



# African editors oppose media accreditation fees in Mozambique

The African Editors Forum (TAEF) calls on Mozambique to drop its demand for local and foreign journalists working in that country to pay as much as \$2500 for accreditation.



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TAEF views the requirement for payment as a threat to media freedom and independence.

TAEF stands in solidarity with the Southern African Editors Forum, the Foreign Correspondents Association of Southern Africa, the Media Institute of Southern Africa-Mozambique and the Committee to Protect Journalists, which have jointly taken a stance against the imposition of the prohibitive accreditation fees for foreign correspondents and local journalists working for foreign media organisations.

TAEF urges the government of Mozambique to reconsider its decision to charge journalists for accreditation: “We strongly believe this will contribute towards improving media freedom and help to create a free climate ahead of the forthcoming elections.”

The local government elections are due to be held in October. Presidential elections in Mozambique are planned for next year.

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