

THE AIBs 2026

THE SHORTLIST



**The 22nd annual celebration
of journalism and factual
productions**

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THE CELEBRATIONS



Celebrate excellence in global journalism and factual storytelling at the 22nd annual AIBs Gala

Join colleagues from across the international media industry in London on Friday 20 November 2026 for an evening celebrating outstanding journalism and factual production.

The **AIBs** Gala returns to the Park Hyatt London River Thames, bringing together journalists, presenters, producers, editors and senior executives from broadcasters and production companies around the world. This year's shortlist includes work from more than 70 companies in 22 countries, making the gala an exceptional opportunity to meet colleagues, exchange ideas and develop new professional relationships across borders.

Alongside the presentation of the 2026 awards, there will be ample time to reconnect with existing contacts, meet shortlisted teams and judges, and start conversations that can lead to future partnerships, commissions and co-productions.

Hosted by **Maria Ramos** of **TRT World**, the evening includes a drinks reception, a three-course dinner with wines and non-alcoholic alternatives, the awards presentation and post-dinner networking and celebration. Be part of a truly international evening celebrating excellence, independence and creativity across our industry.

Reserve your seats or table at www.theaibs.tv, or scan the QR code to book places.



Scan to reserve your place at the **AIBs** Gala 2026, or visit www.theaibs.tv



COMPANIES IN THE 2026 SHORTLIST



5 News, ITN | UK
 ABC Australia | Australia
 ABC Australia and NBC PNG |
 Australia/Papua New Guinea
 Al Jazeera | Qatar
 All-American Ruins | USA
 BBC | UK
 Bloomberg | UK
 Bloomberg Originals | USA
 CBC | Canada
 China Global Television (CGTN) | China
 CNA, Mediacorp Pte Ltd | Singapore
 CNN | USA
 CTVC for BBC World Service | UK
 Deutsche Welle (DW) | Germany
 Financial Times | UK
 Fishery Radio Station | Taiwan, R.O.C
 GMA Network Inc. | Philippines
 Green Bean Media | UK
 Halcyons Heart Films for Channel 4 | UK
 Jhost Studio | Taiwan
 JETZT.at & IPPEN Media | Austria
 Kalel Productions for Channel 4 | UK

Kaohsiung Broadcasting Station | Taiwan
 Keyi Productions | France
 KNN (Korea New Network) | South Korea
 Korean Broadcasting System | South
 Korea
 Mint Pictures | Australia
 Munck Studios | Germany
 Munhwa Broadcasting Corporation
 (MBC) | South Korea
 National Education Radio | Taiwan, R.O.C
 On Our Radar | UK
 ORF - Austrian Broadcasting
 Corporation | Austria
 PA-Press Association | UK
 Pano for VRT NWS | Belgium
 Phoenix Satellite Television | China
 Pod60 for The Telegraph | UK
 Pomona Audio for BBC Radio 2 | UK
 Radio Taiwan International | Taiwan
 Radio-Canada | Canada
 Rai Radiotelevisione Italiana | Italy
 Renegade Stories | UK
 RFE/RL Ukrainian Service | Czech Rep.

RTÉ | Ireland
 RTÉ Documentary On One | Ireland
 Sanlih E-Television Co. Ltd | Taiwan, R.O.C
 SBS Dateline | Australia
 Sky | UK
 Sky News Australia (News24) | Australia
 Studio 9 Films Ltd | UK
 Sveriges Radio | Sweden
 The Economist | UK
 The National News | UAE
 The Observer | UK
 Times Radio | UK
 Tortoise Media for Audible UK | UK
 TRT World | UK
 TRT World | Türkiye
 TV Globo | UK
 TV Record | Brazil
 VRT NWS for VRT | Belgium
 WDR | Germany
 WDR for ARD | Germany
 Whistledown | UK
 Wildbear, WoodenHorse and Artemis
 media for ABC Australia | Australia

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Association for International Broadcasting is delighted to announce the shortlist for the AIBs 2026 – our 22nd annual international awards.

The **AIBs** recognise outstanding journalism and factual production across video, audio and digital platforms. They are open to work in every language and are judged independently by an international panel of experienced media professionals.

Securing a place on the shortlist is a significant achievement. This year, shortlisted work comes from more than 70 broadcasters and production companies in 22 countries, demonstrating both the international reach of the competition and the remarkable breadth of talent working across our industry.

The shortlist encompasses reporting from the world's most challenging environments, major investigations, compelling documentaries, innovative factual formats and outstanding individual achievement. Together, these entries demonstrate journalism and storytelling at their most ambitious, creative and impactful.

Our panel of over 60 independent judges is now evaluating the shortlisted work to determine the winner and, where appropriate, highly commended entry in each category.



The results will be revealed at the **AIBs** Gala on Friday 20 November 2026 at the Park Hyatt London River Thames. The evening will bring together shortlisted teams, judges and colleagues from across the international media industry for the awards presentation, dinner and extensive networking.

We congratulate everyone represented in the 2026 shortlist and look forward to welcoming many of you to London in November.

Find out more about the AIBs 2026, explore previous editions and reserve your gala places at www.theaibs.tv

VIDEO

ARTS and CULTURE

A Song for My Father – ABC Australia

Free Words – TRT World

Stuff the British Stole (\$3) – Wildbear, WoodenHorse and Artemis Media for ABC Australia

The Mark of Empire: Kingdoms of the Sea – CNA, Mediacorp Pte Ltd

The Seodaemun Prison: Special Documentary for the 80th Anniversary of Liberation Day – Munhwa Broadcasting Corporation (MBC)

Wan Kantri: The Next 50 Years – ABC Australia and NBC Papua New Guinea

BROADCAST-to-DIGITAL

All Hail the Military – Al Jazeera English

Death in Dubai – BBC Eye Investigations/BBC World Service Impact Team

Go for Gold: Bringing Sports Science Beyond Radio – Radio Taiwan International/Jhost Studio

Iran war shows how low-cost drones reshape modern warfare – TRT World

The Darkest Web – BBC Storyville/BBC Eye Investigations/BBC World Service Impact Team

CONTINUING NEWS

Afghanistan – BBC News

Asia First: Iran war – One month on – CNA, Mediacorp Pte Ltd

Documenting Palestinian lives during Israel-Iran war – TRT World

Exposed: Inside Britain's Cosmetic Wild West – 5 News, ITN

Jomana Karadsheh covers Iran: The Iranian voices the regime tried to silence – CNN

War in the Middle East Hits Energy Markets – Bloomberg Television

DAILY or BREAKING NEWS

Bondi Massacre – Sky News Australia (News24)

Family evacuated while homes burn in Belfast riots – PA-Press Association

Myanmar Rebels – BBC News

War in the Middle East Hits Energy Markets – Bloomberg Television

DOMESTIC AFFAIRS DOCUMENTARY

Five Years On: You Alright? – The Final Hurdle – Green Bean Media

Give Me Back My Name – RFE/RL Ukrainian Service

Go for Gold: The Science Behind Champions – Sanlih E-Television Co. Ltd/Jhost Studio

Our Girls: The Southport Families – BBC Breakfast

Spotlight: Politician, Predator & Paedophile – BBC Northern Ireland

Philippines: The Fishermen, China, and the Sea – Keyi Productions for Arte Reportage

The Hunt for the Last Nazis – Mint Pictures

HEALTH, SOCIAL and WELLBEING

101 East – Philippines: Speak of the Devil – Al Jazeera English
Dirty Business – Halcyons Heart Films for Channel 4
Good Death Innovators – CNA, Mediacorp Pte Ltd
Guardians of Your Life: Stories from the ICU – China Global Television Network (CGTN)
Pano: Between hope and despair – Pano for VRT NWS
The World's Most Remote Rescue? – SBS Dateline
Transhuman – Korean Broadcasting System

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DOCUMENTARY

Bangladesh's missing billions, stolen in plain sight – Financial Times
Born in the Holocaust – TV Record
Foreign Correspondent – Narco Islands – ABC Australia
Inside Unit 731: Japan's Secret Human Experiments – CNA, Mediacorp Pte Ltd
Sport and Suppression – Afghan Women Under Taliban Rule – WDR for ARD
Under an Olive Tree – TRT World
Witness – Tehran War Diary – Al Jazeera English

INVESTIGATIVE DOCUMENTARY

Foreign Correspondent – Cartel Paradise – ABC Australia
Murder on Rainbow Mountain – Bloomberg Originals
Myanmar Scam Factory – TRT World
Pano: The scam machine – VRT NWS for VRT
Panorama – Undercover in the Police – BBC Panorama
Separation: Declassified – CNA, Mediacorp Pte Ltd
The Immigration Fraudsters – BBC News

JOURNALIST of the YEAR

Ahmed Idris
 Emil Sumangil
 John Holman
 Nawal Al-Maghafi
 Robert Kempe
 Wei Du
 Yogita Limaye

OBSERVATIONAL DOCUMENTARY

Born in Bethlehem – Renegade Stories for BBC World Service
Inside the Police Coastguard – CNA, Mediacorp Pte Ltd
Making Peace – I Heal You, You Heal Me – Al Jazeera English
My Father's hair – Keyi Productions for Arte Reportage
Playing on a Prayer – ABC Australia
The Fight Against Trump's Immigration Crackdown – Bloomberg Originals
The Song of Trees – KNN (Korea New Network)

POLITICS and BUSINESS

Gen Z Under Fire – BBC World Service

Germany's spending gamble – Financial Times

Rigged: Undercover in a Fake News Network – BBC Eye Investigations/BBC World Service

The Cost of Doing Business – SBS Dateline

This is What Brexit Cost the World – Bloomberg Originals

Walk the Line: ICE Nation – CNA, Mediacorp Pte Ltd

WILL AI TAKE MY JOB? Dispatches – Kalel Productions for Channel 4

SHORT FEATURE

A matter of life or death: giving birth in Sierra Leone – On Our Radar

Angola's Source of Life – TRT World

Coffins for the Living – Fantástico – TV Globo

Greenland Minerals – Al Jazeera Arabic Channel

Is it the end of the line for British cod? – 5 News, ITN

Marketplace: The Sextortion Network – CBC

The War Zone Surgeon: Relief Diary of a Female MSF Doctor – Phoenix Satellite Television

SUSTAINABILITY

Cultiver sans engrais – Radio-Canada

People & Power – Forever Chemicals – A Toxic Legacy – Al Jazeera English

Rescuing Dolphin Brothers and Wanwan Going Home – Phoenix Satellite Television

The Atom Araullo Specials: Golden Tree – GMA Network, Inc. (Public Affairs)

Tides of Time – CNA, Mediacorp Pte Ltd

Tuvalu: 'We're Not Fleeing' – ABC Australia

AUDIO

ARTS and CULTURE

21st Century Folk – Pomona Audio for BBC Radio 2

Anatomy of an orchestra: the price of perfection – The Economist

Before AI forgets: Taiwan's Century-Long Journey to Reclaim a Language – Radio Taiwan International

E T T Y – ORF Austrian Broadcasting Corporation

Histoires de voix – Radio-Canada

The Devil You Know – CBC

Wolf Biermann – The German Bob Dylan exiled by the GDR – Munck Studios

CURRENT AFFAIRS DOCUMENTARY

Delayland – Deutsche Welle (DW)

Le Loro Prigioni – Their Prisons – Rai Radiotelevisione Italiana

My Russian Neighbour – Friend or Foe? – TRT World

Pirate Predator – RTÉ Documentary on One

Stolen moments: Two years of war in Gaza – Beyond the Headlines Podcast – The National News

When AI Learns to Speak: Voice, Trust and the Future of Radio – National Education Radio/Jhost Studio

World of Secrets: The Darkest Web – BBC Eye Investigations

HEALTH, SOCIAL and WELLBEING

About The Girls – Whistledown

ACAKORO – football can change your life – ORF Austrian Broadcasting Corporation

Nach dem Absturz – After the Crash – JETZT.at & IPPEN Media

Deaf Umrah – CTVC for BBC World Service

Jesus in a shop doorway – BBC World Service

The Echo of Nibun: The Dentist Choirmaster in the Mountain Town – Kaohsiung Broadcasting Station

Viva La Vida: Love Confession of a Survivor of Suicide – Fishery Radio Station

INNOVATIVE PRODUCTION

30 Acres – RTÉ

abandoned: The All-American Ruins Podcast – All-American Ruins

Les années lumière – Radio-Canada

P R I N C E – FunkyPurpleAssociations – ORF Austrian Broadcasting Corporation

Stuff Matters with Ed Conway – Sky News

INVESTIGATIVE DOCUMENTARY

Al Jazeera Investigates – Hasina: 36 Days in July – Al Jazeera English

Battle of the Drina – Studio 9 Films Ltd

Foundling – The Observer

Influenced: The Tenet Media Plot – Tortoise Media for Audible UK

The Dictator's Swedish Warriors – Sveriges Radio

The House at Number 48 – BBC Radio 4

World of Secrets: Death in Dubai – BBC Eye and Thread Studios for BBC World Service

JOURNALIST of the YEAR

Beth Rigby
Ivana Davidovic
Mishal Husain
Tsan Uí-Bîn
Tu Chieh

NEWS COVERAGE

Coverage of the Iran War – **The Mishal Husain Show** – Bloomberg
Electoral Dysfunction – Sky News
Inside Iran: the US/Israeli airstrikes from all perspectives – Times Radio
Iran bombs entire Middle East after Ayatollah Khamenei assassinated by Israel and US – Pod60 for
The Telegraph
The US Goes to War with Iran – Bloomberg Audio

SUSTAINABILITY

Behind the glass: Bangkok's loneliest gorilla – CNA, Mediacorp Pte Ltd
The Day the Taro Stopped Growing – ABC Radio Australia

PARTNER WITH THE AIBs

Place your organisation alongside outstanding journalism and factual production – and connect your brand with an influential international media audience.

The **AIBs** are organised by the Association for International Broadcasting, an independent, not-for-profit industry association. Sponsorship and advertising help us showcase exceptional work, celebrate the people who create it and support the continuing development of these international awards.

The 2026 shortlist represents more than 70 broadcasters and production companies across 22 countries. The gala brings together journalists, producers, editors, executives and industry partners, providing sponsors with valuable visibility among decision-makers and creative

leaders from across global media.

Sponsorship

A range of partnership opportunities is available around the **AIBs** Gala and associated awards activity. We can work with partners to develop an appropriate package of visibility, engagement and participation before, during and after the event.

AIBs Gala Event Guide

Every guest receives the Event Guide, containing information about the evening and the productions and individuals represented across the awards. Guests frequently retain and share the publication, extending its reach beyond the gala itself.

AIBs Winners Book

Our souvenir Winners Book records the winning and highly commended work, together with judges' comments, interviews and editorial features. It is published online following the gala, with printed copies available to guests and industry contacts.

Demonstrate your support for independent journalism and outstanding factual storytelling by sponsoring the **AIBs** or advertising in the 2026 Event Guide, Winners Book – or both.



Winners book



Event guide



Download the full information pack including rates and specifications using the QR code

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To discuss a partnership or advertising package, contact Clare Fuller at the AIB Secretariat:
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ABOUT THE AIB

Established in 1993, AIB is the industry association representing international TV, radio and digital broadcasters and companies that support the sector.

AIB provides its members with advocacy, intelligence, networking, promotion and a range of other key services.

Our members operate television, radio and digital services in multiple languages that, every week, **reach** well in excess of **one billion people** in almost every country on the planet. We also have companies that support media houses among our Membership.

Key areas of work include:

Artificial Intelligence - sharing best practice in the fast developing role of AI in news organisations

Big Tech - working with Members on relationships with Big Tech companies in markets globally

Content sharing - facilitating Members' access to the output of colleagues around the world

Cyber security - helping Members exchange information and engage with suppliers to protect their businesses

Sustainability - working with Members to make their businesses net zero and to engage audiences on issues around sustainability

A further key area of work is our media freedom initiative. AIB is a Member of the Consultative Network to the intergovernmental **Media Freedom Coalition**. This places AIB at the heart of global work on media freedom.

The annual **AIBs** support our media freedom work, allowing us to demonstrate the importance of fair and impartial journalism and factual storytelling to key influencers in the Coalition.

The AIB draws on more than 30 years of knowledge gathering and intelligence sharing in the international media market to deliver outstanding support to our Members.

The Association's work is entirely centred on, and devoted to, the needs of our members.
Please **talk to us** about how joining the AIB can help you and your colleagues.

