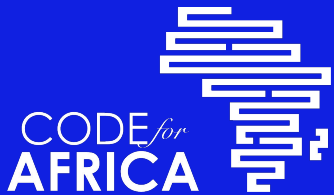
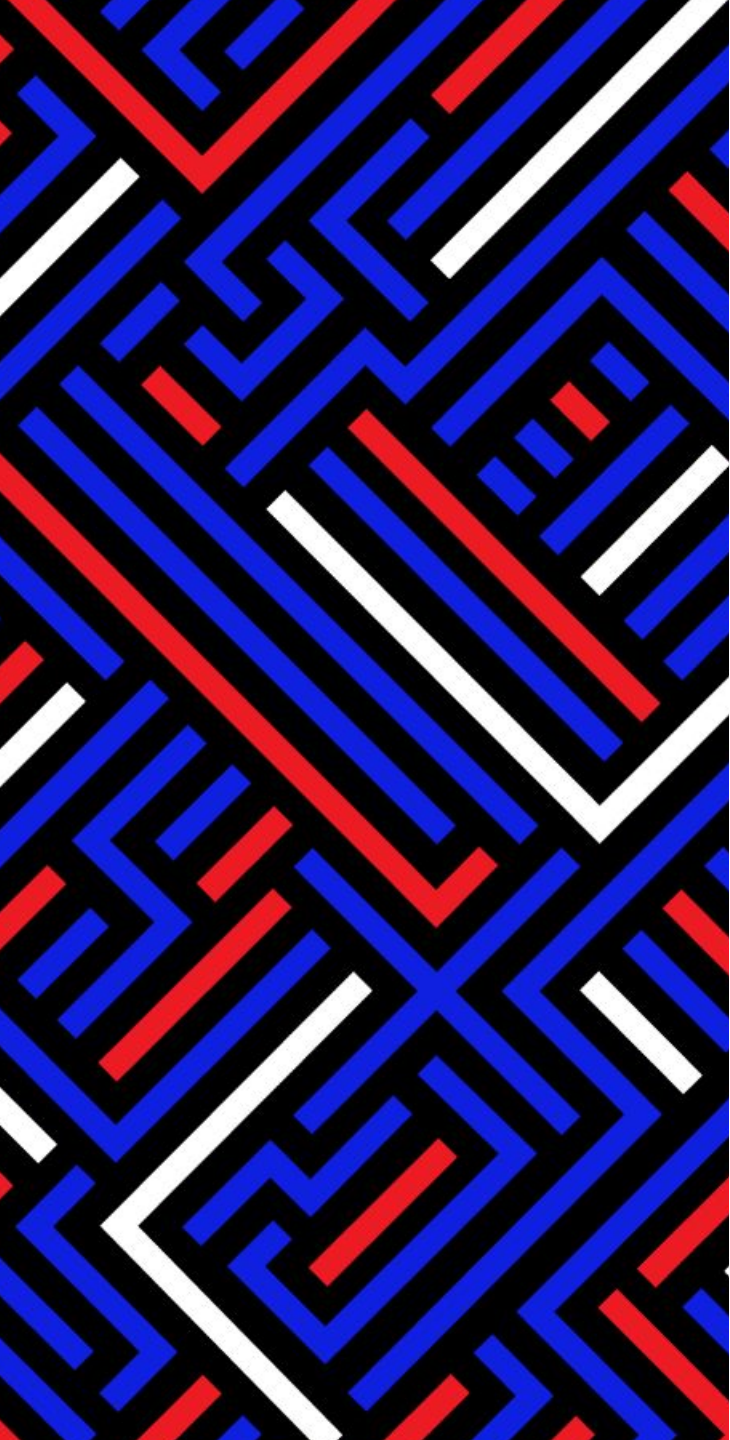


AWA Norway Fellowships 2026

Closing content and gender gaps across Southern Africa

2026-05-25





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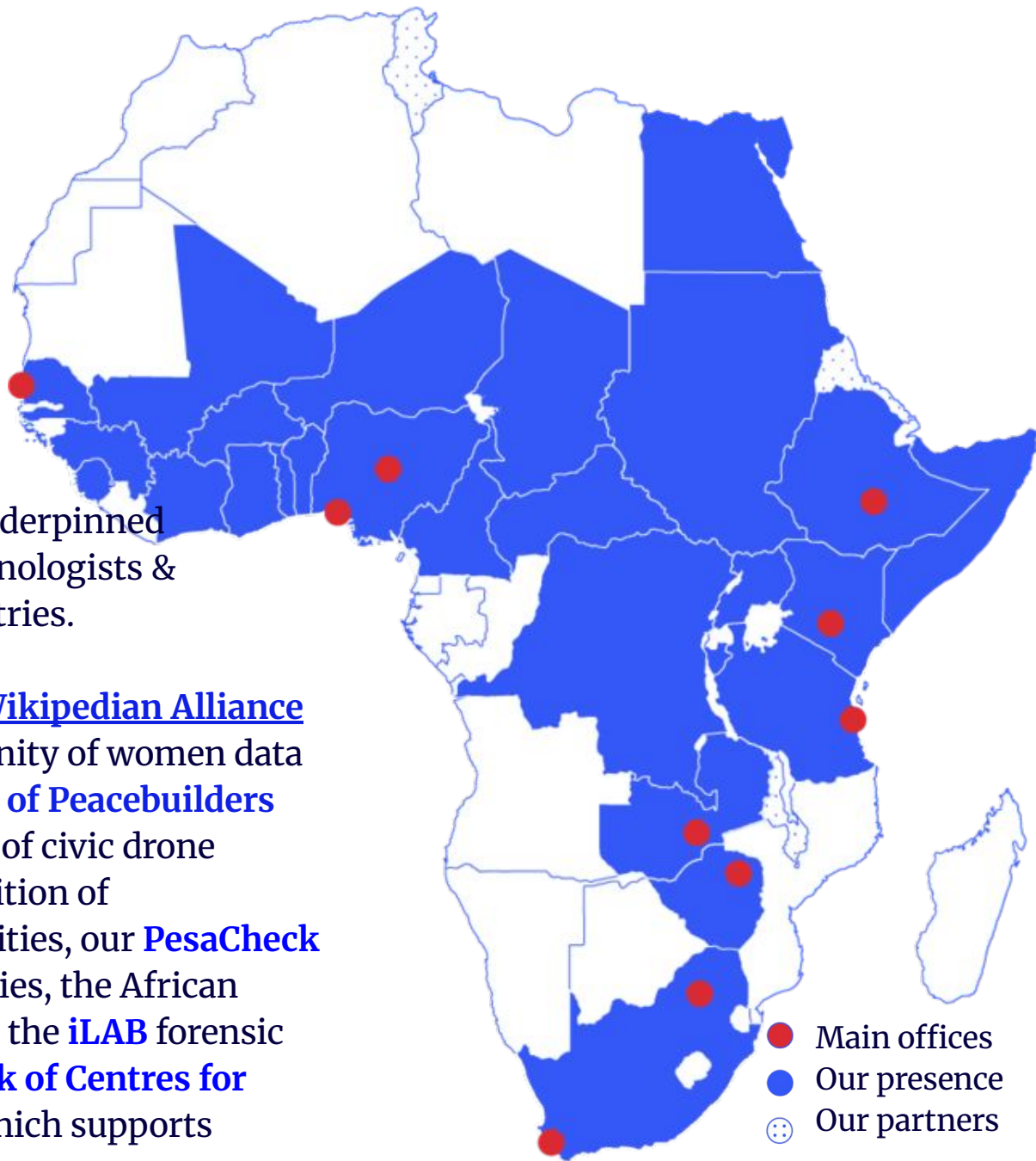
Introductions

Welcome, brief introduction to AWA & Fellowships 2026

Continental Footprint

Code for Africa (CfA) is the continent's largest **indigenous** network of civic technology and open data / data journalism labs, underpinned by **110** full-time staff (analysts, technologists & digital creatives) in **26** African countries.

Our network includes the [African Wikipedian Alliance](#) community, the [WanaData](#) community of women data scientists/storytellers, the [Coalition of Peacebuilders](#) (COPP), the [africanDRONE](#) network of civic drone operators, the [sensors.AFRICA](#) coalition of air/water/radiation sensor communities, our [PesaCheck](#) fact-checking initiative in **15** countries, the African Fact-Checking Alliance ([AFCA](#)), and the [iLAB](#) forensic analysis unit in our [African Network of Centres for Investigative Reporting](#) (ANCIR) which supports newsrooms in **22** countries.



Communities

About us!

About Communities

- CfA's Communities programme is a peer-learning and collaboration initiative focused on ecosystem building, fellowships, and professional development to strengthen media impact across Africa.

Its flagship initiatives include:

- WanaData
- Hacks/Hackers Africa
- African Wikipedian Alliance (AWA)
- African Fact-Checking Alliance (AFCA)
- africanDRONE
- sensors.AFRICA

COPP.

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Dalila is a Community Coordinator at Code for Africa with a strong background in community building, management, social innovation, gender, and content creation.

A recognized Young African Leader, she is passionate about driving change and leading impactful initiatives. She currently coordinates the Coalition of Peacebuilders (COPP) and WanaData communities.



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BUKOLA JAMES

I am a Community Coordinator for CfA's African Wikipedian Alliance community initiatives with presence in 33 Francophone and Anglophone countries . I am responsible for the daily community management of Wikimedia programs. I provide daily oversight of the community management of the CfA's free knowledge components.



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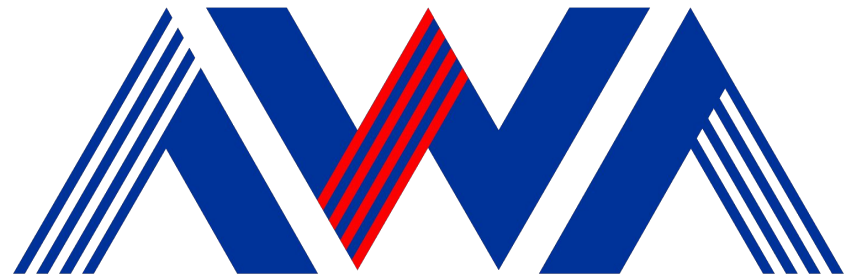


AWA

- Network of 400+ African Wikipedians
- Active in 30+ countries

Focus:

- Content creation across Wikimedia projects
- Fact-checking and verification
- Capacity building and training
- Community growth and collaboration



African Wikipedian Alliance

AWA success metrics

For projects and fellowships across Africa



African Wikipedian Alliance

AWA WiR FELLOWSHIPS

2022 – 2026

Recruited **40** fellows for the AWA WiR fellowships from 2022–2026, achieving impactful results.



966

WIKIMEDIANS
PARTICIPATED



109+

BLOGS
PUBLISHED



3,668+

ARTICLES / ITEMS /
MEDIA FILES
CREATED OR IMPROVED



26.17M

WORDS ADDED
ACROSS WIKIPEDIA,
WIKIDATA, AND COMMONS



74.7K

REFERENCES
ADDED



126.8M

ARTICLE / ITEM
VIEWS

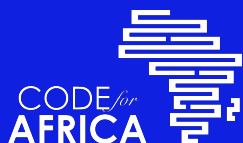


41.8K

ARTICLES
EDITED



Building a stronger, more inclusive knowledge ecosystem through collaboration, capacity building, and community.



AWA Fellowship Metrics

Overview of the impact and achievements of the AWA WiR Fellowships (2022–2026), highlighting community participation, content contributions, and knowledge production across Wikimedia platforms.

CODE AFRICA AWA African Wikimedia Alliance

Introduction to Wikimedia Incubator and TranslateWiki

#AWA Anglophone Monthly Meetup

4 March, 2026
3pm UTC

Asare Paul Yaw
Co-founder/Project lead
Bono Wikimedia Community



IFCN CODE AFRICA

Bridging the gap

Using Wikipedia To Fight Climate Denialism



EmpowerHer 1 mars - 30 mars 2026

2026 Edit-a-thon

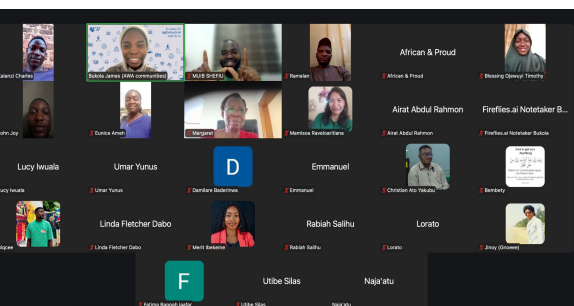
Réduire l'écart entre les genres dans la région du Sahel, l'Afrique de l'Ouest voisine et la Corne de l'Afrique



Rejoignez-nous
Gagner pour donner

scan to register

Digital Democracy Initiative AWA CODE AFRICA WIKIMEDIA



WiR Weekly Webinar 2.0

Unlock essential Wikimedia skills

Starting 8 September



CODE AFRICA

Construire une présence Africaine durable sur Wikipédia

Septembre 19 | 12h UTC

#WIR international conference

Ceslaude OGBONNAYA
Chef de projet, Wiki in Africa

Aristide KOUAME
Chef de projet, Wikimedia Community User Group Côte d'Ivoire

Wiki in Africa WIKIMEDIA CODE AFRICA

Introduction à la patrouille sur Wikipédia

#Rencontre mensuelle Francophone de l'AWA

4 Février | 15H UTC

Konan N'Da N'Dri
Nouveau de l'année 2025

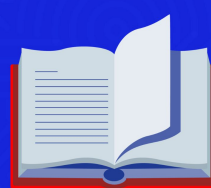


CODE AFRICA AWA African Wikimedia Alliance WIKIMEDIA

WiR Weekly Webinar 3.0

The Wikipedia series

Starting from 22 November.



CODE AFRICA WIKIMEDIA

Building a sustainable African presence on Wikipedia

September 18 | 1pm UTC

#WIR international conference

Romeo Ronald
Team leader, Wikimedia Community User Group South Sudan

Oby Ezeilo
Founder, Wiki for Senior Citizens Network, Nigeria

WIKIMEDIA CODE AFRICA



AWA Programs

AWA organises meetups, quarterly online conferences, editathon and campaigns.

Q&A

Fire away!
5 minutes 

Norway Project

Overview, goal, outputs & outcomes

Project Overview

- Partnership between [Code for Africa \(CfA\)](#) and the [Norwegian Embassy](#) focused on strengthening information integrity and democratic resilience in Southern Africa.
- South Africa is the central focus country for 2026 activities.
- We're addressing misinformation on key topics that become weaponised during election cycles such as xenophobia, service-delivery at the hyper local level, and LGBTQI+ related information gaps.
- And supporting civic early-warning systems, fact-checking, and Wikimedia knowledge initiatives.

Project Goal

- Strengthen trusted and inclusive information ecosystems in Southern Africa.
- Counter misinformation, hate speech, and information manipulation around elections.
- Improve access to reliable information in local and indigenous languages.
- Support inclusive representation of marginalized and underrepresented communities.
- Build community capacity through fellowships, partnerships, and training initiatives.

Project Output & Outcome

- Production of fact-checks, monitoring reports, and threat analysis outputs.
- Support for feminist and pro-LGBTQI+ content creators through fellowship programmes.
- Expansion of the Toxic Ten and civic early-warning initiatives.
- Stronger regional collaboration and community response to misinformation and harmful narratives.
- **Creation and improvement of Wikipedia and Wikidata content in local languages.**
- **Increased public access to verified and locally relevant information.**

Norway Fellowships

Overview, goal, focus and responsibilities

Fellowship Overview

The [AWA Norway Fellowship](#) is a 6 month stipend-based programme supporting experienced African Wikimedians to:

- Improve content on:
 - Wikipedia
 - Wikidata
 - Wikimedia Commons
- Facilitate technical on-wiki and off-wiki trainings
- Build partnerships
- Strengthen information integrity ecosystems

Fellowship Goal

To close knowledge gaps and improve information integrity in Southern Africa by focusing on key topics that become weaponised during election cycles:

- Xenophobia,
- Service-delivery at the hyper local level,
- Democracy and political participation
- Government systems and public institutions
- LGBTQI+ rights and visibility
- Gender equity and women's representation



Derek Moore (South Africa)



Twin Mosia (South Africa)



Jan du Toit (South Africa)



Candy Tricia Khohliwe (Botswana)

Fellows' Responsibilities

Fellows are expected to:

- Create, translate, or improve at least 30 articles and items on Wikipedia/Wikidata/Wikicommons related to the project themes each month (targeting at least 180 articles and/or items over 6 months)
- Recruit and mentor contributors
- Deliver structured training sessions
- Develop and maintain topic lists
- Track contributions across platforms
- Participate in check-ins
- Submit blogs, reports and evaluations
- Build partnerships with relevant organisations

Geographic Focus



Fellowship activities will be implemented to close content and contributor gaps across:

- South Africa
- Botswana
- Lesotho
- Namibia
- Zimbabwe
- Madagascar



Recruitment Strategy

- Recruit **30 active contributors** over the 6 month fellowship period
- Recruitment is **not limited to training participants**

Channels include:

- Existing Wikimedia communities
- Institutional partnerships
- Social platforms and networks

Training Expectations

- Minimum of 14 training sessions
- At least 3 trainings in the first month
- Continuous monthly trainings (≥ 2 /month)
- Monthly office hours (≥ 1 /month)
- Hybrid delivery (online + community-based)

Topic List Development ([Inclusion-Norway](#))

Main Theme	Topic Lists
Democracy & Elections	Electoral systems Political parties Election results Governance structures Election logistics
Government, Public Institutions , Local (Municipal) Service Delivery	Ministries and agencies Public services Infrastructure Public servants
Xenophobia & Human Rights	Xenophobic incidents Migration and refugee issues Advocacy groups

Topic List Development ([Inclusion-Norway](#))



Main Theme	Topic Lists
LGBTQ+ Rights	Activists and organisations Legal frameworks Public figures
Gender & Women's Representation	Women politicians, Gender policies, Women's organisations Gender-based violence

Q&A

Fire away!
5 minutes 

IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE



GOAL: Build capacity, engage contributors, grow content, and ensure sustainability.

Success Metrics



We will track:

- Number of trainings conducted
- Number of participants recruited
- Number of active contributors recruited
- Number of edits made per month
- Number of articles created/improved
- Number of Wikidata items created/improved
- Number of blogs published

Tracking & Reporting



Monthly reports (due 10th–20th)

- Include:
 - a. Contributions
 - b. Engagement
- Use:
 - a. Outreach Dashboard
 - b. Meta pages
 - c. Workplan
 - d. Proof of Deliverables
 - e. Invoices

Q&A

Fire away!
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Resources

Fellowship Summary:

- [CfA | Partnerships | AWA | NORWAY 2026 | Fellowship Summary](#)

Fellowship Work Plan template:

- [MAKE A COPY PLEASE! CfA | Norway | AWA | Fellowship | \[Fellow's Name\] | Workplan template](#)

Fellowship Agreement template:

- [CfA | Admin | HR | Norway-Inclusion 2026 | Fellowship Agreement Template | Eng | Date](#)

Fellowship Deliverable template:

- [Proof of Deliverables Templates | Norway-Inclusion | Month | 2026](#)

AWA 2026 Campaign Dashboard

- [Outreach Dashboard Campaigns / 2026 AWA Campaigns](#)

Fellowship Branding

- All Fellowship Onboarding resources will be in this folder: [AWA Fellowship 2026 Onboarding](#) and also be uploaded on the [main page](#).
- All Fellowship branding resources are on this folder: [AWA logos and your fellowship logos](#)

For specific Fellowship branding kindly visit any of the links below :

1. [AWA Posters](#)
2. [AWA logo](#)
3. [Inclusion and climate justice logos \(Norway\)](#)

Reporting Workflow for Fellows

Fellows are expected to submit the following on a weekly basis through their Work Plan Sheet by Wednesday:

- All edits completed (in the Monthly Deliverables Sheet tab)
- Training schedule
- Blog draft in a Google Doc (if applicable)

All submitted deliverables will be reviewed by the AWA Coordinator, who will provide feedback directly in the form of comments.

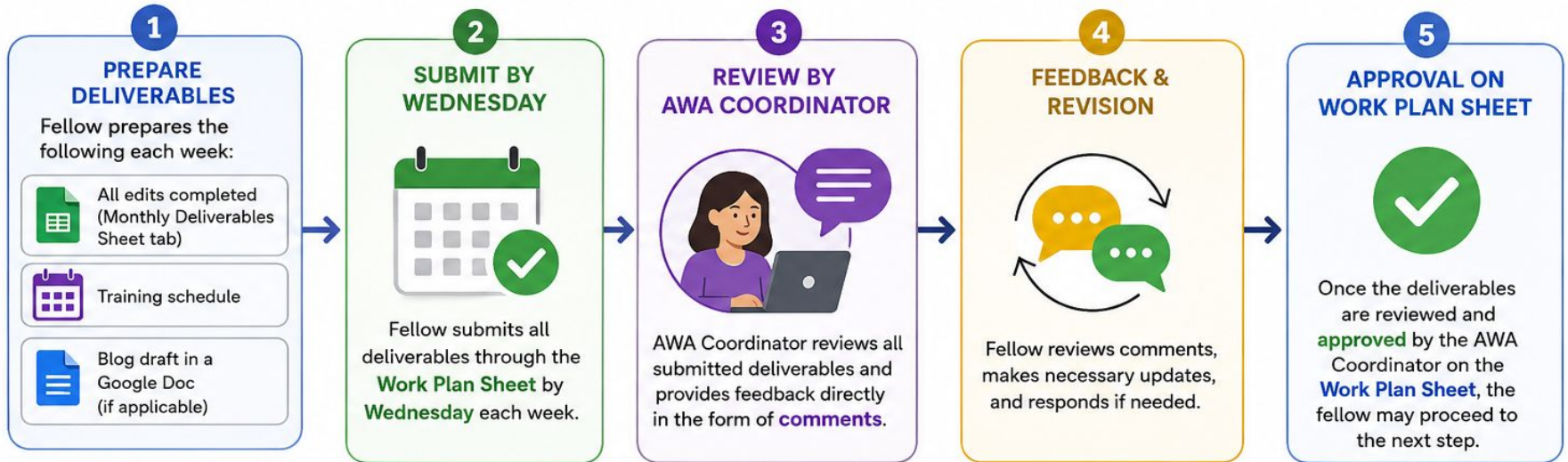
Please note:

- All edits and blog drafts created must first be reviewed and approved on the Work Plan Sheet before:
 - moving them to the fellow's report page on Meta, or
 - publishing them on Diff.

This process is important to ensure quality assurance, proper documentation, and timely feedback on all fellowship activities.

REPORTING WORKFLOW FOR FELLOWS

A weekly workflow to ensure quality, proper documentation, and timely feedback.



ALL EDITS AND BLOG DRAFTS **MUST BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED ON THE WORK PLAN SHEET BEFORE:**



MOVING TO META REPORT PAGE

Move the approved deliverables to your report page on Meta.

OR



PUBLISHING ON DIFF

Publish the approved content on Diff.



PLEASE NOTE

- Do not move to Meta or publish on Diff **before approval**.
- This ensures quality assurance, proper documentation, and timely feedback on all fellowship activities.



GOAL

Ensure quality, accountability, and continuous improvement in all fellowship deliverables.



QUALITY ASSURANCE

Every deliverable is reviewed to maintain high standards and accuracy.



PROPER DOCUMENTATION

Keep a clear record of your work and feedback for transparency and tracking.



TIMELY FEEDBACK

Submit on time, respond promptly, and keep the workflow moving each week.

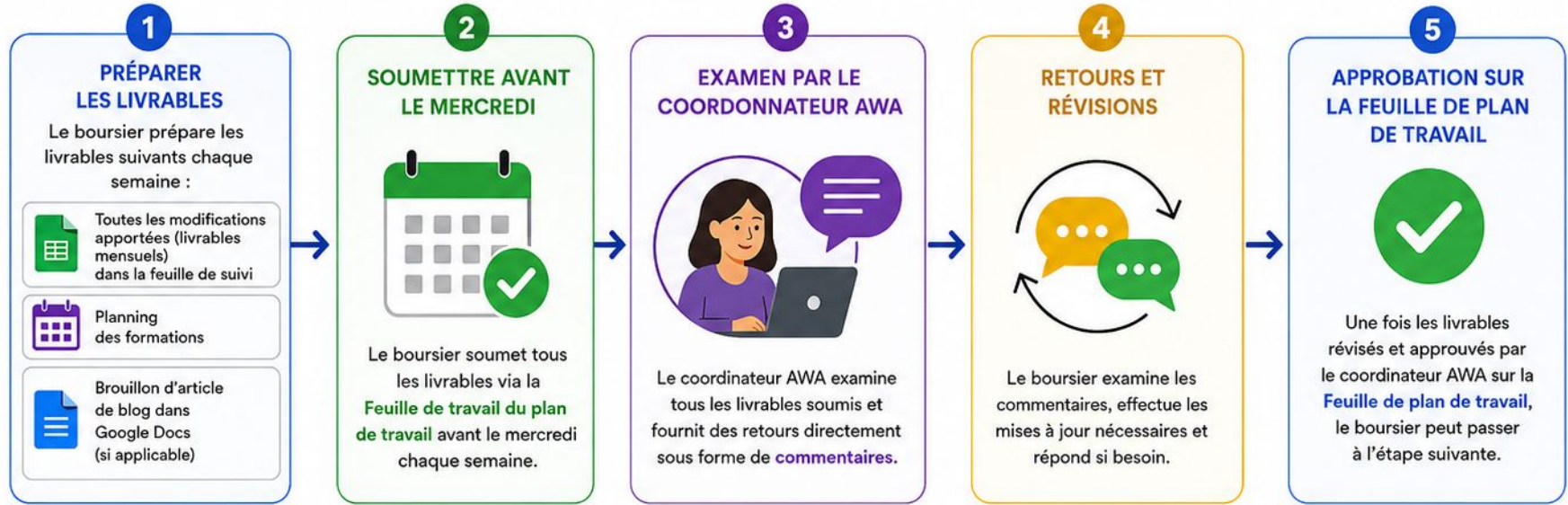


WEEKLY DEADLINE: SUBMIT BY WEDNESDAY

Let's work together to make our fellowship impactful! ❤️

FLUX DE TRAVAIL POUR LES BOURSIERS

Un flux de travail hebdomadaire pour garantir la qualité, une documentation appropriée et des retours d'information en temps voulu.



TOUTES LES MODIFICATIONS ET LES BROUILLONS D'ARTICLES DE BLOG DOIVENT ÊTRE EXAMINÉS ET APPROUVÉS SUR LA FEUILLE DE PLAN DE TRAVAIL AVANT :



DÉPLACEMENT VERS LA PAGE RAPPORT MÉTA

Déplacer les livrables approuvés vers votre page de rapport sur Méta.

OU



PUBLICATION SUR DIFF

Publier le contenu approuvé sur Diff.



VEUILLEZ NOTER

- Ne déplacez pas vers Méta et ne publiez pas sur Diff **avant approbation**.
- Cela garantit l'assurance qualité, une documentation appropriée et des retours d'information en temps voulu pour toutes les activités de bourses.



OBJECTIF

Assurer la qualité, la responsabilité et l'amélioration continue de tous les livrables de bourse.



ASSURANCE QUALITÉ

Chaque livrable est examiné pour garantir le respect des normes et l'exactitude.



DOCUMENTATION APPROPRIÉE

Conserver un dossier clair de votre travail et des retours pour garantir la transparence et le suivi.



RETOURS EN TEMPS VOULU

Soumettre à temps, répondre rapidement et maintenir le flux de travail chaque semaine.

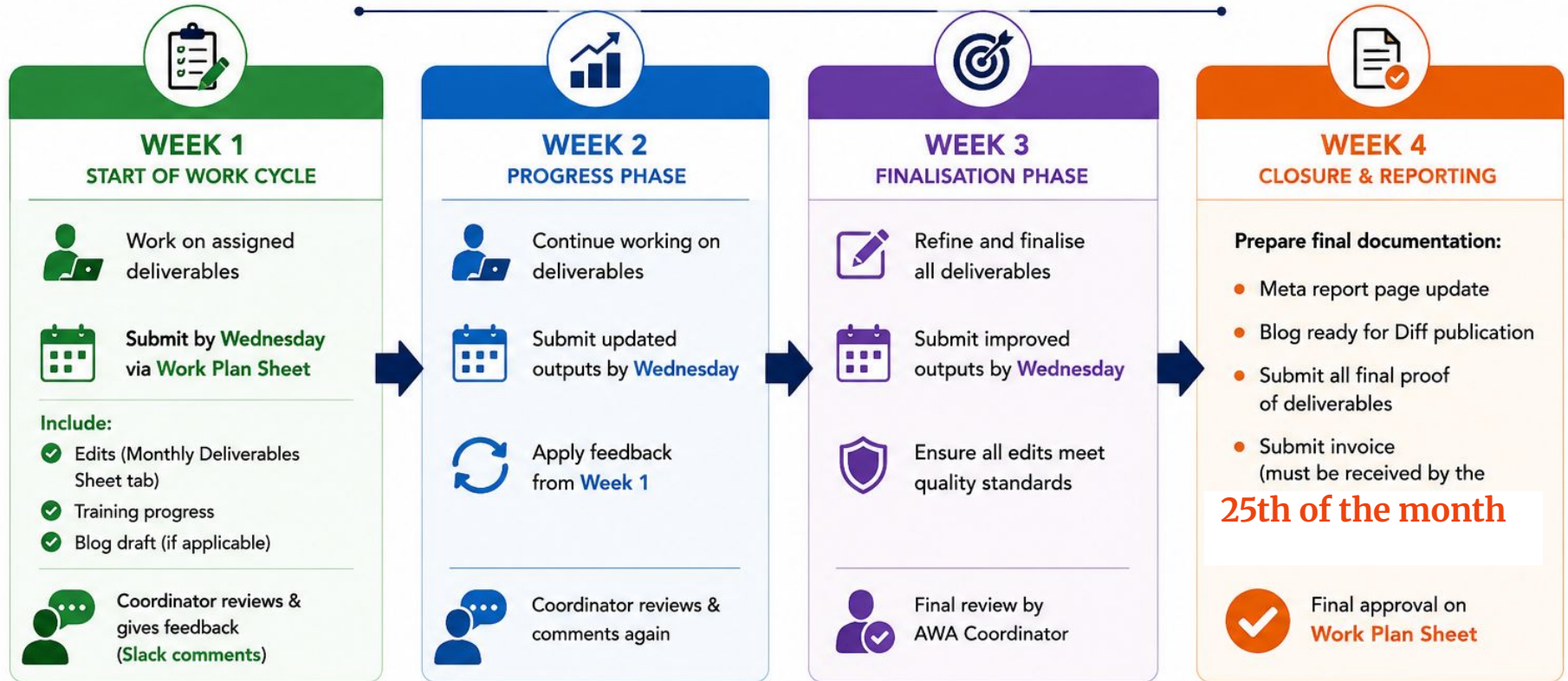


ÉCHÉANCE HEBDOMADAIRE : SOUMETTRE AVANT LE MERCREDI

Travaillons ensemble pour avoir un impact ! ❤️

WEEKLY REPORTING & DELIVERABLES WORKFLOW FOR FELLOWS

Structured weekly submissions, review, and monthly closure process



IMPORTANT RULE



All edits and blog drafts must be approved on the **Work Plan Sheet** BEFORE:



Posting to Meta report page



Publishing on Diff

This ensures:



Quality assurance



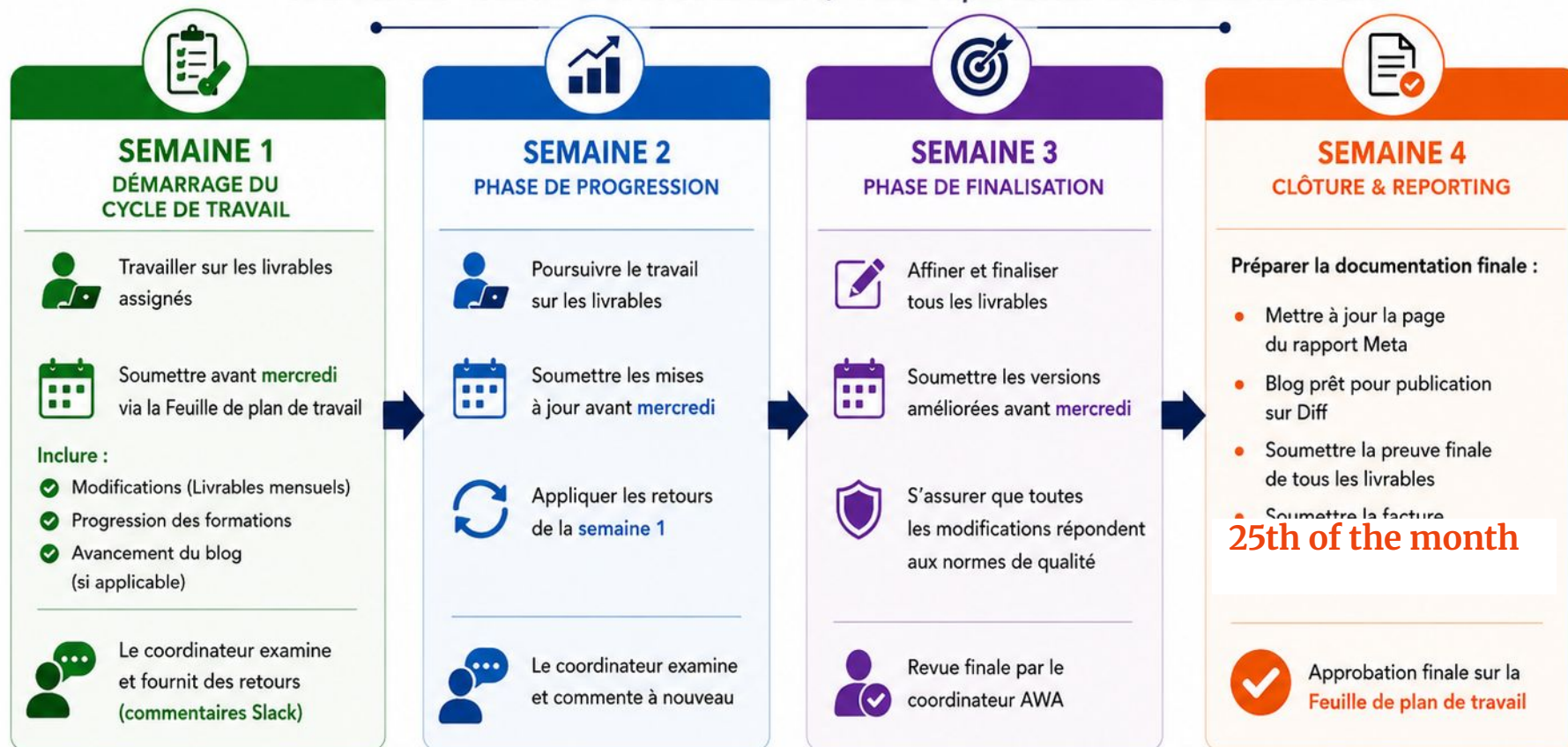
Proper documentation



Timely feedback & accountability

FLUX HEBDOMADAIRE DE REPORTING ET DES LIVRABLES POUR LES BOURSIERS

Soumissions hebdomadaires structurées, revue et processus de clôture mensuelle



RÈGLE IMPORTANTE



Toutes les modifications et brouillons de blog doivent être **approuvés** sur la Feuille de plan de travail **AVANT** :



Publication sur la page du rapport Meta



Publication sur Diff

Cela garantit :



Assurance qualité



Documentation appropriée



Retours rapides & responsabilité

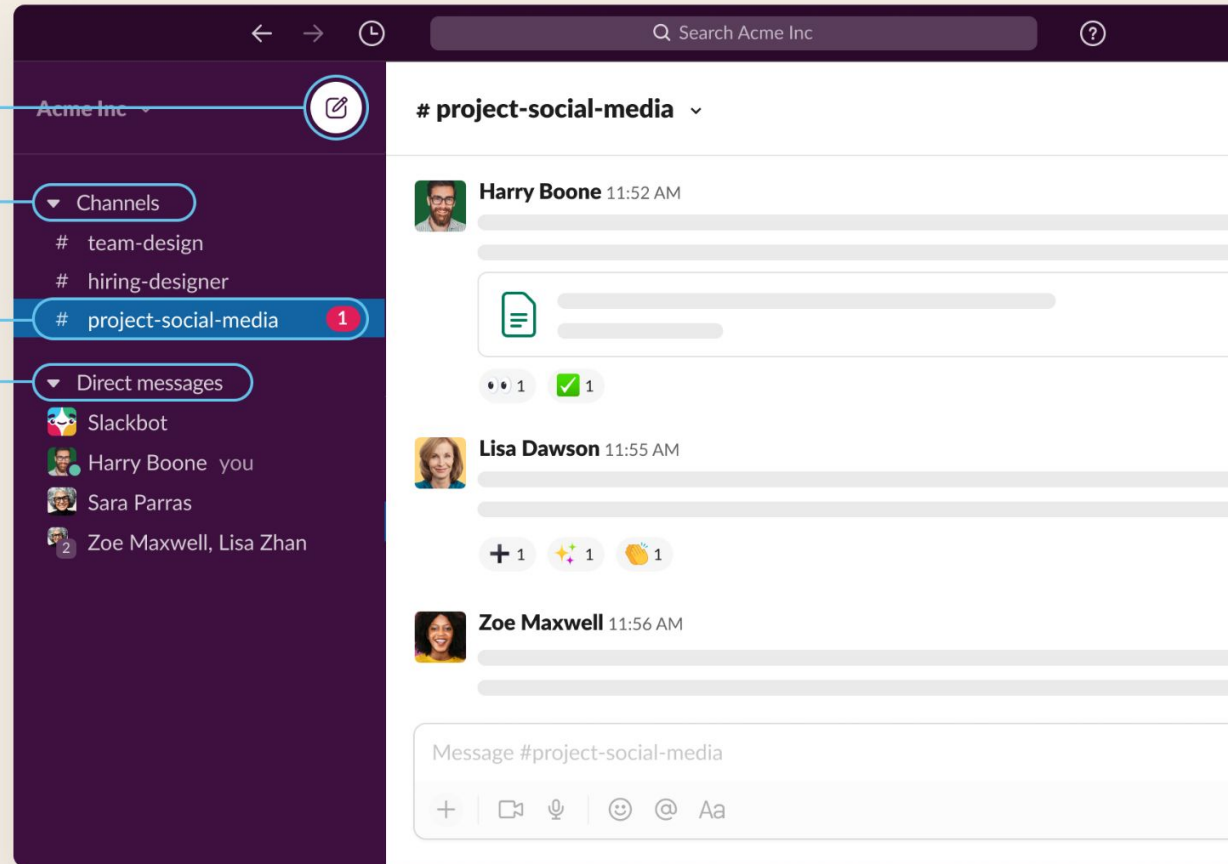


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Channels

Notifications

Direct
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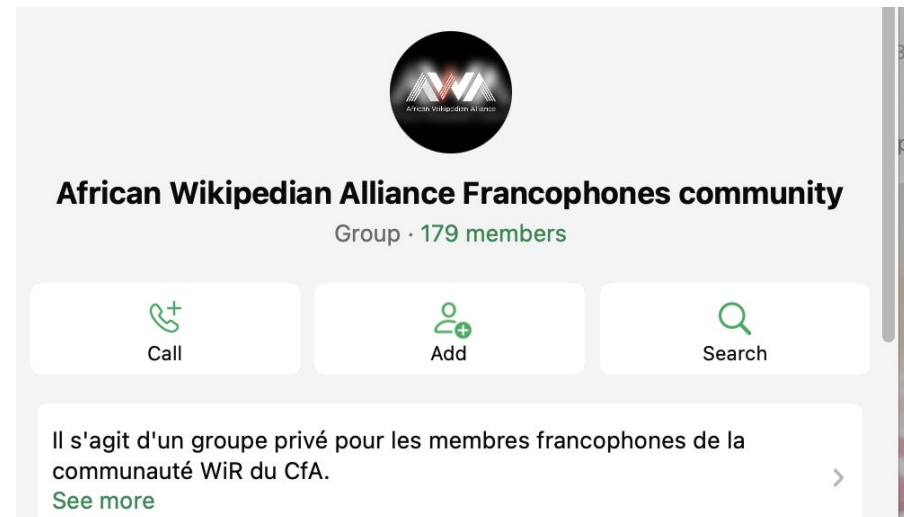
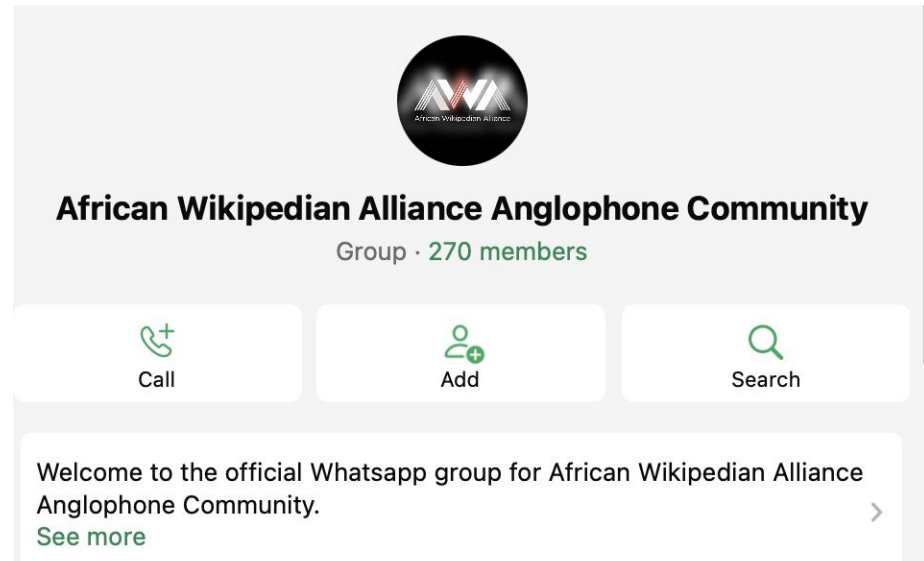
AWA Fellows Recruitment Efforts

To ensure you and your participants are registered on our membership database for access to fellowship opportunities please invite them to fill this form ([membership form](#)) to become an AWA community member.

[AWA Anglophone Whatsapp group](#)



[AWAFrancophone WhatsApp group](#)



Q&A

Fire away!
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Thanks:

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