



GENERAL INFORMATION

The Film Festival

The Media Communications Association International, New York Chapter and the United Nations Department of Public Information are pleased to announce **Stories from the Field, the Third Annual United Nations Documentary Film Festival**. The Festival is presented in cooperation with The New School. It will take place Friday, April 20, through Sunday, April 22, 2007, and feature film screenings, panel discussions, and award presentations. The selected films will be announced on March 12, 2007, and listed on the Festival Web site, www.storiesfromthefield.org, shortly thereafter.

All filmmakers from or contracted by United Nations offices, funds, programmes, and agencies around the world have been invited to submit entries for consideration. The competition is also open to filmmakers from the general public.

The film finalists will be screened at the United Nations, First Avenue at East 46 Street, New York, NY 10017, and in the Tishman Auditorium, The New School, 66 West 12 Street, New York, NY 10011, and announced to the media.

Panel discussions at the Festival will feature the filmmakers, and invited representatives from the United Nations, The New School, MCAI NY, and, for the first time, The Mount Sinai Hospital and School of Medicine, which will lend its expertise to those discussions that center on global health.

Background

Stories from the Field was founded in 2005 as the United Nations entered its 60th year. Its mission is to screen films that reflect the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, which pledge to:

- ◆ Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- ◆ Achieve universal primary education
- ◆ Promote gender equality and empower women
- ◆ Reduce child mortality
- ◆ Improve maternal health
- ◆ Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
- ◆ Ensure environmental sustainability
- ◆ Develop a global partnership for development

The producers and supporters of Stories from the Field embrace these goals and praise the historic vision that resulted in the founding of the United Nations. We hope our efforts will advance in some small way the United Nations promise of peace, development, equality and justice for all people.

Guidelines for Filmmakers

DATES AND DEADLINES

- ◆ **Call for Entries deadline: 31 January 2007, 5:00 p.m. (17:00) EST**
- ◆ **Finalists announced: 12 March 2007**
- ◆ **Exhibition copies due: 26 March 2007**
- ◆ **Film festival: 20–22 April 2007**

To be considered, a film must reflect one or more of the eight Millennium Development Goals. Finalists will be selected by a screening committee of United Nations officials, MCAI representatives, New School faculty, and Mount Sinai global health experts, based on the topical relevance, artistic merit, and production values of their work.

Detailed guidelines for UN entrants are outlined in the Call for UN Entries, which may be downloaded from the Festival Website at www.storiesfromthefield.org. Detailed guidelines for Public entrants may be viewed at www.withoutabox.com.

Award Categories

Awards will be presented in the following categories:

- ◆ First, Second, & Third Place UN Feature (15 min. & longer)
- ◆ First, Second, & Third Place UN Short (under 15 min.)
- ◆ First, Second, & Third Place UN PSA
- ◆ First, Second, & Third Place Public Film (60 min. & under)

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We welcome your support! Call Corinna or Linda (below) to learn how you can get involved!

For More Information

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