moi University error	TV	Cape Media Ltd(TV 47)	Male

DIGITAL ECONOMY AND INNOVATION REPORTING AWARD

Graham Kajilwa	Insurance agents' future in doubt as tech disruption hits industry	Print	Standard Group	Male
Paul Nyambura	Glasses of independence - miwani ya wiyathi	TV	Royal Media Services	Male
Stephanie Wangari	Kenya's biggest protest in recent history played out on a walkie-talkie app	Digital	Rest of the World	Female

ENVIRONMENT RESTORATION, BLUE ECONOMY AND CLIMATE CHANGE REPORTING AWARD

Clement Masombo	The cry of Aberdares	TV	Standard Group	Male
Robi Sarafina Merengo	Culture in preservation of indigenous trees	TV	Kenya Broadcasting Corporation	Female



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Lilys Njeru	Dummy's guide to COP29 talks on global warming	Digital	Nation Media Group	Female

FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS REPORTING AWARD

Patrick Alushula	Banks splash Billions on tech, talent to keep fraudsters at bay	Print	Nation Media Group	Male
Imende Benjamin	Home of 'wash wash' cleaners: Illicit wealth fuels economy, deepening rich and poor divide	Print	Standard Group	Male
Kevine Omollo	How legal gaps are promoting illicit fish bladder trade in Lake Victoria	Digital	Lake Region Bulletin	Male

GENDER AND INCLUSIVITY REPORTING AWARD

Bosco Mariita	How female Kenyan soldiers are inspiring Somali women	Print	Radio Africa Group	Male
Angela Oketch	She called me half a man, turning my dream marriage to a daily horror	Print	Nation Media Group	Female
Vincent Voiyoh	Ukocha bila mipaka	Radio	Mediamax Network Ltd	Male

GOVERNANCE AND DEVELOPMENT REPORTING AWARD

Francis Odee	Kisii NGAAF scandal	TV	Royal Media Services	Male
Joy Kirigia	Fangs of corruption	Digital	Africa Uncensored	Female



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Lilys Njeru	How badly aerated and lit buildings are making city residents sick	Print	Nation Media Group	Female
Rose Wangui	Clinically corrupt	TV	Nation Media Group	Female

HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE REPORTING AWARD

Mahak Dagar	Hidden in plain sight - Endometriosis	Digital	Asian Weekly	Female
Sam Munia	Trapped by terror	Digital	Africa Uncensored	Male
Brygettes Ngana	Behind the byline	Digital	Nation Media Group	Female
Rose Wangui	Under the influence	TV	Nation Media Group	Female

NATIONAL COHESION / DEVELOPING STORY REPORTING AWARD

Valary Ochieng	Echoes of terror	TV	Standard Group	Female
Samuel Petro	Gharama ya amani	Radio	Sifa FM	Male
Alela Linda	Quest for lasting peace	TV	Cape Media Ltd(TV 47)	Female

PODCAST OF THE YEAR AWARD

Susan Gachuhi	Fashion for the visually impaired	Digital	British Broadcasting Corporation	Female
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Francis Ngala	Mchango wa jamii katika kukabiliana na mabadiliko ya tabia nchi	Digital	Kenya Broadcasting Corporation	Male
Steve Ondieki	How Maasai women are countering drought with beekeeping	Digital	Standard Group	Male

PHOTOJOURNALIST OF THE YEAR AWARD

Monicah Mwangi	Police open fire on demonstrators attempting to storm Kenya parliament	Digital	Reuters	Female
Sila Kiplagat	2024 as captured in images	Print	Nation Media Group	Male
Boniface Okendo Otieno	Gen Z anti-finance bill 2024 protest	Print	Standard Group	Male

SPORTS REPORTING AWARD

Shadrack Odinga	Jasho lisilolipa	Radio	Ruben FM	Male
Damaris Kiilu	The tennis star rising above disability to change society	Print	Radio Africa Group	Female
Susan Sangah	Spoti, jukwa la amani	Radio	Sifa FM	Female
George Ajowi	Kuzaliwa, kufa na 'kujaribu' kufufuka kwa mchezo wa masumbwi nchini Kenya	Radio	Radio France International	Male



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TOURISM REPORTING AWARD

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Albert Mwadime	Makala sauti ya wanyamapori	Radio	Sifa FM	Male
Charles Muthoni	Saving the jungle king	TV	Cape Media Ltd(TV 47)	Male
Elizabeth Matosio	Saving the Amboseli: Allegations of irregular land allocations	TV	Standard Group	Female

VIDEOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Edwin Kinyua	Man ditches poaching to become a ranger in Lewa	TV	Standard Group	Male
Jeffrey Obonyo	Mine nyagore e nam	TV	Royal Media Services	Male
Jocelyn Ngatambu	Man eaters of Juja	TV	Standard Group	Female

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