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MANUEL EN LIGNE: "GUIDE DE VERIFICATION DE CONTENU NUMERIQUE POUR LES SITUATIONS D'URGENCE"

<http://verificationhandbook.com/>

Rédigé par d'éminents journalistes de la BBC, Storyful, ABC, Numérique First Media et d'autres experts de vérification, le manuel de vérification est une nouvelle ressource novatrice pour les journalistes et les pourvoyeurs d'aide. Il fournit les outils, les techniques et les directives - étape par étape - sur la façon de traiter le contenu généré par les utilisateurs (UGC) en cas d'urgence. Quand une crise survient, les organisations journalistiques ainsi que les organisations humanitaires doivent vérifier la masse de rapports et d'informations étant partagées et publiées, pour pouvoir communiquer au public des informations exactes et vérifiées. Le manuel fournit des conseils concrets pour faciliter la préparation aux catastrophes dans les milieux concernés, ainsi que de meilleures techniques sur la façon de vérifier et utiliser les informations, les photos et les vidéos fournies par la foule.

Bien qu'il s'adresse principalement aux journalistes et aux pourvoyeurs d'aide, le manuel peut être utilisé par n'importe qui. Ces conseils et techniques sont utiles si vous êtes un journaliste, un citoyen journaliste, un pourvoyeur d'aide humanitaire, un bénévole, un étudiant en journalisme, un spécialiste en communication d'urgence, ou un membre d'un corps académique effectuant des recherches relatives aux médias sociaux.

Pour de plus amples informations et pour télécharger le livre (disponible en anglais et en portugais), cliquez sur le lien de cette nouvelle.

Source: RFPA Update 27 Août , 2014

MANUAL: A GUIDE TO VERIFYING DIGITAL CONTENT FOR EMERGENCY COVERAGE

<http://verificationhandbook.com/>

Authored by leading journalists from the BBC, Storyful, ABC, Digital First Media and other verification experts, the Verification Handbook is a groundbreaking new resource for journalists and aid providers. It provides the tools, techniques and step-by-step guidelines for how to deal with user-generated content (UGC) during emergencies.

When a crisis breaks, trusted sources such as news and aid organizations must verify the mass of reports being shared and published, and report back to the public with accurate, fact-checked information. The handbook provides actionable advice to facilitate disaster preparedness in newsrooms, and best practices for how to verify and use information, photos and videos provided by the crowd.

While it primarily targets journalists and aid providers, the handbook can be used by anyone. It's advice and guidance are valuable whether you are a news journalist, citizen reporter, relief responder, volunteer, journalism school student, emergency communication specialist, or an academic researching social media.

For more information and to download the book, available in English and Portuguese, click the link of this news.

Source: RFPA Update, 27 Aug. 2014

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ALERT

FROM : 07/08/2014 [EN]

Somalia: Al Shabaab Radio Director Detained in Nairobi<http://allafrica.com/stories/201408070328.html>

A senior Al-Shabaab radio owned Al Andulus was arrested by police in Nairobi after he sneaked into Kenya for treatment. Hassan Hanafi Haji was arrested on Sunday in Nairobi's Eastleigh estate while seeking treatment for injuries he sustained in Somalia.

Hanafi is a journalist by profession and joined Al Shabaab in 2006.

Counter terrorism detectives marked him a "high value" suspect and held him for interrogation at an undisclosed location.

It is believed he was injured in AMISOM and Somali National Army offensive in the Bula Burte town one year ago.

Detectives questioned him on how he hoped to get in touch with doctors, and at the same time live in Kenya undetected.

The security sources wanted to know who he was working with in the country.

It is believed the man is a key mastermind of several attacks that have occurred in the war torn country targeting security personnel.

Source: Dalsan Radio (Mogadishu), 6 Aug. 2014; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

RESOURCE

FROM : 08/08/2014 [EN]

Burkina Faso: Research Initiative: Test the Impact of a Radio Campaign Addressing Child Mortality<http://tinyurl.com/m5tvve6>

"There is a strong correlation between the intervention 'dose' (the number of weeks each message was broadcast) and the impact on behaviours..."

Development Media International (DMI) is conducting a 3-year randomised controlled trial to test the hypothesis that a radio campaign can reduce the large number of children dying before their fifth birthday in Burkina Faso. As detailed at the link below (see Related Summaries), the research involves the broadcast, beginning in March 2012, of health messages using radio spots (60-second adverts) and radio phone-in programmes. With the goal of engaging the public with health issues in order to change behaviours, this is a research initiative to evaluate a public health intervention delivered to 7 randomised geographic areas (clusters) across Burkina Faso with 7 additional clusters being used as controls.

Methodologies:

Supervised by 2 people affiliated with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), this independent survey is based on interviews with 5,000 mothers in the 7 intervention zones and 7 control zones halfway into the research intervention period (midline data). [...]

Full report and source: The Soul Beat Extra: Community Radio, 5 Aug. 2014

RESOURCE

FROM : 08/08/2014 [EN]

Worldwide: Reporting on Humanitarian Crises: A Manual for Trainers & Journalists<http://tinyurl.com/n3z8g33>

"Media has a key role to play in a humanitarian crisis situation, one that goes beyond the simple documentation of a disaster. When populations are struggling for basic needs and rights, media can provide a basic crucial resource, INFORMATION."

From Internews, this manual and set of handouts present a combination of standard, professional reporting techniques for journalists covering humanitarian response scenarios along with basic education in and understanding of the humanitarian sector, its architecture, mandates, and modus operandi. The goal of the manual and handouts is to prepare journalists to cover natural and manmade disasters in a more informed, balanced way and to show how a utilitarian approach to information content and dissemination can be an effective life saver. It is intended to function as both an educational guide that journalists can read and learn from and as an outline for a workshop focusing on the training of local reporters.

The manual is divided into 3 parts [...]

Publisher: Internews, April 2014 - 116 or 166 pages to be download free as pdf.

Source: The Soul Beat Extra: Community Radio, 5 Aug. 2014

ALERT

FROM : 09/08/2014 [EN]

Somalia: Journalist detained in Somalia's Puntland region

Security forces in Puntland region have detained a journalist in Garoowe, northeastern Somalia.

Fadumo Yusuf was arrested away from her hotel room

The reason behind her arrest is unknown. She is based in Boosaaso town but was in Garoowe to take part in the recent election of Putland media association. Two other journalists were staying in the same hotel.

Journalists say she was arrested because of an interview she did with VOA [Voice of America] on the seizure of Puntland TV.

Somali journalists face killings, threats, illegal detentions and other problems.

Journalists in Puntland condemned the arrest.

Source: Dhacdo.com website (Hargeysa), in Somali, 7 Aug. 2014; translated and quoted by BBC Monitoring Global Newline Media File, 8 Aug. 2014

RESOURCE

FROM : 10/08/2014 [EN]

Worldwide: Towards Concerted Action on Communication, Community Media and ICTs for Family Farming - FAO and AMARC Launch Regional Virtual Consultations

There is a growing global consensus brewing on the importance of smallholder and family farmers in alleviating rural poverty and ensuring food security for all, in feeding the world and caring for the Earth. Now, more than ever, communication and community media are drivers for social change in rural areas, facilitating access to timely information for improved agricultural production and above all, encouraging farmer participation in the rural development process. To help propel family farmers' voices forward, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters (AMARC) will host a series of regional virtual consultations open to development professionals, community media practitioners, rural development agencies and the private sector alike. The participatory discussions will open on the 25th of August 2014, and continue into September, focusing on "Communication for Development, community media and ICTs for family farming and rural development". Participants are invited to share their regional perspectives, using the platforms Onda Rural in Latin America, YenKasa Africa and ComDev Asia. The inputs collected will then inform the Forum on Communication for Development & Community Media for Family Farming (FCCM), to be held in the framework of International Year of Family Farming (IYFF) in Rome, Italy from 23-24 October, 2014. The FCCM will identify opportunities, policy options and strategic initiatives to promote rural communication services in support of family farming and rural development.

The aim of the virtual consultations is to highlight regionally relevant contributions of ComDev, community media and ICTs to family farming, to identify main trends, challenges and priorities for rural communication services in support of family farming, as well as to discuss common approaches to promoting communication for rural development. The consultations' guiding questions have been organized around compelling themes such as key family farming issues requiring communication as well as identifying priority areas of action for ComDev in the rural sector, among others.

As a result of this consultative process, a compilation on needs and opportunities regarding the integration of rural communication services in rural development and regional family farming policies will be prepared and presented at the FCCM. In addition, a global consultation on the topic will be launched on the E-agriculture platform to discuss and complement the outcomes of the regional consultations.

If you wish to participate to the virtual consultation or learn more about the process, please see the following web pages:

Africa region: YenKasa Africa | Latin America region: Onda Rural | Asia Pacific region: ComDevAsia
For all additional information, please contact: comdev@fao.org / secretariat@si.amarc.org. We will also be sharing information on Twitter: @FAOcomdev and @AMARCnews

Source: AMARC International Secretariat (Montreal), 8 Aug. 2014

NEWS

FROM : 10/08/2014 [EN]

South Africa: ICASA invites public comment on local broadcast content review

<http://tinyurl.com/lpjbo6x>

The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) has invited public comments on its ongoing review of local content regulations for television and radio, with the regulator saying local content makes a “vital contribution to democracy, nation building and development”. ICASA last week announced the issuance of a Discussion Document, inviting stakeholders and members of the public to submit comments until September 10.

The regulator said the review of regulations for local content quotas on television and radio has been necessitated by technical changes and advances in the broadcasting sphere including the imminent digital migration.

“It is the authority’s view that through South African music and television programming, radio and television can make a vital contribution to democracy, nation building and development in South Africa; and that the local content quotas will go a long way in protecting and developing the country’s national cultures and identities, and promoting local industries,” said ICASA.

The regulator said prior to developing the discussion document a consulting company conducted an analysis of “cultural, economic and social benefits brought about by the preservation of South African programming regulations”, as well as a cost-benefit analysis, on behalf of ICASA.

Source: Humanipo, 25 July 2014. quoted by balancingact-africa.com, Issue no. 184, 31 July 2014

RESOURCE

FROM : 11/08/2014 [EN]

Africa : News from Dimitra listeners’ clubs in Niger, Senegal, RDC, Burundi, Ghana

<http://www.fao.org/3/a-i3951e.pdf>

Several articles in the Dimitra Newsletter of June 2014 are devoted to news from the Dimitra listeners’ clubs, particularly in Senegal, where they are working together with Farmer Field Schools as part of the IPPM Programme, and in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), where a traditional chief made an important speech. A number of articles focus on South-South cooperation, which enables countries in the South to pool and exchange practices and knowledge, etc. The long experience of the Dimitra listeners’ clubs in Niger has benefited clubs in Senegal, Mauritania and Ghana, while that of Sud-Kivu, in DRC, has been shared with clubs in Burundi. [...] Other articles highlight the contribution of family farming to food security and FAO’s, especially in the context of the International Year of Family Farming and the FAO-AMARC partnership in the field of radio and the media. This partnership has resulted in the launch of communication for development regional platforms. The one dedicated to Africa is called YenKasa.

The Newsletter can be downloaded freely; please click the link of this news

Source: Bulletin Dimitra (FAO, Rome), nr. 25, June 2014

RESOURCE

FROM : 12/08/2014 [EN]

World: Call for applications: Thomson Foundation Young Journalist from the Developing World

<http://tinyurl.com/l8lewx>

Journalists are invited to enter a competition that recognizes young journalists working in the developing world.

Journalists must be aged 30 or under on November 25, 2014, working in countries defined as “developing,” and submit a portfolio of work.

The portfolio must contain three pieces of work which were published or broadcast on or after August 29, 2013. The work can be in any format – print, audio, video, multimedia or a combination of all four.

Entries can be submitted in any language but should be accompanied by a verbatim English language translation.

Entrants must submit written statements of up to 200 words per story. The statements should summarize the story’s content and any impact it had on public debate in the country of publication. Potential award winners and leading figures from the world of journalism will be invited to attend the gala award night in London, U.K. on November 25, 2014.

The deadline for entries is 23:59 Greenwich Mean Time on August 29, 2014.

For the purpose of this competition, the "developing world" is defined as those countries with a per capita GDP of \$20,000 U.S. or under, according to the 2013 World Bank Index.

For more information and to access the entry form, go to: <http://www.thomsonfoundation.org/fpa-young-journalist-award>

The completed form should be emailed along with other required documents to the following address: awardfpa@thomsonfoundation.org

Source: Farm Radio Weekly, Issue 300, 11 Aug. 2014

NEWS

FROM : 13/08/2014 [EN]

Angola: RNA to Standardise Programmes of Provincial Broadcasting Stations

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201408111378.html>

The spokesperson of Board of Directors of the National Radio of Angola (RNA-EP), João Belo, announced on Saturday in Mbanza Congo in the northern Zaire province that the provincial broadcasting stations of this public company will soon standardise its programmes.

The official said to the press at the end of a visit paid to the RNA delegation in Zaire province by the CEO of the referred media organ, Henrique dos Santos.

João Belo informed that the referred institution is engaged in adopting new principles of organising work methodology in specific areas like in organisation, optimisation and management of human resources, as well as in technical area and production.

The expansion of the coverage signal of the main channels from National Radio (Ngola-Yetu, Radio 5) and the Provincial broadcasting stations are still part of the RNA commitment, said the spokesperson.

Source: AngolaPress (Luanda), 10 Aug. 2014; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 13/08/2014 [EN]

West Africa: MMDAs Partner Local Radio Stations, NCCE for Accountable Local Governance

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201408111978.html>

As part of efforts to enhance citizen's active involvement in local governance processes, five (5) Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies (MMDAs) in northern Ghana have strengthened partnership with local-based radio stations and district offices of the National Commission for Civic Education (NCCE). The Partnership will see increased citizens' participation through improved information disclosure and sustained citizens' engagements.

At district-level consultation meetings organised and facilitated by the Media Foundation for West Africa (MFWA) under its "Media for Accountable Local Governance Project in Northern Ghana", the partners resolved to harness the full potential of local radio towards proactive disclosure of information on the work of the Assemblies, development projects, revenue inflows and expenditure as well as engaging in sustained education on civic rights and responsibilities which underpin development.

The project involves the Tamale Metropolitan in the Northern Region, Wa Municipal and Sissala-East District in the Upper-West Region as well as Bolga Municipal and Garu-Tempene District in the Upper-East Region.

As part of the partnership, and with financial support from the MFWA, the MMDAs and radio stations agreed to a "Quarterly State of the MMDA Address on Radio" where the Chief Executives and some technical staff from the Assemblies will present on radio the state of the Metropolis, Municipality or District. The radio stations will also allocate more airtime for critical reporting on local governance and local development issues through the production of radio features and documentaries, with the Assemblies providing adequate and relevant information to enrich the reports for broadcast. There will also be direct citizens' participation through community fora to be held in selected communities where citizens can directly interact with their Assembly officials on local development issues.

The NCCE as a critical and influential partner in civic education, will also utilise radio platforms created under the collaboration to provide the needed information to enhance civic education on local governance processes.

At the various meetings, the partners welcomed the initiative and stressed that it was an important step towards ensuring citizens' participation and ownership of community developments. The

Mayor of Tamale, Hon. Abdul-Rahman Hanan Gundadow at the partners meeting in Tamale said: "We are happy for this collaboration because our own experience shows that proactively giving information to the people helps to control adverse public opinions, reduces tension and makes duty bearers more responsive and accountable; we are able to carry the people along in the development drive of the Assembly. This initiative will also go a long way to let our people know more about ongoing developments while it also whips up their civic responsibility to contribute to development".

MFWA's Programme Officer for Media, Democracy and Development, Abigail Larbi, said the project funded by IBIS-Ghana is informed by the MFWA's latest research on the Current level of citizens-local authorities' engagement on revenue inflow and expenditure which among others, found that "Radio topped the list as the most efficient engagement platform between local assembly authorities and citizens compared to others such as local substructures, visit of officials and use of information delivery vans". She added that "Indeed, some MMDAs are vast and we believe radio plays a critical complementary role in getting information to the people while duty bearers also hear from them; hence the project".

Source: Media Foundation for West Africa (Accra), 11 Aug. 2014; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 13/08/2014 [EN]

Zimbabwe: SW Radio Africa Has Now Closed

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201408120278.html>

SW Radio Africa has now shut down, but we are leaving a few key archive programs on the main page for the interest of our listeners.

The site will remain in place for a few more months.

Our unique 13 year sound archive will be hosted by archive.org and as soon as that becomes accessible we will post the details on this site.

Press Release

It is with regret that SW Radio Africa announces that it is closing down. We recently stopped our shortwave transmissions but have continued to provide broadcasts via our website and other formats, but these too will cease.

We'd like to thank the organisations and individuals who have supported us for the past 13 years and the contributors to our programs who have given so willingly of their time and expertise.

In particular we'd like to thank our listeners, who have shared their lives, hopes and dreams with us and helped us to tell the story of Zimbabwe's sad decline to the world.

We hope that one day Zimbabwe will have a government who understands that its sole responsibility is to ensure a safe, healthy, prosperous life for every man, woman and child in the country.

Our first broadcast was on 19th December 2001.

Our last broadcast will be on 10th August 2014.

Source: SW Radio Africa (London), 11 Aug. 2014; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

ALERT

FROM : 14/08/2014 [EN]

DR Congo: East DR Congo-based journalist reportedly survives 6th assassination attempt

[Presenter] The Nord Kivu chapter of the National Press Union [UNPC] has denounced and condemned another assassination attempt against Magloire Paluku Kavunga, a journalist and director-general of the Goma-based Radio Kivu One. According to UNPC, on the nights of 9 and 10 August, armed men reportedly raided the journalist's residence and attempted to kill him.

However, Magloire Paluku survived thanks to the intervention of one of his neighbours. The armed men ran away leaving behind a magazine full of bullets. Lukeka Bin Miya, the UNPC chairman in Nord Kivu, was interviewed by Radio Okapi on the issue:

[Lukeka] Our colleague Magloire Paluku Kavunga, who is first of all a journalist, has once again - in his own words - been the object of an assassination attempt. He has told us that this is the sixth time it has happened. Some time back he told us that these assassination attempts were related to his reports on different situations which have taken place in our province. We, as a platform of media professionals in DR Congo and charged with organizing the profession and advocating for journalists' rights and freedoms, we have decided to alert both the national and international opinions and also call upon competent authorities to guarantee the safety of our colleague and his

media house because we are almost convinced that those threats are related to his job as a journalist.

Source: Radio Okapi (Goma), in French, 13 Aug. 2014; translated and quoted by BBC Monitoring Global Newline Media File, 14 Aug. 2014

ALERT

FROM : 16/08/2014 [EN]

Somalia: Shabelle Radio in Mogadishu Forced Off-Air and Raided By Government Soldiers

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201408151418.html>

Intelligence officers and soldiers of the Somali National Intelligence & Security Agency have this morning stormed and raided the private compound of Shabelle Media Network in Mogadishu. The government soldiers are currently in control and have seized the compound building and cordoning off the roads that lead to Shabelle Media Network's headquarters in Mogadishu's Hodan district.

A number of journalists and media workers were arrested in the raid and are reported to currently being held in detention in the compound and not transferred to Criminal Investigations Department (CID) in Mogadishu as procedure.

The Chairman of Shabelle Media Network, Abdimaalik Yusuf Mohamud, is among the people arrested and being detained by intelligence officers and government soldiers. Witnesses described media equipment was being looted by "careless government soldiers".

Shabelle Media Network was also raided by National Intelligence & Security Agency officers on the 26th October 2013 in which several journalists were detained and the equipment of the media outlet was trashed; causing it to stay off-air for a month. 36 employees were held in detention at that time and then later released.

Source: Shabelle Media Network (Mogadishu), 15 Aug. 2014; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

ALERT

FROM : 17/08/2014 [EN]

Somalia: media group condemns journalist arrests, closure of radio stations

<http://tinyurl.com/lnf7mjv>

The National Union of Somali Journalists (Nusoj) has criticized the security forces of the Federal Government of Somalia for abusing their power and the law by raiding and closing independent radio stations and arresting journalists in the wildest media attack.

Around 9:30 a.m. [local time] on Friday [15 August], heavily armed security forces raided and shut down both Radio Shabeelle and SkyFM, which are owned by Shabeelle Media Network, and arrested at least eight journalists, including Shabeelle chairman Abdimalik Yusuf Mahmud.

The raid and closure of media houses in addition to the arrest of journalists happened in what journalists have perceived as retaliation of news reports and interviews broadcasted by both Radio Shabeelle and SkyFM last night in which they talked about an interview President Hasan Shaykh Mahmud gave US-based PBS television.

Journalists and politicians interviewed by Shabeelle strongly criticized president's response to question regarding attacks on independent media including Shabeelle Radio in which President Mahmud cited Al-Shabab's "infiltration" in some media houses. Some government officials accused Radio Shabeelle of badly depicting President Mahmud's visit in Washington to attend US-Africa Leaders Summit.

"We deplore the raid and closure of Radio Shabeelle and SkyFM and the arrest of their journalists," said Umar Faruk Usman, Nusoj secretary general. "We stand for and defend media freedom and freedom of expression and clearly consider this a flagrant attack on freedom of expression and freedom of speech."

Nusoj has warned such violent actions could have a terrifying effect on hard-hitting journalism and the ability for Somali journalists and their media houses to operate independently in the country.

"We call for the immediate release of detained journalists, the two radio stations to be allowed to resume their operations freely and the on-going intimidations to end," Usman.

Shabeelle Media Network has fallen afoul of federal government several times over some of their reporting. In October last year, it was forcefully removed from the premise it operating in Mogadishu. In November 2013, two of Shabeelle journalists were arrested over alleged rape story.

Source: National Union of Somali Journalists website, 15 Aug. 2014; quoted by BBC Monitoring

Global Newline Media File, 17 Aug. 2014

ALERT

FROM : 17/08/2014 [EN]

South Sudan: Security closes Bakhita Radio, detains journalists

<http://www.bakhitaradio.org/?q=node/6275>

South Sudan National Security Service on Saturday morning stormed Catholic Radio Network or CRN Bakhita Radio station of Juba Archdiocese, closing it down, arresting and detaining journalists. The News Editor is in detention for balancing a news story about the fresh fighting in Bentiu, Unity State.

Other released journalists who were all rounded up and driven to the blue house National Security Service said the closure and the detention was due to reflecting the view of SPLM/A in Opposition. They added that the authority is demanding for a written apology for broadcasting opposition's views.

Bakhita Radio administration, Juba Archdiocese bishops and the Sudan Catholic Bishops' Conference Secretariat are following up the case.

Source: Bakhita Radio (Juba), website, 16 Aug. 2014

RESOURCE

FROM : 18/08/2014 [EN]

Worldwide: Call to Participation - Second International Conference on Nutrition

<http://www2.amarc.org/?q=node/1942>

Call to Participation - Second International Conference on Nutrition: better nutrition, better lives
As part of the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2) to be held from November 19 to 21, 2014 in Rome, Italy, the Office for Corporate Communication of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is partnering with the World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters (AMARC) to facilitate the production of 36 audio pieces by producers and community radio journalists in an effort to improve public education on the topic of nutrition, food and agriculture, facilitate access to best management practices and encourage the sharing of scientific knowledge in this area.

Audio pieces will be available on a theme page of the website of AMARC and enjoy a visibility campaign amongst the network of partners, members of the organization and on social networks. Type of productions we are looking for *:

1. Roundtable, documentary, reportage, interview, etc. (Focus must be related to nutrition, food, agriculture, food security and family farming)
2. Minimum 10 minutes (production of less than 10 minutes will not be accepted)
3. The producer/journalist must identify herself/himself and identify the community radio from of which he/she is affiliated
4. Productions will be accepted from September 1 to November 21, 2014
5. Production must ready for distribution

Getting started on your research of information related to ICN2:

1. Web page of the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2)
2. Toolkit of ICN2
3. Key themes and key messages of the ICN2
4. Web page of the International Year of Family Farming (IYFF)
5. Communications toolkit of the IYFF
6. Key themes and key messages of the IYFF

For more information, please contact: secretariat@si.amarc.org

Source: AMARC International Secretariat (Montreal), Communique and website, 15 Aug. 2014

ALERT

FROM : 18/08/2014 [EN]

Somalia: Detained Somali journalists reportedly tortured in jail

Reports from sources within the Somali National Security who refrained from being named indicate that employees of Shabelle and Sky Radio who were detained by the government forces three days ago were last night tortured by security forces while in jail.

Reports indicate that some of the journalists were electrocuted in a bid to force them to confess to false charges. Chairman of Shabelle Radio and Director of Sky FM are said to be most severely

tortured during an interrogation to prepare charges against them.

Some of the detained journalists are said to be suffering from ill health. National Security officers are also said to be hunting for some of the other journalists from the two radio stations who escaped arrest. Shabelle employees have expressed regret over government's mistreatment of the journalists and called for their unconditional release of the 19 colleagues that are in detention.

Source: Shabelle Media Network website (Mogadishu9, in Somali, 17 Aug. 2014; translated and quoted by BBC Monitoring Global Newslines Media File, 18 Aug. 2014

ALERT

FROM : 18/08/2014 [EN]

Somalia: Somali Gov't Again Closed Shabelle and Sky FM Radio Stations in Mogadishu

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201408180890.html>

In Mogadishu there was again raided and shut down the transmissions of Radio Shabelle and Sky FM, the two broadcasting Radio Stations are sponsored by Shabelle Media Network that already had been closed last year with the destruction of all their equipment by the police. In 2013, Shabelle media Network charges for illegal occupied with a public place.

On Friday 9:30 am, August 15/2014 the NISA Security forces led by Abdicasis Africa, the unforgettable and so far never punished rapist, along with Jebriil Abdi, of Fadumo Abdulqadir Hassan, a journalist working with Radio Kasmoo, has entered into new offices of Shabelle Media Network by taking all the equipment and making arrests nineteenth Journalist and other staff, including the Chairman of Shabelle Media Network Abdimalik Yousuf Mohamud, the Director of SKY Fm Mahamud Mohamed Dahir (Arab) all these nineteenth Journalists and other staff were bringing down in their offices in handcuffs.

The raid was made pursuant to a decree from the President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud to close the two stations on charges of terrorism and destabilization of the state.

The raid and closure of Radio Stations in addition to the arrest of journalists happened in what journalists have perceived as retaliation of news reports and interviews broadcasted by both Radio Shabelle and Sky FM program night in which they talked about an interview with President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud gave to US-based PBS television.

Responding to questions from the well-known American journalist Judy Woodruff on the closure of Shabelle Media Network, although this is a broadcaster award at the international level, the President Mohamud talked about the infiltration of Al Shabab in 90% of the media in Mogadishu but no one believes him and instead it is believed that the most important voice of independent journalism in Somalia continues to bother the top institutions after taking the transmissions in the new premises.

In fact; these days to mature in Somalia the second anniversary of the abandonment of transitional institutions and the advent of the federal institution supported by the international community with the task of accompanying the country, for four years, towards reaching an election system and the adoption to a new constitution. In the middle of this path the federal institutions manifest the total inability to achieve their long term goals.

The Federal authorities, with the President Mohamud in the head, remain locked in the compound of Villa Somalia clinging stamps and signs of rampant lions with which they delude themselves to be able to administer the country.

Source: Shabelle Media Network (Mogadishu), 17 Aug. 2014; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

ALERT

FROM : 19/08/2014 [EN]

South Sudan: Bakhita Radio remains closed, editor in detention

<http://www.bakhitaradio.org/?q=node/6282>

Bakhita Radio of the Catholic Archdiocese of Juba remains closed and News Editor in security detention since Saturday.

The News editor Ocen David Nicholas is in detention for balancing a news story about the fresh fighting in Bentiu, Unity State.

Bakhita Radio Director Albino Tokwaro on Monday morning said they are discussing with authorities of the Archdiocese for a way forward.

He said on Saturday he wrote an apology letter to the security office in Juba for broadcasting opposition's views for the editor to be released, but in vain.

Source: Bakhita Radio (Juba), website, 18 Aug. 2014

ALERT

FROM : 19/08/2014 [EN]

Somalia: Somali security commander declares closed radio stations never to be reopened

The security commander in Banaadir Region [Mogadishu and environs], Col Muhammad Adan Kofi, and Muhammad Ibrahim Pakistan, who illegally claims to belong to NUSOJ, today declared at a public place that Radio Shabeelle and SKY FM would never be reopened in Mogadishu.

The commander of regional security in Banaadir, Col Kofi, said the 16 Radio Shabeelle and SKY FM employees who had been released would not work for Radio Shabeelle and SKY FM again because those radio stations would never be reopened. He urged them to work for the security service and to forget about the media, warning that anyone who quotes him to the newspapers or anyone who speaks about what happened to them while in custody, would be arrested.

Source: Shabelle Media Network (Mogadishu), website, in Somali, 18 Aug. 2014; translated and quoted by BBC Monitoring Global Newsline Media File, 19 Aug. 2014

ALERT

FROM : 20/08/2014 [EN]

South Sudan: Security releases Bakhita Radio Editor, keeps station closed

<http://www.bakhitaradio.org/?q=node/6304>

The National Security Service on Tuesday released Bakhita Radio News Editor, Ocen David Nicholas to the Union of Journalists of South Sudan or UJOSS Chairperson, Oliver Modi and Association of Media Development in South Sudan or AMDISS Treasurer Alfred Taban.

The Security still holds the keys of Bakhita Radio station to keep it closed with claims of lack of registration and operation license.

The Editor said he was in good health, but traumatized in the last three days' detention with the darkness and horror in security room where he could not differentiate the day from the night.

Mr David added that he was alleged to be a rebel collaborator and government traitor to the international community by balancing the news story about fresh fighting in Bentiu and Ayod between government and SPLM/A in Opposition forces last Friday.

The Radio management is still following up with authorities to negotiate the operation of Bakhita Radio.

Source: Bakhita FM (Juba), Website, 19 Aug. 2014

NEWS

FROM : 20/08/2014 [EN]

Somalia: Government retaliation cited in closure of Somalia's top private broadcaster

When the Somali government forces stormed Shabeelle Media Network on 15 August, it was not the first time. Somalia's biggest and most popular private broadcaster has been raided and shut down several times since 2007.

The latest raid saw the closure of Shabeelle Radio and TV and their sister station Sky FM, and resulted in the arrest of 20 journalists.

Shabeelle radio was back on air on 19 August, but Sky FM and Shabeelle TV remained off air.

All the arrested journalists were released after two days, but not the owner, Abdimalik Yusuf Mohamud, and two other executives. The government said the three would be arraigned in court on charges of airing news detrimental to national security.

Closure explained

The spokesman of the Ministry of National Security says the broadcaster was shut down for "broadcasting programmes aimed at inciting conflict and pitting tribes against each other, which threatens national security."

RBC Radio, another Somali station, attributed Shabeelle's woes to its coverage of the government operation to disarm warlords in Mogadishu that resulted in heavy fighting on 15 August and left at least 10 people dead. It said Shabeelle had reported the operation as having been planned by Al-Shabab, a violent Islamist militant group, and had called on members of the majority Hawiye clan in Mogadishu to engage in armed resistance against the Somali government and the African Union peacekeepers.

Radio Bar-Kulan, a Kenyan-based and UN-backed Somali radio, said the closure may have been as

a result of a programme Shabeelle aired criticizing President Hasan Shaykh Mahmud's remarks in an interview with US network PBS in which he spoke of Al-Shabab "infiltration" of the Somali media.

The National Union of Somali Journalists (Nusoj) concurs with Radio Bar-Kulan. It says the closure was "retaliation" by the government for Shabeelle's coverage of the president's interview with PBS. Condemnation

Nusoj's secretary-general, Umar Faruk Usman, has accused the government of abusing its power and called for the release of the detained journalists.

Somali MPs, Dahir Amin Jesow and Abdiweli Muhammad Qanyare said: "It is regrettable for Radio Shabeelle and Sky FM to be raided unlawfully. A raid cannot be carried out without an order by the high court." They also called for the release of the journalists.

In October 2013, Radio Shabeelle was shut down for 35 days after it broadcast reports of corrupt dealings by Somali government officials. The government's explanation at the time was that Shabeelle had been occupying government premises at Mogadishu International Airport without permission and had ignored a notice to leave.

Source: BBC Monitoring research, 19 Aug. 2014; quoted by BBC Monitoring Global Newline Media File, 20 Aug. 2014

NEWS

FROM : 20/08/2014 [EN]

Kenya: Agency to Monitor Radio and TV in 15 Counties

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201408200623.html>

The Communications Authority of Kenya will install equipment in Eldoret to monitor radio and television broadcasts in Rift Valley and Western Kenya regions.

The monitoring will be done at the authority's new regional offices at the KVDA Plaza, Eldoret. Uasin Gishu Governor Jackson Mandago presided over the function last Friday.

Chairman of the CAK board Ben Getuko and his Civil Aviation Authority counterpart Samwel Poghisho were present.

Rift Valley and Western Kenya have several privately owned FM stations, whose broadcasts will now be closely monitored.

"We will be able to monitor first hand activities regarding broadcasts within the region, which covers 15 counties," said CAK director general Francis Wangusi.

CAK has started devolving its services and operations to counties following the opening of its first regional office in Eldoret.

Wangusi said the authority will work closely with counties in enforcing its operations.

He said CAK is interested in working with the county government to extend services closer to the public.

"We are moving to the regions to ensure that our services reach the common mwananchi across Kenya," Wangusi said.

The authority has deployed a regional manager and four technical staff to the Eldoret office but the number of the workers will be increased.

Services at the new regional office will include enforcement of compliance for all licensees, licensing of postal and courier services.

CAK will also carry out light enforcement with regard to spectrum usage as well as licensed operators in the ICT sector.

Wangusi said offices to be opened in the regions will be expanded to include regulatory work, currently done at the CAK headquarters in Nairobi.

Source: The Star (Nairobi), 20 Aug. 2014; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 21/08/2014 [EN]

South Sudan: Silenced South Sudan Radio Station Told to Ax Political Programs

<http://tinyurl.com/lutda6t>

The radio station in Juba that was raided by South Sudan security operatives over the weekend has been ordered by the government not to air political programs.

The director of Bakhita Radio, Albino Tokwaro, said most of the station's programming is about religious and health issues – but its listeners are also very interested in politics and it will be hard to stop airing programs without some sort of political angle.

"What is politics? The whole human being is political -- whether you are in a church or you are not

in a church, you are a political being," he said.

Bakhita Radio is owned by the Catholic church in South Sudan. One of its shows is the popular morning call-in show, Wake up Juba, where listeners interact with guests in the studio. The guests often happen to be politicians.

Michael Thon, the former host of Wake up Juba, said he was threatened twice after he dedicated one-and-a-half hours of a show in December 2012 to the slaying of political commentator Isaiah Abraham. Abraham was gunned down by killers who, nearly two years later, have not been identified.

"I asked ... do the public respect police? Do they help the police to give them information that would help them when they are providing security? Do the police respect the people? And the police leadership was not happy. The police came looking for me," Thon told South Sudan in Focus. "They were furious... 'Why would you wake up Juba and discuss the institution of the police without contacting them?'" he said.

Thon said he offered the police the right to reply on the show. He thinks that was the reason he was not arrested.

He felt afterwards as if, "I was being supervised... and I had to be careful on what goes on air, It has to be what truth is and it has to be in public interest so that i can only defend myself in the court law."

Thon said the arrests of journalists and the closure of radio stations is an indication that the media is operating in a hostile environment. But he urged journalists to continue to abide by the rules of their profession and report impartially, objectively, accurately and fairly.

"They should continue to be the bridge between the people and the government," he said.

Presidential spokesman Ateny Wek Ateny told South Sudan in Focus on Monday that the story that led to the closure of Bakhita Radio and the detention of four staff members, including news editor David Ocen, breached national security because it blamed government forces for triggering fresh fighting in Jonglei and Unity states by attacking rebel positions.

Three of the Bakhita staff members were only held for a few hours but Ocen remained in detention for four days. Bakhita Radio was still off the air Wednesday - the keys to the station are reportedly still in the hands of national security officials.

Tokwaro said when the station goes back on the air, editors will carefully scrutinize stories to avoid the possibility of them being perceived as a threat to national security.

Source: VOA News (Washington), website, 20 Aug. 2014

ALERT

FROM : 21/08/2014 [EN]

South Sudan: Bakhita Radio Submits Apology, Asks for Journalist's Release

<http://tinyurl.com/mpgx5v7>

The management of the Catholic-owned Bakhita radio on Monday August 18, apologised to South Sudan national security officials and demanded the release of its news editor.

The move comes days after the station was closed for airing news in which the opposition claimed government forces attacked their positions in Unity and Jonglei states.

"When they [security agents] came, they couldn't tell us what happened. When we interacted with them, they told us it is the news that we read in the morning," Bakhita radio director, Mr Albino Tokwaro told reporters in the capital, Juba according to Sudan Tribune Newspaper.

"We narrated to them what actually happened and we apologized that it was a mistake. I said officer this is a first time this gentleman has done a mistake why don't you forgive him," he added. Security agents were irked by remarks attributed to rebel spokesperson, Peter Riek Gew regarding Friday's clashes, which the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) too confirmed.

South Sudan's presidential spokesman, Mr Ateny Wek Ateny said Monday that the news in question blamed government troops for attacking rebel positions last Friday.

"Radio Bakhita's editor made the public to believe that it was the government attacking the rebels, not [the] rebels attacking the government positions," said Mr Ateny.

"The government is in towns and the attacks come from outside. So it was not the town moving to attack. That was the reason that he was detained," he added.

According to Mr Tokwaro, the news editor, David Ocen remains in custody while the station remains closed.

"We [South Sudanese] are still learning to be democratic so one has to be very careful when writing news. I think ethically, all the journalists should be able to work very correctly," he said. Mr Oliver Modi Philip, the Union of South Sudan Journalists (UJOSS) chairperson, said the radio's closure was "unconstitutional" and condemned its news editor's arrest.

"The radio has many programs like health issues, entertaining and church services and closing it down means you are depriving South Sudanese the right to information and this is contrary to our laws," Mr Modi told Sudan Tribune.

Source: CISA (Nairobi), Newsletter 069 and website, 19 Aug. 2014

NEWS

FROM : 22/08/2014 [EN]

DRCongo: Radio Maendeleo facilitates peace talks in east

After two years of investigations conducted throughout the province of Sud-Kivu, the Radio Maendeleo media organ launched a two-day roundtable debate in Bukavu. It will be attended by the various provincial authorities, the security forces, and the actors of the civil society. According to the officials of Radio Maendeleo, the roundtable aims at promoting peace, security, and national harmony through frank and direct dialogue.

The roundtable will open on 20 August with a financial support from the organ known as the National Endowment for Democracy [NED].

Source: Radio Maendeleo (Bukavu), in French, 18 Aug. 2014; translated and quoted by BBC Monitoring Global Newslines Media File, 22 Aug. 2014

ALERT

FROM : 22/08/2014 [EN]

Sudan: Private Radio Station Looted in Bor

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201408221520.html>

A private radio station operating in Jonglei state capital Bor has been raided, with radio equipment, office computers and other furniture stolen during the robbery.

Radio Jonglei is the only radio station still operating in Bor after rebel forces were overran by government troops in the region.

It is the sixth time its office has been targeted by looters since its establishment in 2010.

Police are yet to arrest any suspects in connection to the latest incident.

Malek Gut-nyin, the station's managing director, said two desktop, computers, a radio mixer and two telephones were among the items stolen.

Gut-nyin told Sudan Tribune by phone from Bor that looters had broken two doors to enter the office before stealing the equipment.

In a separate incident in April last year, two printers, five telephones, two laptops computers and one desktop computer were stolen.

No-one was arrested in connection to the incident, despite the Bor police unit pledging to investigate.

"Last year, it (looting) happened many times, so we are using the police to secure our equipment," said Gut-nyin, adding that the latest incident occurred despite the presence of a police officer who was on duty at the time.

Meanwhile, security officers in Bor have pledged to track down the culprits and bring them to face justice.

Source: Sudan Tribune, 21 Aug. 2014; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

TRAINING

FROM : 26/08/2014 [EN]

e-Training: Farmer program e-course: spots are going fast! Sign-up as soon as possible

<http://tinyurl.com/njnqhak>

Farm Radio International is excited to announce that our Farmer program e-course and competition for radio broadcasters will begin on September 15 — and registration is now open and spots are going fast!

This online course will help you make an engaging, entertaining and informative farmer radio program. You will be guided by African e-facilitators and paired up with experienced mentors.

You will learn:

- * How to identify your audience and your audience's information and communication needs
- * About different types of information and how to address them in your program
- * How to provide opportunities for farmers to speak and be heard
- * How to tell stories

- * How to best serve both women and men farmers
- * How to design a structure for your program
- * How to determine what resources your program needs
- * How to use ICTs to incorporate audience feedback into your show.

At the end of the course, you will submit a program design developed during the course. The top program designs will be selected and winners will receive some exciting prizes!

The Farmer program e-course will take place over 12 weeks, beginning September 15, 2014. The course materials will be available online in English. The e-course and competition is open to radio broadcasters in sub-Saharan Africa who did not participate in the e-course in 2012. You must be involved in producing a radio program at your station and have the support of your station manager to participate in the course. You may take the course individually or as part of a radio station team.

The course costs \$50 US for individual broadcasters or \$100 US for a radio station team (up to four people). Payment arrangements will be made after registration has been confirmed. A limited number of scholarships are available for broadcasters in need of financial assistance.

You will have to complete an online learning module on the VOICE standards before the e-course begins. Access to the module will be provided once you have signed up for the course.

If you are interested, fill out the sign up form by clicking [here](#). The form requires information about your radio station and farmer radio program. We will review the registration forms and confirm your participation in the coming weeks.

For those who took the 2012 Farmer program e-course and competition but are interested in refreshing their training, please contact us by email at ecourse@farmradio.org.

The course is offered in collaboration with the Commonwealth of Learning and with the financial support of the Government of Canada through the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD).

Source: Farm Radio Weekly (Toronto), Farm Radio International Action, Issue #302, 25 Aug. 2014

NEWS

FROM : 26/08/2014 [EN]

Swaziland: Govt Maintains Tight Grip On National Broadcasters

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201408261318.html>

Swaziland minister for information, communication and technology Dumisani Ndlangamandla said the national TV and radio stations are primarily there to serve the interests of the state, reported daily newspaper Times of Swaziland last week.

The national television station, Swazi TV, and the national radio station, SBIS, are both controlled by government. Official censorship as well as pervasive self-censorship by those working for the broadcasters allows the state to control the content to ensure criticism of the nation's leaders is kept off air.

Several members of parliament, however, have been calling for free speech on the broadcasters and to transform them into platforms that serve the interests of the people, rather than the government.

"Members of Parliament (MPs), during the recent portfolio committee debates in Parliament for the various government ministries, expressed to the minister (for ICT) the need for the State mediums to be turned into public broadcasters," reported the Times of Swaziland.

"Manzini North MP Jan Sithole, who raised this matter, said currently, the mediums -- which are the biggest in the country -- are only operated the way the State wanted. 'They only cover news which the State wants covered and they are not open to the public as they should, yet they are run with taxpayers' money,' said Sithole."

The article continued: "The MP [Sithole] also raised concern about the silent censorship of politicians by the State media, since no MP is ever interviewed or shown on TV."

Swaziland's lack of respect for free speech and differing opinions has been in the spotlight in recent months. On July 25 prominent editor of the Nation magazine Bheki Makhubu and human rights lawyer Thulani Maskeo were both sentenced to two years in jail (without the option of a fine) on criminal contempt of court charges. Both writers had criticised the nation's controversial judiciary in opinion articles and pointed out several irregularities in how chief justice Michael Ramodibedi has been operating. Read more about Ramodibedi's own legal battles by clicking [here](#).

Ramodibedi, who is from Lesotho, recently resigned from a senior judicial position in that country in the face of an impending impeachment trial. Many local and international groups continue to call for Ramodibedi to step down from his judicial posting in Swaziland.

Source: MISA-Swaziland (Mbabane), Press Release, 26 Aug. 2014; quoted and distributed by allafrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 26/08/2014 [EN]

Zimbabwe: Community Radio Groups Blast Mahoso

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201408260648.html>

The Zimbabwe Association of Community Radio Stations (ZACRAS) has accused Broadcasting Authority of Zimbabwe (BAZ) chairperson Tafataona Mahoso of "dishonesty" over the issue of licences.

ZACRAS was responding to statements by Mahoso that the issuing of community radio licences was not the prerogative of BAZ alone but that the government must play a leading role.

Mahoso said community radio stations are totally dependent on the government providing the infrastructure.

"So that timetable is not controlled by BAZ alone, it has to do with the government budget," he said.

However, the ZACRAS national co-ordinator, Vivian Marara, accused Mahoso of trying to delay the licensing of community radio stations by blaming government.

She said in 2011, TransMedia announced that they were importing transmission equipment in preparation for the licensing of community radio stations.

"Probably Mahoso's memory is very short or he is trying to ignore the truth and find relevance in the media," said Marara.

"He (Mahoso) should ask TransMedia what is the exact position because the last time we had a meeting with officials from the institution they told us that equipment was coming into the country and will be ready when licences are issued.

"They even gave us an example that in Binga the transmitter had already been installed and was ready to broadcast. So what Mahoso is saying should be dismissed at all costs as it seems it is politically motivated."

TransMedia is responsible for the installation of all broadcasting transmitters for both radio and television in the country.

Asked when more television stations will be licensed, Mahoso was non-committal saying this depended on when the country would finish its digitalisation programme.

"With television the real issue is digitalisation whose deadline is 2015. Without that you can't start talking about TV," he said.

Zimbabwe only has one television station which is fiercely pro-Zanu PF.

Opposition parties often accuse the state-run Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation of broadcasting propaganda defending President Robert Mugabe's government at all costs.

Although the government has recently allowed private broadcasting stations critics say the licences were only awarded to individuals who are lined to the ruling party and are pro-government.

Source: New Zimbabwe (London), 25 Aug. 20104; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

RESOURCE

FROM : 27/08/2014 [EN]

Southern Africa: Using Radio to Drive Development in Southern Africa

<http://tinyurl.com/k4p8xop>

This 39-page final report discusses the experience of the Radio Platform for Community Development (RPCD) project and the use of radio listening clubs to engage marginalised communities in development debates. Panos Institute Southern Africa (PSAf), with funding from the Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa, supported 15 radio stations in Malawi, Mozambique, and Zambia to work with radio listening clubs as a platform for gathering community content. According to the report, the approach created an interface between the media, duty bearers, and economically poor and marginalised communities to identify and implement solutions to their development challenges.

The report outlines the key interventions used in the project: mapping and community mobilisation; setting up and strengthening Radio Listening Clubs (RLCs); programming support; training and capacity building; mainstreaming gender; equipment and technical support; and networking and content sharing. PSAf provided technical and programming support to produce content on issues such as health, education, agriculture and food security, environment, and climate change, among others. The project also facilitated exchange programmes between the participating community radio stations.

According to the report, the project successfully achieved its objective of engaging communities and duty bearers in identifying developmental issues in their communities and participating in

debate, using radio as the platform. "The project assisted the participating radio stations to establish a stronger presence in their communities through the RLCs, enhance their interaction with audiences, and improve content development and programming that responds to community development and information needs." The radio stations produced more community-centred development inclusive of the rural economically poor and the marginalised, facilitated communities' dialogue with policymakers, and provided a space to hold leaders accountable in areas such as agriculture and education resources.

The report outlines a number of challenges which PSAf and the stations overcame in order to achieve the project objectives. Poor connectivity hindered phone and email communication, and most community radio personnel and RLC members struggled to share programmes because of limited technical capacity. It was sometimes difficult for the radio station personnel to meet with the clubs due to lack of transport and inaccessible locations, especially during the rainy season. In some cases, programme experts expected remuneration for appearing on the programmes; in others, RLCs themselves lacked enthusiasm and understanding of the RLC approach. Lastly, radio stations are usually staffed by interested local volunteers, and many lack basic programming and journalistic skills.

Full text and source: The Soul Beat (Communication Initiative), issue 243, 26 Aug. 2014

NEWS

FROM : 27/08/2014 [EN]

Nigeria: Nigerian state radio to launch

<http://tinyurl.com/n7ehqjw>

The federal government would soon establish the first digital radio station in the country. The Minister of Information Mr Labaran Maku who disclosed this Monday [25 August] at the ongoing retreat for management and staff of the [state-run] Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN) in Calabar, Cross River State said his ministry was in the process of establishing one which will take place "in the coming months".

According to him, the digital station will compete favourably with any station in the world and appealed to delegates to key into the plan of government for the programme to succeed. [...] According to him, the retreat will also assist in developing a plan for improved internally generated revenue from the proposed Radio Nigeria Network (RNN) channel, help to develop a plan for the modernization and enhanced professionalism benchmarked to international practices and also get the commitment of all stakeholders."

Full report and source: The Guardian (Lagos) Website, 25 Aug. 2014; quoted by BBC Monitoring Global Newline Media File, 27 Aug. 2014

NEWS

FROM : 27/08/2014 [EN]

Nigeria: 21st Century Nigerian Radio: A source or a loss?

<http://tinyurl.com/krznzfh>

There is a radio in almost every home in Nigeria. In fact, nine in 10 Nigerians (92.6%) have radio in their homes, according to the 2012 BBG/Gallup survey on Nigeria Media Use. The portability of this medium has made it a very much sought-after source of information, education and entertainment among Nigerians. [...]

FRCN (the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria) which in the past would boast of the best programming and presenters, has been relegated because of lack of government attention over time and poaching by other radio stations. This has made FRCN a training ground for presenters that are later employed by other radio stations.

Meanwhile, there are other stations like Smooth FM 98.1, Classic FM 97.3, Brila FM 88.9 and Cool FM that have carved a niche for themselves in radio broadcasting. Smooth FM would thrill you in the morning with Sope and Mozino while Classic FM drives you to work with Sly and Bukola. For entertainment and unserious business, Cool FM with Manny and the Angels is your best option. In addition, for resolving life issues Sharing Life Issues with Chaz B on Rhythm would be your best bet and for sports, almost the entire stations would give you a good dosage of sports but you would be disappointed with their handling of local sports. [...]

There are divergent opinions on this as some public analysts have argued that preaching should be restricted to religious houses while others submitted that so far as the religious bodies can pay the bills for the allotted time, there is no problem. Inspiration 92.3 FM is one of the most pronounced religious radio stations in Lagos even though it tags itself as a 'family radio.' This has either endeared or alienated listeners to or from the station.

As digitalization beckons, a number of them may encounter hitches in their operations if the

government adheres to the deadline for transition to digital module next year. However, from what is on ground, it is obvious that many of them are not prepared for digitalization slated for January 1, 2015. Even the enlightenment of Nigerians about digitalization has been very limited. Hopefully, Nigeria will meet the June 17, 2015 deadline of the International Telecommunications Union for the transition from analogue to digital broadcasting. Funds would be a major problem here because of the capital intensiveness of digitalization. Some radio stations may not meet this deadline and this should not be a surprise. The impact of radio over the years cannot be downplayed in Nigeria. It has relayed and replayed history, development, cultural, entertainment and environment issues as well as created awareness resulting in positive change among many Nigerians. Also, Nigeria has attained a level where the establishment of community radio must materialize. A community radio located within the community is a reliable medium for advancing the needs of these rural communities and enlightening them as well. The gap in Nigerian radiocasting must be bridged so that radio would still remain relevant and consistent with the flexible demands of the 21st century listener. Full report and source: The Guardian (Lagos), Website, Column Written by Adeniyi Ogunfowo, 27 Aug. 2014

NEWS

FROM : 27/08/2014 [EN]

Zimbabwe: Zimpapers Promises Pro-Family Radio

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201408270144.html>

Zimpapers, which owns Star FM, will open a local commercial radio station in Mutare within the next 10 months if its licence application with the Broadcasting Authority of Zimbabwe succeeds. Addressing BAZ commissioners during a licence application public inquiry at a hotel in the eastern border city yesterday, the company's marketing director, Mr Tapiwa Mandimutsira, said the group was now well positioned to open a local commercial radio station -- Diamond FM. He said the company opted to open a radio station in the city because of a 121-year-old rich history it had with the community since the publication of its weekly newspaper The Manica Post in 1893.

Zimpapers has been present in Mutare since December 13, 1893. The radio station we are applying to operate will provide several benefits to the city. Diamond FM will promote socio-economic growth in Mutare through broadcasting content that fosters investment as well as promoting the cultural values of the people.

"To the business community the station will act as a bridge between them and the country as well as the world. This will be attained through live streaming, which will enable everyone from any part of the world with Internet connectivity to listen to Diamond FM and therefore expose Mutare to the global village for investment purposes."

He said Mutare was a sleeping giant, which needed re-awakening and thus if granted the license, Diamond FM would aid community development by promoting the sustainable exploitation of natural resources inherent in the city and surrounding areas.

He rolled out the station's proposed programming content, which he said would mirror the wishes and aspirations of the people in Mutare.

"Programming will be generated from within the social structures in constant consultation with local traditional, social, business and community leaders. Presenters, producers and other staff will be recruited from Manicaland to promote local talent and create employment.

"Content will be developed by immersing the station with the local life of Manicaland and leverage on The Manica Post. Immersing the station means the station has to closely identify with the aspirations, the objectives, the growth and the life of Mutare people.

"Diamond FM will engage one of the producers to double-up as a cultural consultant so that cultural sensitivities are never neglected and are promoted. The editorial content will also be guided and aligned with the greater Zimpapers editorial and programming content.

"As part of the largest media group in the country content from across the country and indeed across the world will be available to Diamond FM listeners and more, importantly Mutare will be available to the world," said Mr Mandimutsira.

Zimpapers Chief Executive, Mr Justin Mutasa, said the station would be unique for it would work towards cementing the values of the family unit.

He said the cultural value system started at family level and thus it was important that the radio station promoted the cohesion of families.

BAZ chairman Dr Tafataona Mahoso questioned whether the proposed radio station would provide choice rather than producing content that was identical to current global trends.

He talked of the notion of cultural death whereby audiences were being subjected to the same alien cultural traits with total disregard for local content.

Zimpapers Chief Operating Officer Mr Pikirai Deketeke, who is also the Group Editor-In-Chief, said Diamond FM would focus on promoting local culture. He said local culture would be packaged in a way that would make it attractive and therefore make the business venture profitable.

Members of the public also questioned the Zimpapers delegation on how the radio station would improve their lives.

Source: The Herald (Harazre), 27 Aug. 2014; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 27/08/2014 [EN]

South Africa: New Radio Station for Sterkspruit

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201408270847.html>

A local radio station for Sterkspruit, conceptualised in November 2008 by the area's youth to solve the problem of lack of communication between the municipality and its people, has been launched. LA-FM107.2 is going on air on 1 September 2014 with its first show being Rise and Shine, the station's breakfast show. It will broadcast shows in Xhosa, English, Sotho and Afrikaans. The station will be heard in such areas as Sterkspruit, Zastron, Aliwal North and parts of Lesotho and is aimed at the 15- to 55-year-old age group.

Platform for engagement

The Station Manager, Ignatius Mnyamana said "The station intends to fill a gap that exists in broadcasting and be a platform for engagement for those who want to see their lives improve and the country at work."

The radio station prides itself in being creative, imaginative and relevant. With its advert creation services within the station, there is no compromise on quality - from music to adverts. This is made possible by a management team of four that has more than 10 years media industry experience in journalism, programming, marketing and technical.

The management is backed up by new and fresh voices, which are proficient and adept. For the past 14 months, the management has been working as educators - helping prepare the station's hosts. The station will also offer events management services and voice over artist services.

Source: Biz-Community (Cape Town), 27 Aug. 2014; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 27/08/2014 [EN]

Tunisia: Haica, Isie Hold Co-Ordination Meeting With Representatives of Tunisian Radio and TV

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201408271708.html>

A co-ordination meeting was held Tuesday between the Independent Broadcasting Authority (HAICA), the Independent Higher Authority for the Elections (ISIE) and representatives of the Tunisian Radio and Television.

The session took stock of the two media institutions' preparations for the upcoming elections.

Source: Tunis Afrique Presse (Tunis), 27 Aug. 2014; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

RESOURCE

FROM : 28/08/2014 [EN]

Call for proposals: JWF offers grants for media projects on peace-building!

<http://peaceprojects.net/>

The Journalists and Writers Foundation (JWF) is launching a call for proposals for non-profit organizations and individuals – including journalists – across the world to use the media to promote peaceful coexistence through dialogue and understanding at the global, regional and local levels.

"Peace Projects" is the name of this grant program launched by JWF to support innovative conflict resolution and peace-building projects focused on preventing, managing and resolving violent conflict and promoting post-conflict peace-building. The program awards will support projects up to US\$50,000 that apply a broad range of disciplines, skills and approaches including: promoting peaceful coexistence through dialogue and reconciliation; fostering pluralism, good governance, freedom of belief; advancing social and economic development and environmental responsibility; upholding respect for human rights, and gender equality and empowerment, among others.

Possible project themes include: peace education; pluralism and multiculturalism; early warning and conflict prevention; post-conflict reconciliation; and gender equality and empowerment.

For more information, click the link of this news.

Source: RFPA Update, 27 Aug. 2014

TRAINING

FROM : 28/08/2014 [EN]

Worldwide: RNTC opens a course to report on sexual health!

<http://www.rntc.nl/factsandformats>

Midcareer broadcast journalists with at least three years' experience working in factual programming can apply for a course on "Facts and Formats: Sexual and Reproductive Health - HIV/AIDS" offered by the Radio Nederland Training Centre (RNTC).

The course will take place in Hilversum, Netherlands from 30 March to 24 April 2015.

Selected participants will explore a variety of formats used in contemporary factual programming, analyze their strengths and weaknesses and their suitability for informing different target audiences (for example on issues to do with Sexual and Reproductive Health, including HIV/AIDS). Special attention will be given to developing and pitching creative program ideas; to carrying out program research so as to ensure appropriate and accurate content for the target audience; and to producing effective and attractive programs making use of innovative combinations of basic formats. As well as carrying out radio or television course assignments, participants will look at how the creative use of online content and social media can complement the work of the broadcast media in factual programming.

Scholarships for this course are available through the Netherlands Fellowship Program (NFP) to cover travel costs, accommodation and the course fee. To be eligible for a scholarship you must be a national of specific countries listed on the RNTC website.

For more information, click the link of the news.

Deadline: 31 October 2014

Source: RFPA Update, 27 Aug. 2014

NEWS

FROM : 28/08/2014 [EN]

Liberia: New Media Foundation Established

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201408281378.html>

A new Liberian-owned Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), MediaAid Foundation (MAF) has been legally established in the country. MediaAid Foundation is a media development NGO that seeks to strengthen media professionals through capacity building, aid, public relations as well as consultancy and research. The new Media NGO, according to a release, is run by the three trained former broadcasters of the State-run Liberia Broadcasting System namely, Titus W. Tokpah, Richard F. Manuba and Lewis T. Togba, Sr

The release quotes MediaAid Foundation's Executive Director Titus W. Tokpah as saying, the NGO plans to run a quarterly training course for would-be-journalists and practicing media professionals as well, particularly beginners and middle-level journalists throughout the 15-counties. MediaAid Foundation's training program shall be named in honor of a prominent Liberian journalist who continues to approach general media issues across the African continent with high level of consciousness, diligence, commitment and bravery.

MediaAid Foundation also plans to launch a big and independent news facility comprising a radio and television station, newspaper, magazine and an online news service to show a better and different media environment to Liberia, Africa and the world at large. According to the release, the new Media NGO is also providing consultancy, writing leading Speeches for public figures and leading Roundtable Media and Peace Dialogue in Post-Conflict Communities, among others.

The three media professionals leading MediaAid Foundation, Titus W. Tokpah, Richard F. Manuba and Lewis T. Togba, have strong and credible track records in the media community and hope their service to their country can be seen through this new Media NGO. On August 5, 2014, MediaAid Foundation was officially registered and certificated by the "One-Stop-Shop" (Liberia Business Registry) as a full-fledged Non-Governmental Organization.

Source: FrontPageAfrica (Monrovia), 28 Aug. 2014; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 28/08/2014 [EN]

Liberia: Community Radio Association Leadership Threatened

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201408280890.html>

A group calling itself the Bong Concerned Analyst Movement has threatened serious legal action against Mr. William Quire and the entire Association of Liberia Community Radio or ALICOR leadership if they refuse to repay US\$50, 000.00 owed community radio stations across the country. About 38 community radio stations across Liberia, in May of 2011, signed an agreement with the Unity Party to air jingles and messages, through ALICOR worth US\$100,000. But according to the Chairman of the Bong Concerned Analyst Movement, Alieu Sackor, the balance of US\$50, 000.00 is yet to be paid to community radio stations despite several efforts to the leadership of ALICOR headed by Mr. William Quire- also Manager of Radio Gbarnga. According to Mr. Sackor, his action is a result of a finding from a recent research conducted at Community Radio Stations across the county. The research realized that most of the stations were deplorable, as well as lack equipment and were hugely dependent on business houses for sustenance.

Sackor expressed the belief that if the media is to perform its role without interferences, President of ALICOR and Radio Gbarnga Manager must account for the "Unity Party Project 2011 Community Radio money." The Bong Concerned Analyst Movement Chairman said it was unthinkable to note that Mr. William Quire's Radio Gbarnga was flourishing out of the funds, while others were being marginalized.

In 2011, as concerns were mounting over the status of the balance US\$50,000.00 owed ALICOR, its president told some rural media executives that the Unity Party was still indebted to the organization and was renegeing on payment.

But when contacted by the community radio media executives, then Unity Party Campaign Manager Tornola Varpilah rejected Mr. Quire's claims and maintained that the balance payment of US\$50,000.00 was made to the association, through a written check to Mr. Quire leadership.

Though Mr. Quire refused to respond to Mr. Varpilah's clarification, community radio stations are yet to access the money.

Some media executives had earlier argued that the William Quire administration has plunged the community radio sector into corruption after failing to account for other funds provided by other donors. When contacted for his reaction to Alieu Sackor's claims, Mr. Quire could not talk to our correspondent.

Source: The New Dawn (Monrovia), 28 Aug. 2014; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

NOUVELLES

RESOURCE

FROM : 10/08/2014 [FR]

Monde: Vers une action concertée en communication, médias communautaires et TICs pour l'agriculture familiale: FAO et AMARC lancent les consultations virtuelles régionales

Un consensus mondial a maintenant été atteint en ce qui concerne l'importance de l'apport des agriculteurs familiaux et des petits agriculteurs dans la sécurité alimentaire et la réduction de la pauvreté rurale. Aujourd'hui, plus que jamais, la communication, les médias communautaires et les TICs encouragent le changement social dans les zones rurales en facilitant l'accès à de l'information essentielle afin d'améliorer la production agricole et d'avantager la participation des agriculteurs dans le processus de développement rural. Pour aider à faire entendre la voix des agriculteurs, l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'Alimentation et l'Agriculture (FAO) et l'Association mondiale des radiodiffuseurs communautaires (AMARC) mèneront prochainement une série de consultations virtuelles dans différentes régions. Divers acteurs provenant du secteur agricole, du développement, des médias communautaires, des organisations de la société civile, des agences de développement rural, du secteur public, académique et privé sont invités à y participer.

Les discussions, qui débiteront le 25 août prochain et continueront jusqu'au 12 septembre, seront axées autour du thème suivant: « Communication pour le développement, les médias communautaires et les TICs pour l'agriculture familiale et le développement rural ». Les participants sont invités à partager leurs perspectives et expériences par le biais des plateformes Onda Rural en Amérique Latine, YenKasa Africa, en Afrique, et ComDev Asia, en Asie-Pacifique. Les résultats de cette consultation seront présentés au Forum de communication pour le développement et les médias communautaires pour l'agriculture familiale, qui aura lieu à Rome du 23 au 24 octobre 2014 dans le cadre de l'Année internationale de l'agriculture familiale (AIAF). Le Forum identifiera des opportunités, des options de politique et des initiatives stratégiques afin de promouvoir les services de communication dans le but d'appuyer l'agriculture familiale et le développement rural.

L'objectif des consultations virtuelles est de souligner, au niveau régional, les rôles essentiels de la Communication pour le développement, des médias communautaires et des TICs pour l'agriculture familiale; d'identifier les tendances, les défis ainsi que les priorités pour établir des services de communication rurale en appui à l'agriculture familiale; ainsi que de discuter des approches communes qui favorisent l'utilisation de méthodologies et d'outils de communication dans différentes zones rurales. Les questions principales de la consultation ont été organisées autour de thèmes clés de l'agriculture familiale qui demandent un appui communicationnel, tels que l'identification de diverses lignes de conduite de la communication en secteur rural, entre autres. En outre, une consultation globale sur ce thème aura lieu via la plateforme E-agriculture pour discuter et compléter les résultats des consultations régionales.

Si vous souhaitez participer aux consultations virtuelles ou obtenir plus d'informations sur les objectifs, veuillez consulter les pages suivantes:

Région de l'Afrique: YenKasa Africa | Région de l'Amérique latine : Onda Rural | Région de l'Asie-Pacifique : ComDevAsia

Pour plus d'information, veuillez contacter: comdev@fao.org / secretariat@si.amarc.org. De l'information sera également régulièrement partagée via Twitter: @FAOcomdev et @AMARCnews
Source: AMARC Secrétariat international (Montréal), 8 août 2014

RESOURCE

FROM : 11/08/2014 [FR]

Afrique : Nouvelles des clubs d'écoute communautaire Dimitra au Niger, Sénégal, RDC, Burundi, Ghana

<http://www.fao.org/3/a-i3951f.pdf>

Plusieurs articles du Bulletin Dimitra de juin 2014 sont consacrés à l'actualité des clubs d'écoute Dimitra, notamment au Sénégal, avec les champs écoles du Programme GIPD, et en République démocratique du Congo (RDC) où un chef coutumier prend la parole. Certains articles sont placés sous l'éclairage de la coopération Sud-Sud qui permet aux pays du Sud de mettre en commun et d'échanger entre eux des pratiques, des connaissances, etc. Ainsi, la longue expérience des clubs d'écoute Dimitra du Niger a profité aux clubs du Sénégal, de Mauritanie et du Ghana, alors que

celle du Sud-Kivu, RDC, a été partagée avec les clubs du Burundi. Depuis 17 ans, la coopération Sud-Sud est soutenue par la FAO dans le cadre de programmes de sécurité alimentaire. Et c'est depuis 15 ans que la FAO s'est engagée dans la recherche de fonds pour la lutte contre la pauvreté et l'autonomisation des femmes rurales.

Outre notre portrait de femmes qui s'intéresse à Ruth Ojiambo Ochieng, une activiste ougandaise qui milite pour les droits des femmes dans des situations de conflits et post-conflits, plusieurs articles mettent en avant la contribution de l'agriculture familiale à la sécurité alimentaire et le travail de la FAO, notamment dans le contexte de l'Année internationale de l'agriculture familiale et par un partenariat FAO-AMARC dans le domaine de la radio et des médias. Ce partenariat s'est traduit par la création de plateformes régionales de communication pour le développement. Celle dédiée à l'Afrique s'appelle YenKasa.

Le bulletin est téléchargeable depuis le lien de cette nouvelle.

Source: Bulletin Dimitra (FAO, Rome), nr. 25, juin 2014

RESOURCE

FROM : 12/08/2014 [FR]

Appel à candidatures : La Thomson Foundation est à la recherche de jeunes journalistes des Pays en développement

<http://tinyurl.com/l64prym>

Les journalistes sont invités à participer à un concours qui reconnaît les jeunes journalistes des pays en développement.

Les journalistes doivent être âgés de 30 ou moins le 25 novembre 2014, doivent travailler dans un pays « en développement » et doivent présenter un portfolio de travaux réalisés.

Le portfolio doit contenir trois travaux publiés ou diffusés le 29 août 2013 ou après. Le travail peut être dans n'importe quel format : imprimé, audio, vidéo, multimédia ou une combinaison des quatre formats. Les articles peuvent être soumis dans n'importe quelle langue, mais devront être accompagnés d'une version textuellement traduite en anglais.

Les candidat(e)s doivent soumettre des déclarations écrites de tout au plus 200 mots par histoire résumant le contenu de l'histoire et toute répercussion qu'elle a eu sur le débat public dans le pays de publication.

Les éventuel(le)s lauréat(e)s et les personnalités importantes du monde journalistique seront invité(e)s à la soirée gala de remise des prix à Londres au Royaume-Uni le 25 novembre 2014.

La date limite pour soumettre une candidature est le 29 août 2014 à 23 h 59, heure de Greenwich. Aux fins du présent concours, les « pays en développement » sont définis comme les pays ayant un PIB par habitant de 20 000 \$US ou moins, selon l'Indice 2013 de la Banque Mondiale (en anglais seulement).

Pour avoir plus d'informations et avoir accès au formulaire de candidature, cliquez sur :

<http://www.thomsonfoundation.org/fpa-young-journalist-award>

Le formulaire rempli, ainsi que les autres documents exigés doivent être envoyés par courriel, à l'adresse suivante : awardfpa@thomsonfoundation.org

Source: Agro Radio Hebdo, nr 300, 11 août 2014

NEWS

FROM : 13/08/2014 [FR]

Côte d'Ivoire : Inauguration en novembre de la radio et studio d'Alpha Blondy

<http://tinyurl.com/n5lqz58>

La star ivoirienne Alpha Blondy inaugurera en novembre 2014, un centre commercial et une radio Fm à Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire). Les travaux sont presque achevés à Riviera 2, le quartier qui abrite les nouvelles installations ainsi que le domicile du pionnier reggae francophone.

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Alpha Blondy n'oublie pas ses origines. L'artiste ivoirien participe à sa manière au développement économique de la Côte d'Ivoire avec la construction d'un centre de commerce et d'une station radio. Selon la presse locale, la programmation et la ligne éditoriale de la radio éponyme sont confiées à la société française qui gère la radio Générations FM.

En dehors de la radio Alpha FM qui émettra sur la fréquence 99.6 MHz, la star ivoirienne compte également mettre en place un studio d'enregistrement pour la promotion de la musique en Côte d'Ivoire. [...]

Texte complet et Source : IMatin.net (Abidjan), 10 août 2014 ; information transmise à TRRAACE par Serge Adam's Diakité (journaliste indépendant à Abidjan)

NEWS

FROM : 13/08/2014 [FR]

Tunisie: Stations de radios publiques - Nouvelles nominations

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201408131027.html>

La présidence de l'Etablissement de la radio tunisienne a annoncé hier la nomination de nouveaux directeurs à la tête de radios centrales et régionales du secteur public. En voici la liste:

- La Radio nationale: Sofiène Ben Aissa
- Radio Tunis chaîne internationale (RTCI): Monia Dhouib
- Radio Jeunes: Malek Riahi
- La Radio culturelle: Mohamed Salah Labidi
- Radio Sfax: Mabrouk Maachaoui
- Radio Gafsa: Nabil Sadraoui
- Radio Monastir: Nabil Arfaoui
- Radio Tataouine: Hassène Chaari
- Radio Kef: Ali Manaf Jelassi

Source: LaPresse.tn (Tunis), 13 août 2014; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

ALERT

FROM : 17/08/2014 [FR]

RDC: Incursion d'hommes armés chez un correspondant de RFI à Goma

<http://tinyurl.com/n5sobgv>

Magloire Paluku, le correspondant de RFI en swahili à Goma, explique avoir été victime d'une attaque survenue la semaine dernière. Les menaces envers les journalistes dans l'est de la RDC ne sont pas rares. L'association Journalistes en danger (JED), très active dans cette zone, est scandalisée et demande que les résultats d'enquête soient rendus publics.

Des hommes armés non identifiés ont pénétré chez le journaliste dans la nuit du 9 au 10 août, rapporte notre confrère Magloire Paluku, correspondant de RFI en swahili et directeur de la radio Kivu One. L'intervention de ses voisins a permis de mettre en fuite ces hommes, explique-t-il. Tuver Wundi, le correspondant de l'association Journalistes en danger (JED) à Goma, rappelle que ce n'est pas un cas isolé : « C'est la sixième fois que des hommes en armes menacent de mort Magloire Paluku. Il y a d'autres collègues qui ont eu, dans le passé, ce genre de visites. Moi qui vous parle, c'est la douzième fois que des hommes armés non identifiés entrent chez moi. Les enquêtes réclamées n'ont jamais produit de résultat. »

Loin d'être fataliste, JED souhaite que des leçons soient tirées de ces expériences. « Ce que nous voulons pour cette fois-ci, c'est que le cas de Magloire serve de flambeau pour que les services compétents qui ont été saisis, les services de sécurité puissent finalement nous dire qui sont ces personnes qui veulent mettre fin à la vie des journalistes, explique Tuver Wundi. Nous avons demandé à tous les journalistes de ne pas se décourager, de ne pas avoir l'intention d'abandonner le travail. »

JED demande à ce que les résultats des enquêtes menées soient rendus publics. Le gouvernement congolais, par la voix de son porte-parole Lambert Mende, s'est engagé à prendre des mesures pour renforcer sa sécurité et faire la lumière sur cette affaire.

Source: RFI (Paris), website, 16 août 2014; information signalée à TRRAACE par Serge Adam's Diakité (journaliste indépendant à Abidjan)

RESOURCE

FROM : 18/08/2014 [FR]

Monde: Appel à participation - 2e Conférence internationale sur la nutrition

<http://www2.amarc.org/?q=node/1942>

Appel à participation - Deuxième Conférence internationale sur la nutrition : une meilleure nutrition, c'est une meilleure qualité de vie

Dans le cadre de la Deuxième Conférence internationale sur la nutrition (CIN2) qui se tiendra du 19 au 21 novembre 2014 à Rome, en Italie, le Bureau de la communication de l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'alimentation et l'agriculture (FAO) s'associe à l'Association mondiale des

radiodiffuseurs communautaires (AMARC) afin de rendre possible la production de 36 pièces audio par des producteurs et des journalistes de radios communautaires dans le but d'améliorer l'éducation populaire sur le thème de la nutrition, de l'alimentation et de l'agriculture, faciliter l'accès aux meilleures pratiques de gestion et de favoriser le partage de la connaissance scientifique en ce domaine.

Les pièces audio seront rendues disponibles sur une page thématique du site web de l'AMARC et profiteront d'une campagne de visibilité au sein du réseau de partenaires, de membres de l'organisation ainsi que sur les réseaux sociaux.

Type de productions recherchées*:

1. Table ronde, documentaire, reportage, entrevue, etc. : le thème central doit être lié à la nutrition, l'alimentation, l'agriculture, la sécurité alimentaire et l'agriculture familiale
2. 10 minutes minimum (les productions ne respectant pas ce critère seront refusées)
3. Le producteur/journaliste doit s'identifier et identifier la radio communautaire à laquelle il est affilié
4. Les productions seront acceptées du 1er septembre au 21 novembre 2014
5. La production doit être mixée et prête à la diffusion

*Les producteurs participants recevront une compensation financière en guise de reconnaissance de leur travail. Une entente de participation sera formalisée avec les producteurs sélectionnés.

Où chercher de l'information sur les thèmes liés à la CIN2:

1. Page de la Deuxième Conférence internationale sur la nutrition (CIN2)
2. Page «Outils et conseils» de la CIN2
3. Principaux thèmes et messages clés de la CIN2
4. Page de l'Année internationale de l'agriculture familiale (AIAF)
5. Page «Outils et conseils» de l'AIAF
6. Principaux thèmes et messages clés de l'AIAF

Pour plus d'information, svp contacter: secretariat@si.amarc.org

Source: AMARC Secrétariat international (Montréal), Communiqué, 15 août 2014

NEWS

FROM : 18/08/2014 [FR]

Cameroun: Nkongsamba FM, la voix des Nsambalais

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201408181520.html>

Lorsque le 29 juillet 2012, les nsambalais et nsambalaises ne captaient sur leur transistor que le même son émettant sur toutes les bandes, ils étaient loin de se douter qu'il s'agissait "enfin" de la toute première et encore unique radio de la ville de Nkongsamba, Nkongsamba FM, avec pour slogan, l'Echo des Montagnes.

Un an après, "L'écho des montagnes" ne se fait pas entendre seulement à Nkongsamba et environs, mais également dans les départements du Nkam, du Haut Nkam, du Wouri et du Koupe Manengouba. Cerise sur le gâteau, Nkongsamba FM est écoutée en direct tous les jours par la nombreuse diaspora nsambalaise dans le monde à travers leur site www.nkongsambafm.org ou par le truchement de la célèbre toile www.camer.be

Il se murmure d'ailleurs que, compte tenu de la qualité des programmes et surtout de la forte demande des natifs de Nkongsamba habitant Yaoundé, Bafoussam ou Douala, le promoteur de Nkongsamba FM songerait à placer des relais dans ces différentes villes.

Certains rendez-vous de la radio sont de véritables moments cultes.

L'écho des coulisses tous les soirs à 21h30 avec Kinikini ou Nkongsamba au Contrôle, le 10-12 quotidien avec Kamone la Merveille ou encore de Nkongsamba hebdo magazine avec "l'icône" Georges Lekama par ailleurs General manager.

Mais ne ratez pas Midi douceur avec Amanda tous les jours de 12h à 14h ou encore Sacrée Matinée avec Georges Stéphane et Zop Kassala.

Les couleurs de l'Arc-en-ciel avec Xavier Raoul ELong c'est les vendredis soirs. Louis Marie Ngambo traite l'information avec rigueur tous les jours à 19h avant de "malmener" ses invités tous les jeudis de 20h30 à 21h30 dans "A bâtons rompus"

Nkongsamba FM n'a rien à envier aux grandes radios de Douala ou Yaoundé. Un personnel encore jeune certes, mais qui en veut.

Un programme diversifié et très interactif. Le succès de la 96.2 MHz est perceptible avec le nombre de plus en plus grand d'annonceurs qui se bousculent pour utiliser la plateforme de cette radio qui se veut proche des gens, voire avec les gens: "nous sommes où vous êtes" aiment à tonner les animateurs.

Nkongsamba FM s'est donnée pour mission de susciter le réveil et d'accompagner la renaissance de la ville de Nkongsamba en accordant une place forte au rôle de la jeunesse et la sensibilisation des

autorités, des élites et des populations.

Source: Camer.be (Bruxelles), 16 août 2014; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 18/08/2014 [FR]

Ile Maurice: Top FM ne peut empêcher un salarié de partir chez un rival

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201408181751.html>

Selon son contrat de travail, Louis Aldo David Desmarais ne devait pas prendre de l'emploi dans les médias, soit à une autre radio ou dans une agence de publicité, pendant un an. Or, il a démissionné pour rejoindre une radio concurrente, Radio One. Et Top FM lui a intenté un procès, lui réclamant Rs 350 000. Dans son jugement rendu le 7 août, Maryse Panglose-Cala a rejeté cette réclamation.

Top FM estime que l'ancien salarié a violé plusieurs clauses de son contrat. Il lui reproche notamment d'avoir démissionné avant les deux ans de la fin de sa formation, comme stipule le contrat. Mais aussi d'avoir rejoint une radio concurrente. Il lui a alors réclamé Rs 150 000 pour la formation et Rs 200 000 pour le préjudice.

En somme, l'accusé doit rester sans emploi pendant trois ans ? se demande la cour industrielle. Selon Maryse Panglose Cala, ce contrat ne tient pas la route. Elle considère que Top FM n'a pas le droit de restreindre une personne à ne pas travailler. Sinon, celle-ci devra vivre sous la tutelle de la sécurité sociale.

La magistrate de la cour industrielle affirme qu'à aucun moment Top FM n'a subi de préjudice de quelque sorte, en particulier vis-à-vis d'une radio concurrente. De toute façon, Louis Aldo David Desmarais a quitté son emploi à Radio One quelques mois après.

Source: L'Express (Port Louis), 16 août 2014; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

ALERT

FROM : 18/08/2014 [FR]

Sénégal: Informations météorologiques aux populations - Formation des animateurs de radios

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201408182164.html>

Sénégal: Informations météorologiques aux populations - Les animateurs de radios communautaires outillées pour orienter le monde rural

Une trentaine d'animateurs de radios communautaires issus des différentes régions du pays a suivi les 14, 15 et 16 août derniers à Kaolack un séminaire de renforcement de capacité pour une meilleure diffusion de l'information climatique en direction du monde rural.

Ces animateurs ont été invités à cet atelier pour apprendre un ensemble de quatre rubriques fondamentalement liées à l'information météorologique.

Il s'agit, en effet, de la compréhension de l'information climatologique et météorologique, de la méthode dont on doit procéder pour pouvoir formuler un langage approprié et diffuser des bulletins d'informations compréhensibles qui peuvent facilement être captées par les usagers des services météorologiques du monde rural, de pouvoir communiquer une information climatique à temps réel, et mettre un réseau de pluviomètres dans chaque station de radio afin de pouvoir mesurer à chaque fois les quantités de pluie déversées et suivre en même temps leurs impacts dans l'avenir. Fruit du partenariat tripartite entre l'Agence nationale de l'Aviation Civile et de la météorologie (Anacim), l'Union des radios Associatives et communautaires du Sénégal (URAC) et International Crops Research Institute for Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT West Central Africa Office), ce séminaire a surtout été ouvert pour permettre aux populations, de manière générale, à pouvoir cheminer avec les nouvelles méthodes d'avancée technologique et scientifique dont le mérite est d'avoir beaucoup contribué à l'amélioration des prévisions météorologiques.

S'y ajoute l'accès des communautés de base à l'information liée au temps et au climat. C'est aussi un moyen pour les initiateurs du séminaire de faire éviter certains imprévus à dépendance météorologique notamment dans la plupart des activités humaines (agriculture, production d'énergie, élevage, pêche, gestion des catastrophes naturelles et la santé).

C'est le cas également pour les opérations de semence dans le monde rural où beaucoup de paysans ont réussi cette année à mettre leurs graines à terre sans disposer de la moindre information ou des conseils météorologiques nécessaires devant ordonner de telles opérations. Une rupture de communication qui a finalement abouti à des conséquences graves et de lourdes pertes, car dans la plupart des collectivités rurales, plusieurs hectares de terre emblavés ont tous pourri du fait de la pause pluviométrique observée ces derniers temps.

Ainsi avec les radios communautaires, l'espoir est aujourd'hui permis en tout cas pour l'Anacim et ses partenaires, car partant de l'expérience qu'on leur dotera, elles seront en mesure de livrer une bonne information à temps réel et le plus large possible.

Source: Sud Quotidien (Dakar), 16 août 2014; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 18/08/2014 [FR]

Guinée: Makanera qualifie les journalistes de Espace FM "d'arnaqueurs"

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201408182409.html>

Le ministre de la communication Alousény Kaké Makanera qualifie de la télévision Espace TV de procéder à des fraudes clandestines et aux journalistes d'arnaquer des directeurs des départements.

Les révélations du ministre à l'encontre des journalistes de la radio espace FM mais aussi de la Télévision Espace TV ont eu lieu ce samedi 16 août lors de l'assemblée générale hebdomadaire du RPG arc en ciel à son siège sis à Hamdallaye.

Après avoir justifié les raisons de son absence aux assemblées générales du RPG arc en ciel, qui liée à sa participation au comité de riposte contre Ebola mis en place qui doit tenir des conférences de presse chaque samedi parlé sur le dossier d'Espace TV qui fait couler beaucoup d'encre et de salive pour dire que « la Télévision Espace TV est dans la distribution des images clandestinement. Cette télévision existe matériellement en Guinée, juridiquement elle n'existe pas. Ils ont dit qu'ils n'émettent pas en Guinée, mais ils produisent ses émissions en Guinée et ne prennent pas ces émissions sur leurs têtes et les transporter à Paris, cela veut dire qu'ils sont en train d'émettre en Guinée que ça soit par émission par câbles ou par ondes, ce qui veut dire qu'Espace FM émet effectivement en Guinée. "Je suis d'abord ingénieur des télécommunications et entouré par des plus grands juristes", affirme le ministre.

En droit poursuit Makanera, « vous pouvez exister matériellement alors que vous n'existez pas juridiquement, tout comme vous pouvez juridiquement exister alors que matériellement vous n'existez pas.

Donc, Espace TV existe matériellement en Guinée, juridiquement elle n'existe pas. Cette Télévision n'a aucun agrément en Guinée, elle est en train de se faire des milliards sur le dos du contribuable guinéen dans la clandestinité, dans la fraude, dans le vol ».

Makanera est allé plus loin, en disant que les journalistes de la Radio Espace FM dans leur émission les « grandes gueules » sont en train de prostituer la profession du journalisme pour arnaquer les gens qui ont peur d'eux.

Par exemple quand vous êtes directeur national quelque part, on va trouver un dossier pour dire tel directeur national a détourné tel montant et dès qu'ils finissent l'émission sur ce dossier.

C'est le téléphone dudit directeur qui sonne pour lui dire, monsieur le directeur est ce que vous avez suivi l'émission?

Quelle est votre réaction ? Si vous réagissez on ne va pas revenir sur cette émission demain. Mais une fois que vous avez peur, ils viendront vous dire vous aller payer 50 millions pour qu'on ne fait plus passé cette émission.

Ce sont des bandits à col blanc et ils sont dans toutes sortes de fraudes et partout. C'est comme ça ils se sont enrichis malheureusement", affirme le patron du ministère de la communication.

Pour Makanera Kaké qui d'ailleurs dit être en débat avec les responsables de cette télévision, c'est une obligation pour tous les guinéens de se battre pour que cette façon de Presse, cesse dans notre pays. «

Comme je leur ai dit de cesser leurs émissions, ils continuent à les diffuser, quand on va aller en justice, chaque émission sera frappée d'une amende et s'ils ont de l'argent à payer ils paieront, s'ils n'ont pas ces moyens pour payer on mettra leurs biens en gages jusqu'à ce que l'argent soit payé », averti le ministre.

Pour conclure, il promet de mettre tous les journalistes indéliçats aux pas avant 2015, « je vous garantis que nous mettrons les journalistes indéliçats aux pas avant l'élection présidentielle de 2015. C'est cette mission que vous m'avez confié et je n'ai aucun compte à rendre à personne si ce n'est pas vous les militants ».

Source: Aminata.com (Conakry), 16 août 2014; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 18/08/2014 [FR]

Tunisie: Congrès du syndicat des radios libres

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201408182623.html>

Controverse entre ceux qui considèrent que les journalistes ne peuvent pas être neutres face au terrorisme et ceux qui appellent à donner aux terroristes la parole pour s'informer de leurs points de vue

Le secrétaire général du Syndicat tunisien des radios libres, Salah Fourti, a proposé hier d'associer les parties dites «terroristes» aux espaces médiatiques «pour s'informer de leurs points de vue» et éviter qu'elles ne se transforment en victimes», a-t-il dit.

S'exprimant à l'ouverture du 5e congrès électif de cette organisation, M. Fourti a dit redouter que les chaînes de radio et de télévision ne soient «la cible des terroristes après avoir attaqué les hommes politiques et les parties sécuritaires», appelant à assurer la protection, particulièrement, des médias installés à l'intérieur du pays.

Le responsable du syndicat a aussi relevé que «les récentes mesures destinées à combattre le terrorisme ne devraient pas donner lieu à la restriction des libertés et de la liberté d'expression». «Nous assistons actuellement à des tentatives vouées d'avance à l'échec visant à faire passer des mesures répressives mues par des motivations politiques, sous prétexte de menaces à l'ordre public et de lutte contre le terrorisme», s'est-il plaint.

En réponse, M. Hichem Snoussi, membre de la Haica (Haute autorité indépendante de la communication audiovisuelle), a souligné dans son intervention à l'ouverture du congrès que «le journaliste ne peut adopter une position de neutralité face à ceux qui cherchent à détruire la notion d'Etat, à porter atteinte à la société civile, aux fondements de la modernité, à l'édifice démocratique et qui menacent la femme et les enfants».

Evoquant le dossier des radios associatives, M. Snoussi a reconnu que «des pressions» sont exercées sur la Haica en raison de son refus d'octroyer des autorisations à des radios associatives. «L'expérience que nous vivons actuellement suscite des craintes dans la mesure où certains religieux qui avaient pris la parole dans des radios associatives avaient diffusé un discours religieux extrémiste et de haine».

Malgré ces craintes, la Haica a donné des autorisations conformément au décret-loi n°116 en date de 2011 et au cahier des charges des radios et chaînes de télévision. Une soixantaine de dossiers sont actuellement examinés par la Haica, dont 16 radios associatives parmi lesquelles le tiers sont installés à l'intérieur et dans le sud du pays.

Source: La Presse.tn (Tunis), 17 août 2014; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 18/08/2014 [FR]

Cote d'Ivoire: Commémoration des 3 ans de radio chandelier - La couverture nationale en 2015

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201408183118.html>

La radio de l'Eglise protestante baptiste œuvre et mission internationale (Epbomi), dénommée "radio Chandelier" a fêté son 3ème anniversaire, le 9 août dernier, au siège de l'église à Yopougon. Cette commémoration a été l'occasion de faire découvrir davantage la radio à toute la population. Ainsi les responsables de la radio se sont-ils fixé pour objectif, d'ici l'an 2015, de couvrir tout le territoire national par l'installation de dipôles (des émetteurs permettant de relayer les émissions en direct) et le monde entier par le biais d'internet.

Ils ont aussi décidé de créer, à moyen terme, une télévision dont certains matériels ont déjà été acquis. Mais, pour arriver à leurs fins, les responsables de la radio demandent la contribution des fidèles, ainsi que des personnes de bonne volonté.

Au dire du Pca de la radio, le révérend Dion Robert, la radio Chandelier a été créée, dans l'objectif d'accomplir le programme de salut du Seigneur Jésus-Christ. Il s'agit, dit-il, d'annoncer la bonne nouvelle aux pauvres, de proclamer aux captifs la délivrance et de guérir ceux qui ont le cœur brisé.

Le parrain de la cérémonie, le Révérend-pasteur Koné Elie, a pour sa part remercié le comité d'organisation de cet anniversaire d'avoir associé son église à cet événement. Et, en guise de contribution, il leur a offert trois dictaphones.

Des dons, des ventes aux enchères, des témoignages des auditeurs, la présentation du personnel de la radio, la distinction des auditeurs et la visite guidée de la radio ont été des temps forts de cette manifestation.

Source: Notre Voie (Abidjan), 13 août 2014; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 19/08/2014 [FR]

Burkina Faso: Radio Argoutar à Dissin inonde le Sud-Ouest

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201408190769.html>

La présidente du Conseil supérieur de la communication, Béatrice Damiba, a inauguré le jeudi 14 août 2014 à Dissin, la nouvelle radiodiffusion «ARGOUTAR». A vocation communautaire, la nouvelle radio du Sud-Ouest va émettre sur la fréquence 105.1 FM.

L'univers médiatique s'est agrandi au Burkina Faso. La radio Argoutar (qui signifie en français solidarité), dernière-née des médias radiophoniques, a été inaugurée le jeudi 14 août 2014 à Dissin sous la présidence de la présidente du Conseil supérieur de la communication, Béatrice Damiba.

Avant de prendre la parole, le promoteur, Jean de Dieu Somda, a demandé une minute de silence pour les victimes du crash d'Air Algérie, dont 7 sont de la province du Ioba.

Et de poursuivre que «La radio Argoutar est un trait d'union entre les populations du Sud-Ouest et également un lien de promotion économique». Située dans la cuvette de l'Avoir, zone commerciale de la ville de Dissin, la radio communautaire Argoutar émet sur la fréquence 105.1 FM et couvre toute la région du Sud-Ouest et même au-delà.

Sa réalisation a été effective grâce aux bénéfices des recettes de l'hôtel Belle vue, et surtout grâce à l'appui technique et financier de la République Chine/Taiwan. Avec l'apport de ce pays, la radio Argoutar dispose du matériel de dernière génération.

Présidant la cérémonie d'inauguration, la présidente du Conseil supérieur de la communication, Béatrice Damiba, a dans son allocution saisi l'occasion pour affirmer que la création d'une nouvelle radio est une victoire remportée dans leur combat contre l'obscurantisme, l'ignorance et la pauvreté dans notre pays.

«La création d'une nouvelle radio dans la famille de la presse est toujours la manifestation palpable de la consolidation de la liberté d'expression et partant, du renforcement de la démocratie au Burkina Faso», a-t-elle mentionné avant de prodiguer des conseils : «Ce medium de haute portée est un couteau à double tranchant qui demande à être utilisé avec beaucoup de précaution et de tact.

C'est pourquoi, j'en appelle au professionnalisme et au savoir-faire des travailleurs de la radio communautaire Argoutar, afin qu'ils ne perdent pas de vue les principes qui guident le métier de communicateur». Elle dit compter sur les qualités prouvées du promoteur, Jean de Dieu Somda, «homme méticuleux pour veiller au grain».

Enfin à l'endroit du promoteur, Béatrice Damiba a mentionné que « la création d'une radio est un acte citoyen qui n'a d'égal que l'amour que l'on porte et que l'on voue à son pays. C'est pourquoi je voudrais vous féliciter et vous rendre hommage pour votre contribution à l'élargissement de l'espace médiatique au Burkina Faso». Sachez que vous vous êtes investi utilement pour les générations présentes et futures.

La cérémonie d'inauguration de la radio Argoutar à Dissin, a connu la présence de son Excellence Jean Baptiste Ouédraogo, ancien chef d'Etat du Burkina Faso, de l'ambassadeur de la Chine/Taiwan, Shen Cheng-Hong, et de la ministre des Droits humains et de la Promotion civique, Julie Prudence Niga/Somda.

Source: Sidwaya Quotidien (Ouagadougou), 18 août 2014; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

ALERT

FROM : 19/08/2014 [FR]

Soudan du Sud: Transmissions de la principale radio catholique du pays encore bloquées

<http://tinyurl.com/jvkfon6>

Les transmissions de Radio Bakhita, la principale radio catholique du Soudan du Sud, sont encore bloquées après que le 16 août les autorités locales aient imposées la fermeture de la station de radio et arrêté le rédacteur en chef, Ochan David Nicholas, qui se trouve actuellement encore en garde à vue.

La radio, promue par l'Archidiocèse de Juba, a été fermée après avoir rendu compte d'affrontements le 15 août entre l'armée régulière, fidèle au Président Salva Kiir, et les milices d'opposition liées à l'ancien vice-président Riek Machar.

Différents moyens de communication locaux ont été contraints à la fermeture ou ont subi de lourdes pressions de la part du service de sécurité sud-soudanais depuis qu'en décembre la crise a éclaté, mettant le pays à genoux. Les accords de paix signés en juin dernier n'ont pas été appliqués par les parties, le gouvernement d'unité nationale n'ayant en particulier pas encore été constitué. L'Ambassadeur des Etats-Unis aux Nations unies, a dénoncé l'arrivée dans le pays de nouvelles fournitures d'armes, laissant présager une reprise des hostilités sur une vaste échelle.

Source: Agence Fides (Rome), 18 août 2014

NEWS

FROM : 20/08/2014 [FR]

Guinée: Mamou privé du signal de la RTG - Inquiétude des citoyens

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201408201159.html>

Guinée: Mamou privé du signal de la RTG - Inquiétude des citoyens à moins de deux mois de la fête de l'indépendance

A moins de 60 jours de la célébration de la fête de l'indépendance, la principale ville qui a été désignée pour abriter cette fête nationale n'a pas le signal des médias de service public. Les citoyens de la ville de Mamou sont privés depuis des mois des images de la télévision nationale et les fréquences de la radio nationale.

Cette situation qui perdure depuis quelques temps inquiète les citoyens résidents dans la localité. Obligés de se rabattre sur la radio rurale qui ne relaie que le journal de la nation qui passe la nuit, les citoyens de Mamou et ville environnante se plaignent du temps que prend cette panne. Nombreux sont ceux qui ont un espoir mince quant au retour des signaux de la RTG avant la fête de l'indépendance.

Malgré ces cris de cœur, aucune communication visant à donner plus de visibilité sur cette crise ne cloche du côté des autorités concernées. Pourtant, à l'image de cette ville, plusieurs autres préfectures sont dans la même situation comme Kindia.

Même si ces préfectures abritent des médias privés, ils n'ont le plus souvent pas accès aux réalités du pays à temps. Une situation qui devrait attirer l'attention des autorités surtout à la veille d'une fête dont la portée est symbolique.

Source: Aminata.com (Conakry), 20 août 2014; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 25/08/2014 [FR]

Cameroun: Après suspension des médias et des journalistes, indifférence des syndicats

<http://tinyurl.com/q3u9hps>

Vendredi, le Conseil national de la communication (Cnc), a suspendu des médias et des journalistes, pour atteinte à l'éthique et à la déontologie professionnelles et manquements graves, sans réaction pour l'heure, des syndicats, regroupant les hommes et femmes de médias camerounais, a constaté koaci.com.

Le Cnc, a donné des avertissements et distribué quelques suspensions aux journalistes peu dociles de la ville de Yaoundé.

Selon le communiqué, en date du 14 août 2014, cette instance « autonome de régulation a siégé en sa 7e session, ordinaire conformément aux dispositions de l'article 10 du décret 23 janvier 2012, portant réorganisation du Cnc Rechercher Cnc ».

Résolutions

Parmi les résolutions prises, à cette réunion, « les membres du conseil ont à l'unanimité, constaté la poursuite par certains médias, en dépit de nombreux rappels à l'ordre de la diffusion des programmes et la publication des messages promotionnels en faveur des médicaments et des structures sanitaires et de leurs promoteurs » fait valoir le communiqué signé de Peter Essoka, le vice-président de l'organe en charge de la régulation des médias aux Cameroun.

Des avertissements sont adressés aux chaînes de télévisions, Canal 2 international, Vision 4, Aux stations de radios sonores, Amplitude Fm, Sweet Fm, Radio des Artistes, Rts.

« Compte tenu de ce qui précède le Cnc, adresse un ultime avertissement à l'ensemble des médias publics ou privés et principalement aux organes sus nommés et demande à leurs promoteurs de mettre sans délai, un terme à la diffusion de tels programmes, proscrits par la législation en vigueur, notamment les articles 24, 26, 27, 42 et 43 de loi du 29 décembre 2006 régissant la publicité Rechercher publicité au Cameroun. La publicité Rechercher publicité en faveur des structures sanitaires et des pratiques médicales, est interdite dans la presse écrite, par voie de radios diffusion sonores ou de radio diffusion télévisuelle, par tout autre moyen de communication permettant l'accès au grand public » poursuit le communiqué de presse.

Par ailleurs, le Cnc, demande aux promoteurs des médias concernés, de mettre fin sans délai, à la promotion des structures sanitaires. « Tout manquement, exposera les structures suscitées, à des sanctions », menace le Cnc.

L'organe Sky one radio est averti dans le cadre «on refait l'actu au sein de la chambre haute du parlement», pour atteinte à l'éthique et à la déontologie professionnelles.

Suspension

Cinq journalistes au même titre que les émissions qu'ils présentent sont suspendus Dimitri Amba, Paul Dési Biha, Patrick Simi et Dominique Tita employés à la radio Royale Fm, sont suspendus de la profession de journaliste, pendant 3 mois. « Royal Fm » où ils exercent, est suspendue pour 1 mois. Lazare Zambo, directeur de l'information à « Sky One radio » est pour sa part, suspendu pour une durée de 2 mois de l'exercice de la profession de journaliste.

Ces décisions, pour l'instant ne sont pas commentées par les journalistes, ni dans le forum qui les regroupe, ni dans les syndicats.

Source : Koaci Infos, site web, 24 août 2014; information transmise à TRRAACE par Serge Adam's Diakité (journaliste indépendant à Abidjan)

TRAINING

FROM : 26/08/2014 [FR]

Cours en ligne sur les émissions agricoles: les places se remplissent rapidement! Inscrivez-vous

<http://tinyurl.com/ncjgfvn>

Radios Rurales Internationales a le plaisir de vous annoncer que son cours en ligne et son concours sur les émissions agricoles à l'intention des radiodiffuseurs et des radiodiffuseuses débutera le 15 septembre. Les inscriptions sont maintenant ouvertes!

Ce cours en ligne vous permettra de produire des émissions radiophoniques agricoles captivantes, divertissantes et informatives. Vous serez guidés par des animatrices et des animateurs africains en ligne et ferez équipe avec des mentors expérimenté(e)s.

Avec ce cours, vous apprendrez à :

- * Connaître votre auditoire et ses besoins en matière d'information et de communication
- * Recueillir différents types d'informations et à les traiter dans votre émission
- * Offrir des moyens aux agriculteurs et aux agricultrices de s'exprimer et se faire entendre
- * Trouver des stratégies pour raconter des histoires
- * Mieux servir les agricultrices et les agriculteurs
- * Concevoir une structure pour votre émission
- * Sélectionner les ressources nécessaires pour votre émission
- * Utiliser les TIC pour intégrer les commentaires de votre auditoire dans votre émission

À la fin du cours, vous devrez soumettre un projet d'émission que vous aurez préparé pendant le cours. Les meilleurs projets seront sélectionnés et les gagnant(e)s recevront des prix exceptionnels!

Le cours en ligne sur les émissions agricoles dure 12 semaines, à compter du 15 septembre 2014. Le matériel didactique sera disponible en ligne, en anglais seulement. Le cours et le concours sont ouverts aux radiodiffuseuses et aux radiodiffuseurs de l'Afrique subsaharienne qui n'ont pas pu participer au cours en 2012. Vous devez faire partie de l'équipe de réalisation des émissions radiophoniques de votre station de radio et avoir l'autorisation du directeur de votre station pour participer au cours, auquel vous pouvez participer à titre individuel ou en tant que membre de l'équipe de la station de radio.

Les frais d'inscription sont de 50 \$US pour une participation individuelle et de 100 \$US pour les groupes (quatre personnes au plus). Les modalités de paiement seront fixées lorsque votre inscription sera confirmée. Un nombre limité de bourses sont offertes aux radiodiffuseuses et aux radiodiffuseurs qui ont besoin d'une aide financière.

Vous devez suivre un module d'apprentissage en ligne sur les normes VOICE avant le début de ce cours. Vous aurez accès au module une fois que vous serez inscrit(e)s au cours.

Si ce cours vous intéresse, veuillez remplir le formulaire d'inscription en cliquant ici. (Veuillez noter que ce cours se déroulera entièrement en anglais et qu'une excellente maîtrise de l'anglais est nécessaire pour suivre ce cours. Nous espérons pouvoir offrir ce cours en français prochainement. Nous vous tiendrons au courant, le cas échéant.) Vous devez fournir des informations sur votre station de radio et vos émissions radiophoniques agricoles sur le formulaire. Nous examinerons votre candidature et confirmerons votre inscription au cours des prochaines semaines.

Les participant(e)s et les lauréat(e)s de la session de 2012 qui souhaitent rafraîchir leurs connaissances peuvent nous envoyer un courriel à ecourse@farmradio.org.

Le cours est offert conjointement avec le Commonwealth of Learning et grâce au soutien financier du gouvernement du Canada, par l'entremise du ministère des Affaires étrangères, du Commerce et du Développement (MAECD).

Source: Agro radio Hebdo (Toronto), Radios Rurales Internationales, numéro 302, 24 août 2014

NEWS

FROM : 26/08/2014 [FR]

Sénégal: Cayar Fm se dote d'un bulletin d'information électronique

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201408261490.html>

Cayar Fm, la radio communautaire du nom de cette ville côtière située dans le département de Thiès (ouest), vient de se doter d'un bulletin d'information électronique.

Dénommé "TALLAR-Infos", cette publication dont la périodicité n'est pas précisée, vise à accompagner Cayar FM, pour lui donner "plus de visibilité et servir de lien entre les auditeurs et les partenaires qui ne peuvent pas capter la radio dans leur zone".

"Tallar-Infos se veut ce trait d'union entre le mareyeur, le pêcheur, la femme formatrice et le client autour des problématiques de la pêche et de ce poisson tant prisé à Cayar", est-il écrit.

La pêche artisanale est la principale activité de Kayar, une ville côtière d'environ 18. 000 habitants, située à 58 km au nord de Dakar, sur la Grande-Côte sénégalaise. Kayar est notamment jumelée avec la ville de Lorient en France

Cayar FM, inaugurée en décembre 2013, a été mis en place par le Fonds mondial pour la nature (WWF), dans le but principal de promouvoir une pêche responsable, de bonnes pratiques en matière de gestion durable et des ressources marines et côtières.

Source: Agence de Presse Sénégalaise (Dakar), 26 août 2014; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

RESOURCE

FROM : 28/08/2014 [FR]

Opportunités: JWF offre des subventions pour des projets de presse sur le renforcement de la paix

<http://peaceprojects.net/>

La Fondation des Journalistes et Ecrivains (JWF) lance un appel à propositions pour les organisations à but non lucratif et les individus - y compris les journalistes - à travers le monde, utilisant les médias pour promouvoir la coexistence pacifique à travers le dialogue et la compréhension, aux niveaux mondial, régional et local.

"Projets pour la paix" est le nom de ce programme qui sert à soutenir les projets novateurs dans les domaines de la résolution des conflits et de la consolidation de la paix, principalement axées sur la prévention, la gestion et la résolution des conflits violents et la promotion de consolidation de la paix post-conflit. Le programme soutiendra des projets relatif à:: la promotion de la coexistence pacifique à travers le dialogue et la réconciliation; favoriser le pluralisme, la bonne gouvernance, la liberté de croyance; la promotion du développement économique et social et la responsabilité environnementale; faire respecter les droits de l'homme, et l'égalité des sexes et l'autonomisation, entre autres. Le programme soutiendra des projets à la hauteur de 50.000 USD.

Les thèmes possibles: éducation à la paix; le pluralisme et le multiculturalisme; la prévention des conflits; réconciliation post-conflit; et l'égalité des sexes et l'autonomisation.

Pour plus d'informations, cliquez le lien de cette nouvelle.

Date limite: 30 Septembre 2014

Source: RFPA Update, 27 août 2014

TRAINING

FROM : 28/08/2014 [FR]

Formation: RTNC ouvre un cours pour informer sur la santé sexuelle!

<http://www.rntc.nl/factsandformats>

Les journalistes possédant une expérience d'au moins trois ans "factual programming" peuvent s'inscrire au cours «Faits et Formats: santé sexuelle et reproductive - VIH / SIDA» offert par le Centre de formation de Radio Nederland (RTNC).

Le cours aura lieu à Hilversum, Pays-Bas, du 30 Mars au 24 Avril 2015.

Les participants sélectionnés exploreront une variété de formats utilisés dans la programmation factuelle contemporaine, analyseront leurs forces et leurs faiblesses et leur aptitude à informer les différents publics cibles (par exemple sur les questions en rapport avec la santé sexuelle et reproductive, y compris le VIH / sida). En plus de la réalisation de missions de radio ou de télévision, les participants se pencheront sur la façon dont l'utilisation créative du contenu en ligne et les médias sociaux peuvent compléter le travail des médias audiovisuels dans la programmation factuelle.

Des bourses d'études pour ce cours sont disponibles par l'intermédiaire du Programme de bourses des Pays-Bas (PFN) pour couvrir les frais de déplacement, d'hébergement et les frais de cours.

Pour être admissible à une bourse, vous devez être ressortissant de certains pays indiqués sur le site du cours.

Pour plus d'informations sur le cours, cliquez sur le lien de cette nouvelle.

Date limite: 31 Octobre 2014

Source: RFPA Update, 27 août 2014

NEWS

FROM : 29/08/2014 [FR]

RDC : Le journaliste Magloire Paluku toujours inquiet pour sa sécurité

<http://tinyurl.com/kp6n3o5>

Réchappé d'une tentative d'assassinat le 10 août, Magloire Paluku, directeur de Radio Kivu 1 et correspondant de RFI swahili à Goma, assure aujourd'hui lui-même sa sécurité.

Magloire Paluku se sent abandonné. "Ni le gouverneur du Nord-Kivu, ni le maire, ni même le chef de quartier ne s'occupent de moi, confie l'intéressé. Le ministre [de la Communication] Lambert Mende a écrit au chef du gouvernement Matata Ponyo pour qu'il demande à son homologue de l'Intérieur de me fournir une protection. Mais toutes ces personnes sont trop loin et très occupées..."

Paluku a recruté un policier pour surveiller son domicile de nuit. Et verse une petite enveloppe à certains supérieurs de ce gardien improvisé.

Source: Jeune Afrique (Paris), site web, 29 août 2014

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