



About the ABU Prizes 2026

The ABU Prizes 2026 is now accepting entries (10 March 2026 – 30 June 2026).

This award recognizes notable media content produced by ABU members.

AUDIO CATEGORIES:

#	CATEGORY	DURATION	DESCRIPTION
1	Drama	Up to 60 minutes	A single episode drama or one episode of a series.
2	Podcast	10 – 60 minutes	A programme created, published and distributed specifically for digital audiences first. Entries should be story-driven or conversational (i.e. not a news report or single interview), have engaging hosts, and an informal, intimate and authentic style.
3	Documentary	Up to 60 minutes	A single documentary or a feature or one of a series.
4	News Reporting	Up to 5 minutes	Topical coverage of a single news event.
5	Public Service Announcement (PSA)	Up to 90 seconds	Campaigns or announcements on a single issue that is of public interest, and which is not more than 90 seconds duration. The PSA should aim at creating public awareness within its cultural context.
6	Audio Personality	Please select your best 30 minutes, edited or unedited sequence.	The work of a single audio personality, either a single performance or a compilation. This could include DJ, radio/podcast presenter, feature/documentary series presenter, interviewer, talkback host, sports commentator or regular specialist commentator, among others.

7	ABU Perspective Award	Up to 60 minutes	<p>A programme that best delivers the message of ABU perspective on the theme of a global issue chosen by ABU members and illustrated through their local issue in any form.</p> <p>Theme for 2026: "Healing"</p> <p>Programmes about well-being, and inner strength amid life's challenges. It explores emotional, mental, and physical recovery through personal stories, cultural practices, nature, community, and self-reflection.</p>
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SCREEN CATEGORIES:

#	CATEGORY	DURATION	DESCRIPTION
1.	Drama	Up to 90 minutes	A single episode drama or one episode of a series/serials.
2.	Documentary	Up to 60 minutes	A single documentary or a feature or one of a series.
3.	Entertainment	Up to 60 minutes	Any non-drama, non-documentary, non-news program entertaining to all.
4.	Children	10 – 60 minutes	Any program, including educational programme, targeted at viewers below 11 years of age (elementary level).
5.	News Reporting	Up to 5 minutes	Topical coverage of a single news event.
6.	Sports	Up to 60 minutes	A single programme about sports which includes event coverage, commentary, talk shows or documentary.
7.	ABU Perspective Award	Up to 60 minutes	<p>A programme that best delivers the message of ABU perspective on the theme of global issue chosen by ABU members and illustrated through their local issue in any form.</p> <p>Theme for 2026: “Healing”</p> <p>Programmes about well-being, and inner strength amid life’s challenges. It explores emotional, mental, and physical recovery through personal stories, cultural practices, nature, community, and self-reflection.</p>

DIGITAL MEDIA CATEGORY:

#	CATEGORY	DURATION	DESCRIPTION
1.	Digital Storytelling	Content and relevant digital media links & supporting materials up to 60 minutes	Excellence & Innovation in Digital Production that connects audiences with stories in new ways. This might include visual storytelling, data visualisations or multimedia presentations.
2.	Digital Interactivity & Engagement	Content and relevant digital media links & supporting materials up to 60 minutes	Excellence and innovation in digitally-driven audience engagement and community building. This might include the use of: social media platforms, user-generated content, stand-alone websites, apps, games, augmented reality or virtual reality.