

National and International Call  
for Applications

**2026**

Traveling Festival of Documentary Photography

# PHOTOFEST COLOMBIA

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RIVERS AND MEMORIES

**Participation Guide**

**DEADLINE: 20 JULY 2026**

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**OPEN CALL**  
**RIVERS AND**  
**MEMORIES**

**October 23-29, 2026**  
**PUTUMAYO- MANIZALES**



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## 02 • CURATORIAL INTRODUCTION

# A call to those who live along the *river*.

FotoFest Colombia officially opens its third edition: RIVERS AND MEMORIES 2026, a curatorial project that explores rivers as spaces of memory, resistance, identity, and environmental transformation.

“The call for submissions invites photographers, visual artists, collectives, and creators from around the world to submit projects related to water, riparian ecosystems, and community memories.”

*Both national and international participants are welcome. The project aims to connect photography, memory, community, and territory through cultural and educational initiatives in various regions of Colombia.*

## 03 • THEME

# RIVERS AND MEMORIES

### **WATER AND LAND**

*Relationships between communities and their water sources*

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS**

*Pollution, climate change, biodiversity*

### **RESISTANCE**

*Defending and Fighting for the River*

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### **ACCEPTED APPROACHES**

*Documentary photography · Contemporary photography · Visual art · Communities · Community-based processes · Photography education*

## 04 • WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

# This invitation is open to *everyone*.

- 01** PHOTOGRAPHERS  
Professionals and emerging photographers from any country
- 02** VISUAL ARTISTS  
Whose work relates to the festival's thematic focus
- 03** DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKERS  
Long-term or recent projects
- 04** COMMUNITY INITIATIVES  
Educational initiatives with communities

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**18 AND OVER • NATIONAL  
AND INTERNATIONAL**

*All participants must be at least 18 years old. Applications are accepted from any country or city in the world.*

## 05 • ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

**A project.  
Between 10 and 15  
photos.**

**PHOTOS BY PROJECT**

**10-15**

**Images in display order • JPG format**

<b>JPG</b> <b>FORMAT</b>	<b>300</b> <b>MINIMUM DPI</b>	<b>10MB</b> <b>WEIGHT X IMAGE</b>
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## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- \*Conceptual description of the project (max. 500 words)
- \*Short biography of the participant or group
- \*Profile photo
- \*Full name • Country and city • Email address
- \*Social media

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***SELECTED  
PROJECTS***

**Your work is  
circulating  
throughout  
Colombia**

**PHYSICAL EXHIBITION • TRAVELING EXHIBITION  
DIGITAL DISTRIBUTION**

**Official participation in FotoFest Colombia 2026  
Institutional recognition at the festival**

**Physical, traveling exhibition in a public space  
Professional installation of the selected artwork**

**Promotion on the festival's official platforms  
Social media, press materials, and curatorial content**

## 07 • REGISTRATION AND FEE

# Your registration helps make the festival happen.

### NATIONAL PARTICIPANTS

# \$50.000

COP • Colombian pesos

### INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS

# USD \$25

U.S. dollars

## REGISTRATION PROCESS

Registration is available exclusively through the official FotoFest Colombia website. Your application is considered valid once you have completed the form, attached the required files, and made the corresponding payment.

***Each participant's contribution directly supports the exhibition setup, the display of works in public spaces, and the enhancement of the festival's cultural programming.***

***The registration fee is NON-REFUNDABLE if you are not selected. Incomplete applications or those submitted through other channels will not be accepted.***

## 08 • FECHAS IMPORTANTES

# The river's time is yours.

### 2026

#### Call for Entries Now Open

- Official start of the registration process on the festival website

#### Application Period

- Submission of photography projects from national and international participants

#### Selection Process

- Curatorial evaluation of the submitted projects

#### Announcement of Selected Entries

- Results will be posted on the festival's official social media channels and sent via email

DATE OF THE FESTIVAL

**Oct. 23–29**

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# The rights are always yours.

Selected participants authorize FotoFest Colombia to use the submitted images exclusively for cultural, curatorial, educational, and promotional purposes related to the festival. In all cases, copyright will be respected and credited.

## **PHYSICAL EXHIBITIONS**

Installation and  
touring in public  
spaces

## **DIGITAL PLATFORMS**

Social media and  
the festival's official  
website

## 09 • USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF IMAGES

### **PRESS MATERIALS**

Promotion and communication of the event

### **CURATORIAL NOTES**

Promotional materials and festival files

Participants warrant that they own the rights to the images submitted. The festival may request additional files if the entry is selected. Registration implies full acceptance of the terms and conditions.

The organization reserves the right to make curatorial and museographic adjustments to facilitate the display of the works. Participation in the call for entries does not guarantee that a project will be selected.

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