

## CALL FOR PROJECTS

# The Public Eye Investigation Award

Since 1968, Public Eye<sup>1</sup> has been fighting injustice originating in Switzerland. There have been numerous cases ranging from toxic fuels sold in West Africa, to dodgy drug trials in Egypt, to corruption in Congo's oil sector. We unveil the illegitimate and illegal practices of Swiss companies and their disastrous consequences for the people in those countries.

Following the successful first edition on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary, Public Eye will be awarding CHF 20,000 to support two investigative projects led by journalists or NGO researchers in countries where people's rights are being violated by irresponsible companies. This is in recognition of the fact that their critical eye is essential to denounce these injustices which are perpetrated on the other side of the world.

### Terms and conditions

The investigation must have a direct link with the activities of Swiss companies and/or Swiss politics. It must shed new light on abusive practices in a developing or emerging country – whether relating to human rights violations, environmental damage, corruption or illegitimate financial activities – and it must be as yet unpublished. The report will be published by Public Eye, but it may also appear in other publications (to be agreed with Public Eye).

### Submission of projects

The project is expected to contain a short overview of the project (one A4 page or 400 words maximum) and a brief introduction of the persons conducting the investigation. A draft research plan and a cost estimate must also be provided, as these will also help the jury panel to assess the feasibility of the project. Any other grant already awarded to the project must be mentioned. Detailed rules on submission of projects can be found [here](#).

### The jury (selection panel)

The jury tasked with selecting the shortlisted project(s) is composed of three external experts and three Public Eye staff.

### Criteria for participation

Participation is open to journalists and staff at NGOs or other institutions who are investigating in developing or emerging countries.

The projects are to be submitted by **9 March 2020 at the following address: [awards@publiceye.ch](mailto:awards@publiceye.ch)**.

*If you have any questions, please contact us at [oliver.classen@publiceye.ch](mailto:oliver.classen@publiceye.ch) or on +41.44.277.79.06.*

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<sup>1</sup> The "Berne Declaration" was renamed "Public Eye" in 2016.