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### **Call for Pitches:**

## Hostwriter Launches Remote Cross-Border Newsroom

The new Hostwriter newsroom Unbias the News is dedicated to showcasing international journalism that breaks through geographical or structural barriers. Diversity is not a moral question, it's a question of quality: We aim to open up the field to emerging voices and local journalists who have not yet had the privilege to publish at big legacy outlets due to lack of access or discrimination.

Starting today, we are inviting journalists from all over the world to pitch us underreported stories with cross-border relevance at <u>unbiasthenews.org</u>. All applicants gain access to free digital journalism trainings and peer-to-peer networking opportunities regardless of whether their story pitch was accepted. Deadline is 18 April 2021.

Hostwriter's international editorial team will work with selected authors in a collaborative process. Editors ANKITA ANAND (India), MERCY ABANG (Nigeria/ Germany), PURPLE ROMERO (Philippines/ Hong Kong) and Contributing Editor WAFAA ALBADRY (Egypt/ Germany) are joining Hostwriter's ZAHRA SALAH UDDIN (Pakistan/Germany) and TINA LEE (U.S./Germany). The editors are supported by Hostwriter's managerial team of TABEA GRZESZYK (publisher and CEO), JULIA VERNERSSON (COO) and KATJA HEITMANN (CTO).

Hostwriter is an award-winning online network that helps journalists to easily collaborate across borders. Having published the book *Unbias the News*: Why diversity matters for journalism in 2019 (Hostwriter/Correctiv), the establishment of a newsroom is the next step to ensure more equity and representation in the media. Our international editorial team has experienced first-hand how implicit bias and prejudice can silence underrepresented voices in journalism, guiding the mission to diversify media narratives and to 'unbias the news'.

We welcome your inquiries by email or phone: press@unbiasthenews.org Phone: +49-1578 2799233

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