

55 Voices for Africa writing competition launched for youth

Visa Free Africa, an initiative launched by the Kigali Global Shapers in partnership with National Aviation Services (NSA) to facilitate mobility in Africa, has introduced the 55 Voices for Africa writing competition, which invites youth from across the continent to share stories about the challenges they have faced with intra-continent travel.

The aim of the campaign is to help put a face to a large number of young Africans with missed opportunities in areas of education, tourism, health and work among many sectors they would thrive in.



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Kigali Global Shapers, a community whose vision is to create a platform that engages with the youth to inspire innovation and change, launched the writing competition to build further awareness on the importance of achieving a visa-free Africa.

Participation

The **55Voices4Africa** competition is open to all African nationals between the ages of 18 to 30 years, based in any African country.

To participate in the competition, one should submit a story that is a narrative based on an experience the writer or someone they know has faced when travelling to or from an African country that involved a tedious process to acquire a visa.

The essay should be no more than 1,000 words in a narrative nonfiction style written in English, French, Arabic or Portuguese.

Deadline for [submissions](#) is 15 April 2019 at 11:59 PM GMT. Winners will be announced by 30 April 2019.

The submitted story must be an original work, entirely owned by the entrant, and does not infringe on the copyright, trademark, intellectual property privacy or other rights of any third party under applicable laws, rules and regulations.

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