

BCA AFRICAN BUSINESS BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD 2025 | COMPETITION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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The Award

This annual Award, promoted by the Business Council for Africa (“BCA”) in partnership with Brand Communications (“BC”) and African Business magazine (“ABM”), aims to celebrate the most inspirational business-oriented stories emerging from Africa. The judges will base their choices on the quality of prose, compelling storytelling; comprehensiveness and depth of treatment of the subject matter; reader appeal; and originality. The winning author will receive an Award of 10,000USD and the runners-up authors will receive respectively 5,000USD and 2,500USD (the “Award”). Where a title has more than one author, the prize money will be divided equally between the authors. A shortlist of up to 8 titles will be announced in April 2025, and the winner will be announced at the Award Ceremony during the second quarter of 2025 (the exact date is to be confirmed) (the “Award Ceremony”) to take place in person in London. Submissions are invited from publishers or bona fide imprints based in any country (“Publishers”) as well as self-publishing authors (“Authors”) and their agents (“Agents”).

Eligibility

Titles, whether in electronic or physical form, must be published for the first time in the English language, or in English translation, between 1st January 2022 and 31st August 2024. All titles must be submitted via the BCA-hosted website - <https://bcafrica.org/>

The entry deadline for the books is March 2025. There is no limit to the number of submissions from each Publisher, Author or Agent, provided they fit the aim of the Award. Anthologies and novels will not be considered. Entrants should be over 18 years of age on March 2025. There are no restrictions on the nationality of authors.

By submitting an entry for the Award, Publishers, Authors and Agents agree to these terms and conditions and acknowledge that failure to comply with them may result in disqualification. The Award shall be void where prohibited by local law. It is the responsibility of entrants to ensure that they are able to participate in the Competition in compliance with local laws and regulations. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Business Council for Africa (“BCA”), Brand Communications (“BC”) and African Business magazine (“ABM”) are not liable where an entrant has breached local laws and/or regulations in connection with the Competition.

Conditions of Entry

1. Titles must be submitted by a Publisher or bona fide imprint which holds English language rights in the book, self-publishing authors and agents. Details of the book submission (e.g Title, Author, Publisher, Publication date etc) and PDFs of book entries need to be put on the Entry Form via the BCA hosted website - <https://bcafrica.org/>. Should you wish to alter details of your book entry, please contact events@icpublications.com. We will accept entry forms and PDFs modifications until March 2025. Entrants may be asked to send a hard copy of the book or printed PDF version for review. The delivery address will be confirmed in the email if a hard copy or printed PDF version is requested. Please do not send a hard copy or printed PDF version unless requested to do so.
2. Entries that were originally published in another language and translated into English can be entered in the above-mentioned form. Details of when the entry was first published and in what language, plus the date the book was published in English should be provided.
3. The judges’ decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

4. By submitting a title, you warrant that such title does not infringe copyright or any other intellectual property rights and does not defame or invade the privacy rights of any third party, or infringe any other legal rights, regulations or laws.
5. BCA reserves the right to cancel, suspend or amend the Competition, or any part of it (including these Terms and Conditions) or change the Prize (to one of equivalent or greater value) as required by the circumstances in BCA's sole discretion. BCA reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual who has not complied with the spirit of these Terms and Conditions. Any failure by BCA to enforce any provision in these Terms and Conditions shall not constitute a waiver of that provision.
6. BCA cannot accept responsibility for, or liability arising from, entrants taking part in the Competition or for taking up the Prize. BCA gives no warranty or guarantee in relation to the Prize and accepts no responsibility or liability for the Prize being amended by BCA. To the fullest extent permitted by law, BCA excludes liability for all loss, damage or claim arising as a result of the Participant's entry into the Competition or use of the Prize (save in the case of death or personal injury caused by the negligence of BCA).
7. By entering the Competition, entrants agree to hold BCA harmless for liability, damages or claims for injury or loss to any person or property, relating to, directly or indirectly, participation in this Competition, or claims based on publicity rights, third party intellectual property rights, defamation or invasion of privacy.
8. The work submitted will be used for the sole purpose of this competition. BCA will not share to third parties nor commercialise the PDFs of book entries as well as, if requested, the hard copy or printed PDF version.
9. All information received will be used for the sole purpose of this competition. BCA will hold an entrant's personal data for a reasonable period of time for the competition purposes. Any personal data which may be submitted in an entry will be processed by BCA in accordance with any applicable data protection legislation.
10. The winner and runners-up's full names (including any shortlisted authors) and title of books will be published. If you would like to object to the publication of this information, please email events@icpublications.com upon entry.

The Judges

The judging panel for 2025 will consist of experts on business, renowned academics and publishers, including **Arnold Ekpe**, Chairperson of BCA, chair of the Judging Committee, **Chris Ogbechie**, Dean of Lagos Business School; **Arunma Otteh**, Chair of the Royal African Society; **Moky Makura**, CEO, AfricaNoFilter; **Terhas Berhe**, Managing Director and Founder of Brand Communications; **Omar Ben Yedder**, Publisher of *African Business*, *African Banker* and *New African magazines* and **Anver Versi**, Editor of *New African* and *African Banker* magazine. The judging panel will judge all valid entries submitted to select 1 winner and 2 runners-up and 6 shortlisted titles.

These Terms and Conditions are governed by the laws of England and Wales. Disputes arising in connection with this Competition shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts. The Publisher hereby submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts. For further information please contact ICP via email at events@icpublications.com.