9. AFSAD INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

FILM DEVELOPMENT PLATFORM

REGULATION

PURPOSE

The aim of the AFSAD Film Development Platform is to provide mentorship, consultancy, and pre-production support to short film projects that are not yet completed—helping them develop and become feasible. The platform seeks to contribute to Türkiye's independent short film ecosystem, encourage emerging filmmakers, and help original stories gain visibility.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Applications must be completed before the final submission deadline.
- The platform is open only to directors/teams based in Türkiye (national submissions).
- Short film projects in fiction, documentary, experimental, or animation formats may apply; the film must still be in the development stage — projects that have already begun shooting will not be accepted.
- Each director/team may apply with only one project.
- All required information must be submitted in full by the project owner(s).
- Projects that have already started shooting cannot apply. Selected projects must not begin shooting until the closing ceremony of the 9th AFSAD International Short Film Festival, dated **19 April 2026**.
- Project teams must attend the online meetings held with the Film Development jury.
- If necessary, the jury may request additional documents or information related to the submitted project.

PLATFORM PROCESS AND MENTORSHIP SUPPORT

Selected projects will receive:

- Script and dramaturgy consultancy
- Visual language, directing, and pre-production planning consultancy
- Pre-production preparation support (mentor meetings, planning, feasibility)

- Pitching preparation and presentation guidance
- Platform meetings and mentorship sessions throughout the festival

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

- Applicants declare that all submitted materials belong to them and contain no copyright issues.
- The knowledge, mentorship, and guidance obtained during the platform may only be used by the project owner. AFSAD does not claim creative control over the project.
- The project owner is deemed to agree to regular participation in mentorship sessions and preparation workshops.
- Selected project owners must comply with the rules determined by AFSAD during the festival process and presentations.
- Finalist projects of the Film Development Platform must use the logos of the **9th AFSAD International Short Film Festival** and **Afsad Sinema** in their end credits.
- Films receiving mentorship support must use the AFSADSinema logo in social media announcements, press releases, and printed materials.
- After the film is completed, the final version must be submitted to the AFSAD Short Film Festival team with a viewing link.

AFSAD International Short Film Festival – Film Development Platform reserves the right to make changes to the program and this regulation.

Directors and producers who apply to the Film Development Platform are deemed to have accepted the terms of this regulation.

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