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FOLKTALE CONTEST

Introduction:

UNESCO declared 2019 as the year to celebrate Indigenous Languages. The concern is that about 40 per cent of the world's estimated 6,700 languages are in danger of extinction; the majority belonging to indigenous peoples. There are about 2,680 indigenous languages in the world, facing threat of extinction. Indigenous languages constitute of significant elements of culture and knowledge and their preservation is therefore of great importance.

Ogiek Peoples' Development Program (OPDP) is promoting the use of Ogiek language in order to prevent its extinction. In this regard OPDP started a **Folktale Contest** as an initiative aimed at encouraging Ogiek youth engage with knowledge holders to collate information about Ogiek history, language, culture, traditions and customs and document it either as written or audio formats for preservation. These documented pieces of information would be available for reference as learning materials for Ogiek, non-Ogiek, historians, anthropologists and researchers.

Below are the **Terms of Reference (ToRs)**

1. The folktale should be about Ogiek and their socio-cultural connection with nature
2. The submission **MUST** be written in Ogiek language and should be between **500 words** and **1,000 words**.
3. The submission **MUST** be written in **Font 12 of Times Roman** with a **1.5 spacing**.
4. Should any part or whole of the folktale submitted be a **translated version** of another author, **ensure** the original author is appropriately **accredited**. Otherwise the entry will be disqualified for being a product of plagiarism.
5. The contestant's details **MUST** be provided in the following order:
 - Name
 - Contact

Eligibility

Only Ogiek are eligible to submit entries.

Awards

The folktale will be evaluated based on clarity, creativity and originality. The winners will be announced after a month upon expiry of the deadline. The winner will be awarded a cash prize of Kes 10,000, 1st Runners Up, Kes 7,500 and 2nd Runners Up, Kes 5,000.

Submission

Only one entry per contestant will be accepted and MUST be submitted on or before **July 31,2019** using the email: **obiriamoraa@ogiekpeoples.org** and copy **opdp@ogiekpeoples.org** with the subject: **Folktale Contest**

Awarding: The submissions will be analyzed by a panel of experts in Ogiek language and graded accordingly. The winners will receive official communication from OPDP and respectively awarded certificates and cash prizes.

Consent

All contestants to give **Consent** for any publication of their content in future by giving No Objection Letter to OPDP.