



TERMS AND RULES OF THE " MATILA O DUALA " WRITING COMPETITION **2021**

Article 1 - Designation of the competition

The Douala City Council launches a short story writing competition called " MATILA O DUALA ".

Article 2 - Participation requirements.

2.1. Participation in the competition is free and open to Cameroonians between 18 and 35 years old with no previous publishing experience

2.2 Each candidate shall submit an unpublished short story between 2500 and 3500 words, in English or French.

2.3. The proposed text must include this sentence from the novel MISSION TO KALA by Mongo Beti: "It is astonishing how similar lives are beyond certain appearances: they are all unhappy. There is certainly no human being who can say without laughing: "I got everything I wanted from life, I don't ask it for anything more.

2.4. The story should be sent in a Word file, Times New Roman font, size 12, 1.5 line spacing. The file should not have a name or signature.

2.5. Authors should send their entry form (see Appendix) and their story by e-mail to matila@douala.cm. The entry form and the story must be sent separately in the same e-mail, in order to preserve anonymity.

Article 3: Jury and evaluation criteria

3.1. The jury reserves the right not to select a winner if the quality is not deemed sufficient.

3.2. The jury is made up of :

President : Mrs **Djaïli AMADOU AMAL**, writer, Prix Goncourt des Lycéens.

Members :

- Mr **Douglas ACHINGALE**, author, winner of the National Book Development Council Poetry Contest, the Transparency International Short Story Competition on corruption and the Nyaa Publishers Best Selling Awards.

- Mrs **Flora AMABIAMINA**, Universities Permanent Lecturer of African and Comparative Literature at the University of Douala; Head of the Department of French and Francophone Studies;
- Mr. **Junior Haussin NOULAPOUM KUAYE**, writer and literary critic, Head of the Literary Pole at the Regional Delegation of Arts and Culture of the Littoral and journalist;
- Mrs **Nnane NTUBE**, writer, editor, literary activist and teacher of English in Government high schools.

Article 4 - Allocation

4.1. Three prizes are awarded to the winners of this competition :

- 1st prize : 200 000 FCFA
- 2nd prize : 150 000 FCFA
- 3rd prize : 100 000 FCCA

4.2. The winners will be offered a free access to the future Municipal Library, and will have their collection of texts published in a local publishing House.

Article 5 : Results

The Douala City Council reserves the right to interrupt, to suspend, to cancel, to extend or to modify this competition if the circumstances so require. However, this will not be its responsibility.

Article 6 : Respect of results

There will be no appeal of the jury's decisions. By applying, you fully accept the rules and decisions of the jury.

Article 7 : Right of distribution

7.1. Participants in this competition can only send texts for which they own the copyright. Therefore, participants in this competition relieve the Douala City Council of all responsibility for any violation of copyright and any disputes that may arise.

7.2. Participants shall reserve their copyright on the texts submitted. No compensation other than what is provided for in article 4 of these regulations is required.

Article 8 : Calendar of the Competition

8.1. The deadline for the submission of files is the **20th of September 2021 at 6pm.**

8.2. The results will be published on the douala.cm website on the **8th November 2021**