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## TRRAACE :

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TRACKING RESOURCES FOR RADIOS IN AFRICA AT THE BENEFIT OF THE ASSOCIATIVE COMMUNITY AND EDUCATIVE RADIO STATIONS

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## RESOURCES - RESSOURCES

### AFRICA: LAUNCH OF A CALL FOR PROPOSALS BY THE DUTCH FOUNDATION STEM VAN AFRIKA

[http://www.stemvanafrika.nl/index.php?article\\_id=16&clang=1](http://www.stemvanafrika.nl/index.php?article_id=16&clang=1)

#### **Application Deadline: February 28th, 2010**

Radio programmes and community based initiatives that reinforce the community radio landscape in Africa can now receive a grant from the Dutch foundation Stem van Africa (SvA).

Who can apply?

All community, local and associative radio stations and radio networks in Africa or African organisations developing support programmes to local and community radio stations in Africa, which

- intend to produce new and/or implement exceptional programme formats;
- focus on often neglected, marginalised and/or under represented target groups;
- focus on often neglected and/or underrepresented thematic issues;
- are engaged in training initiatives applying innovative pedagogical approaches;
- apply innovative cross-media technologies or interactive platforms;
- implement programmes and practices contributing to the social, institutional and/or financial sustainability of the radio station;

are eligible for acceptance.

More information on SvA as well as application details and the application form are available under: <http://www.stemvanafrika.nl>

Complete applications have to be returned before February 28th, 2010 by E-Mail to: [Proposal2010@stemvanafrika.nl](mailto:Proposal2010@stemvanafrika.nl)

Source: CAMECO Africa Radio Service 2010/1 07 Jan. 2010 and Stem van Afrika Website

## AFRIQUE: APPEL A PROPOSITIONS LANCE PAR LA FONDATION HOLLANDAISE STEM VAN AFRIKA

[http://www.stemvanafrika.nl/index.php?article\\_id=16&clang=2](http://www.stemvanafrika.nl/index.php?article_id=16&clang=2)

Appel à propositions au bénéfice des radios communautaires en Afrique

### **Clôture de cet appel : 28 février 2010**

La fondation hollandaise Stem van Afrika lance un appel à propositions pour des projets novateurs visant le renforcement de la radio communautaire et locale en Afrique.

### **Éligibilité**

Pour être éligibles, les propositions doivent

- provenir ou concerner le secteur de la radio communautaire et/ou de proximité en Afrique ;
- être innovantes et/ou relever du secteur de la formation;
- ne pas présenter un caractère confessionnel.

### **Domaines de priorités de cet appel**

Les propositions doivent rentrer dans au moins une des priorités et catégories suivantes :

- Format radiophonique : des projets qui veulent développer des nouveaux formats de programmes et/ou qui veulent réaliser des programmes exceptionnels ;
- Groupes cibles : des projets visant des groupes cibles souvent délaissés, marginalisés et/ou insuffisamment représentés ;
- Productions thématiques : des projets qui visent au renforcement des capacités des communautés locales ainsi que les Droits de l'Homme et la dignité humaine, l'environnement.
- Formation : des propositions novatrices du point de vue pédagogique, thématique ou des publics ciblés ;
- Technologies : propositions innovantes dans la mise en œuvre de technologies notamment du point de vue de la convergence médiatique ;
- Durabilité et pérennité : des propositions visant à contribuer au renforcement de la pérennité de stations de radio.

### **Qui peut présenter un projet sous cet appel ?**

- Des stations de radio africaines communautaires, locales et associatives ;
- Des réseaux africains de radiodiffuseurs communautaires et associatifs ;  
\* Des organisations africaines mettant en œuvre des programmes d'assistance et d'appui aux stations de radio communautaires et locales en Afrique.

### **Information et contact**

L'information concernant cet appel est disponible sur le site de la fondation Stem van Afrika:

[www.stemvanafrika.nl](http://www.stemvanafrika.nl)

Les directives présentant cet appel et le formulaire à utiliser pour introduire une proposition sont téléchargeables depuis ce site.

### **Échéance :**

Les dossiers doivent être envoyés pour le 28 février au plus tard à l'adresse électronique suivante [proposal2010@stemvanafrika.nl](mailto:proposal2010@stemvanafrika.nl)

Source: CAMECO Africa Radio Service 2010/1, 08 janv. 2010 et site de Stem van Afrika.

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## News (Les nouvelles en français suivent)

NEWS

FROM : 2010-01-01 [EN]

### ***Cameroon: National broadcaster's board adopts new budget***

Text of report in English by state-owned Cameroon CRTV television on 29 December [George Ewane] And now we talk about ourselves. The budget of the Cameroon Radio and Television Corporation [CRTV] for 2010 will be FCFA17 billion, 264 million, 284 thousand. The decision was arrived at this afternoon at the close of the 32nd session of the board of directors' meeting of the Cameroon Radio Television.

[Mireille Lambo] During the session, the CRTV board chairman, Jean Pierre Biyiti-Bi Essam, underscored the need for a flawless coverage of the two upcoming sporting events of the continent; the African Cup of Nations in January and the FIFA World Cup in June. Fonka Muta Beau Bernard has the details.

[Fonka Muta] The board of directors of the CRTV settled on the 2010 budget of about FCFA17 billion. During the 32nd session that was dedicated mainly to budget, the board chairman of the CRTV, Jean Pierre Biyit-Bi Essam, underscored the need for CRTV to give the best possible coverage of the upcoming sporting events in the continent. Next January, the Indomitable Lions of Cameroon will compete at the African Cup of Nations in Angola and in June, at the FIFA World Cup. [Biyiti-Bi Essam] During the year 2010, we will have a lot of headaches like CAN [Coupe d'Afrique des Nations] and World Cup and we have had a lot of discussions about these events and the manner in which these events will be covered by CRTV.

[Fonka Muta] Beyond the major sporting events, the CRTV board meeting dwelled on the 2009 action plan of the public media as well as the 2010 budget and action plan of the CRTV. Other issues on the agenda included the audit of the CRTV Marketing and Communication Agency [CMCA]. Biyiti-Bi Essam in an interview after the board meeting, said issues related to the reorganization of CRTV and recruitment have been delayed to next semester. During this session, he also welcomed new board members of the CRTV.

Source: CRTV Television (Yaounde), 29 Dec. 2009; quoted by BBC Monitoring 01 Jan. 2010

NEWS

FROM : 2010-01-02 [EN]

### ***Ivory Coast: Ivorian national broadcaster board discusses restructuring plan***

The year 2009 ends tomorrow. Therefore, the management committee of the Ivorian Radio and Television [RTI] has met to review the plan for the restructuring of the RTI so that all stakeholders are on the same wavelength. Here is a report by correspondent Charles Tatou.

[Begin recording] [Tatou] This meeting took place in a relaxed atmosphere. Three issues, including the activities report for 2009 and the programme of activities for 2010, were at the centre of the meeting. It emerged from the discussions that a diagnostic was made from August through September 2008. This diagnostic pointed out that the RTI was groaning under the weight of difficulties in almost all components. In the face of this alarming situation, the management has worked out a restructuring plan whose implementation enabled it to begin some reforms, in order to save the RTI from a financial bankruptcy situation and to confront the forthcoming liberalization of the audiovisual space. The balance-sheet for the 2009 activities is encouraging, according to the human resources manager

[Brou Bi Sawat]. However, there are still some shortcomings that need to be corrected in order to attain the company's goals.

[Sawat] [...] We have reduced our debts to FCFA 5 billion in 2008. We must continue to make efforts and our goal is to be able to have an acceptable level of debt. This is the first phase of the reform. The second phase is at the budget level. When you conduct a budget analysis over the past 10 years, you will see that the company has accumulated budget deficits over all these years, with

an average of about FCFA 2 billion per year. [...]

[Tatou] According to the RTI general manager, Pierre Amessan Brou, social cohesion is the only guarantee for the smooth running of the RTI. [...] It will be recalled that for 2010, the RTI has adopted a FCFA 12 billion, including FCFA1.5 billion that will be devoted to investments. [end recording]

Source: Television Ivoirienne (Abidjan), in French 30 Dec. 2009; translated and quoted by BBC Monitoring 02 Jan. 2010

NEWS

FROM : 2010-01-02 [EN]

### ***Somalia: Directors of Local FM Radios in Mogadishu Disprove Signing Journalism Meeting Outcome***

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200912310555.html>

Most of the local FM radio directors in Mogadishu have Thursday unanimously disproved reports that they had signed articles issued from journalism meeting held recently in the Somali capital. The directors of six radios in Mogadishu like: - Somaliweyn, IKQ, Sahan, Codka Nabadda (voice of peace), VOD Hamar and Shabelle radio and television issued a press release denying fake reports saying that they signed decisions and outcome from a conference held in Mogadishu.

Mohamed Abdiwahab Abdullahi, the director of IKQ radio said that it was wrong step to spread false reports through the media by calling the people through the telephone and use their signatures adding that those who did the faults would be brought before a Islamic court and be accounted.

Abukar Mohamed Hassan (Kadaf), the director of Somaliweyn radio said that they knew nothing about decisions reached pointing out that they signed nothing asserting that they will convict all those who were the mastermind of the action.

Engineer Abukar Omar Markab, the director of Sahan radio said that what had happened were planned things design to disgrace the reputation of most of the radio directors of capital reiterating that they would revenge on from the people who committed the crimes once.

Also the radio director of VOD Hamar, Codka Nabadda (Voice of peace) and Shabelle radio and television expressed sorrowful things to spread such baseless reports through the media refusing that they attended a journalism meeting that was reportedly held in the Somali capital Mogadishu. The statement of the local FM radio directors in Mogadishu comes as the journalists work hard and difficult situation which allegedly taking parts the journalists.

Source: Shabelle Media Network (Mogadishu), 31 Dec. 2009

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FROM : 2010-01-02 [EN]

### ***Uganda: Reporter harassed by police for allegedly libelling President Museveni***

<http://www.rsf.org/Newspaper-reporter-harassed-by.html>

Reporters Without Borders condemns the way the Ugandan police are harassing Angelo Izama, an investigative reporter and political analyst who works for the independent Daily Monitor and the radio station KFM, over an article he wrote on 20 December. He has been summoned and questioned three times in the past week for allegedly libelling President Yoweri Museveni. [...]

Full report and source: Reporters Sans Frontieres, 30 Dec. 2009

ALERT

FROM : 2010-01-03 [EN]

### ***Somalia: HornAfrik radio in Beledweyne town shut down***

Hisb Al-Islam group has reportedly shut down the HornAfrik radio in Beledweyne town. The motive behind the closure is still unclear. The director of HornAfrik radio in Hiiraan Region, Abdi Ma'alim Aden, has said Hisb Al-Islam fighters armed with guns entered the premises of the radio ordering the radio to put off air. [...]

Source: Radio Voice of Mudug, in Somali 2 Jan. 2010; translated and quoted by BBC Monitoring 03 Jan. 2010

NEWS FROM : 2010-01-05 [EN]

***Uganda: Police deploy heavily as opposition demo flops***

<http://www.monitor.co.ug/News/National/-/688334/836070/-/wgqvmvmd/-/index.html>

The Opposition have vowed to organise a surprise demonstration after one planned for yesterday was foiled by heavy Police deployment. The demonstration was against the closure of CBS radio and the renewal of work contracts for top Electoral Commission officials. [...]

Full report and source: Daily Monitor Online (Kampala), 05 Jan. 2010

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NEWS FROM : 2010-01-05 [EN]

***Gambia: Paradise FM Clocks One***

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201001050314.html>

Paradise FM radio, one of the private radio stations in the country, broadcasting on the frequency of 105.5 in Kololi, on Friday celebrated its first anniversary at the Alliance Franco-Gambienne along Kairaba Avenue.

The radio station with another branch station operating in Farafenni was opened last year January and since then, the broadcaster, equipped with the outstanding and committed staff has been doing wonderful job in terms of entertainment and educating the masses both in and outside the country as it goes online.

Speaking at the occasion, Harona Drammeh, the proprietor of Paradise FM radio expressed delight at the support and love they receive from the general public towards the radio station since its inception, adding that everyone has a talent and in that, national development should be of everyone's concern. He described his radio as absolutely number one but at that juncture attributed it to the dedication and commitment of his staff towards work. According to him, his achievement did not come over night but through hard work, commitment and dedication. He further went on to commend The Gambia government under the leadership of His Excellency Sheikh Professor Alhaji Dr Yahya Jammeh for creating the enabling environment for them to operate.

He revealed that an award of ten thousand dalasis would go to two employees of the year of Paradise FM radio and Mediamatic as part of the 1st anniversary. For his part, Daddy Njie, Business development manager at Comium, whose company was the sponsor of the event, said they have been working with Harona Drammeh prior to the establishment of Paradise FM. He thanked him for his foresight towards contributing to national development; adding that the day didn't come as a surprise to him, because Harona can do more than that.

In an interview with this reporter, Amat Mbowe alias DJ Amat of Paradise FM, expressed delight for the auspicious day, noting that it is a memorable day in the annals of Paradise FM as they are just starting. According to him, he graduated in 2000 at the Gambia High School and was not doing anything but with the inception of the radio station, he was lucky to be employed there, which according to him, has changed his life. He dilated on the warm relation that exists among the staff of Paradise FM, which, according to him has made their work easier. He finally urged the youths of the country to venture into something that can make them an asset in the society and not liabilities.

The celebration was punctuated with musical entertainment by Freaky Joe alias Singhateh. The employees of the year were: Saikou Bojang alias Saikou B and Amat Jawo of Mediamatic, who all received ten thousand dalasis.

Source: The Daily Observer (Banjul), 04 Jan. 2010; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

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ALERT FROM : 2010-01-05 [EN]

***Somalia: Two reporters briefly detained, a third flees Kismayo fearing for his safety***

[http://www.ifex.org/somalia/2010/01/04/reporters\\_briefly\\_detained/](http://www.ifex.org/somalia/2010/01/04/reporters_briefly_detained/)

Two reporters in Kismayo were arrested by the Al-Shabaab administration in the Jubba region on 25 December 2009. Qadar Mohamoud Hared, a reporter for the Bossasso-based ETN television station and the Voice of Peace radio station, and Mohamed Abdi Olow, a reporter for Radio Banadir, were arrested after they were told to go to the police station. They were released on the night of 26 December. [...]

Full report and source: IFEX website, 4 Jan. 2010

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NEWS

FROM : 2010-01-06 [EN]

**Malawi: Pirate Radio Owner Welcomes New Radio**<http://allafrica.com/stories/200912300563.html>

Gabriel Kondesi, the brains behind 'Pachikweza radio' of Soza village in Southern Malawi's Mulanje has welcomed news that the district would soon have a community radio, saying this was a fulfillment of his dream to have such a radio in Mulanje.

Speaking through his father Jonasi, the aspiring broadcaster said he was happy that his idea of establishing a community radio in Mulanje has attracted the attention of other partners. Kondesi received a scholarship to continue his studies at Kaphuka Private School following closure of his radio.

Gabriel's remarks follow a resolution made at a meeting of traditional leaders and representatives of various organizations including officials from the Mulanje District Assembly to have a community radio established in the district. The traditional leaders argued that community radios play a crucial role in spurring development.

The meeting followed closure of Pachikweza radio for operating without a license. In a bid to fulfill one of its objectives of promoting diversity in the broadcasting industry, MISA Malawi decided to facilitate formation of a legally instituted community radio in Mulanje.

Other quarters were, however, raising fears that Gabriel might not be happy with the idea of another community radio in the district. But in an interview with The Daily Times Friday, Gabriels' father, Jonas, said: "My son is very happy with the news that Mulanje will soon have a community radio. He even described this development as a dream comes true." Jonas was among the people who attended the consultative meeting in Mulanje. Other participants included six Traditional Authorities (T/As) led by senior chief Mabuka, representatives of Area Development Committees (ADCs) from the district and representatives of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs).

The consultative meeting was organized by the Malawi Chapter of the Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) with funding from Australian Aids Fund Incorporated (AAFI), a charity organization based in Australia.

AAFI president Brian Haill recently pointed out that a community radio in the area would help government and different stakeholders fight the HIV/AIDS pandemic, promote agriculture, water and sanitation and other development endeavors.

Australian Aids Fund Incorporated currently supports various development projects in Malawi's districts of Blantyre, Zomba and Mulanje.

Source: Malawi Tribune (Blantyre), 30 Dec. 2009 ; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 2010-01-06 [EN]

**Ethiopia: Political Opponents Agree On the Use of Broadcasting Airtime**<http://allafrica.com/stories/201001060203.html>

The highly controversial issue in the Ethiopian electoral politics, the allocation of airtime for contesting parties during the time of campaigns, finally has a deal agreed upon by the ruling party and another 64 political parties after a three-day round of intense negotiations, disclosed sources.

The 10-page agreement, incorporating 12 articles, was made late on Friday afternoon, January 1, 2010, by the incumbent Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF), the Ethiopian Democratic Party (EDP), the Coalition for Unity and Democracy (CUD), the All Ethiopian Unity Party (AEUP) and another 61 parties that have recently signed on the electoral code of conduct.

Two negotiators from each of the four parties and an additional four negotiators delegated by the 61 parties have been negotiating inside Parliament up at Arat Kilo, inside the hall where the standing committee on defense often meets, according to these sources. The Forum for Justice and Democratic Dialogue (FJDD), which claim's to be the largest electoral front against the Revolutionary Democrats, was not a party to this deal, sources told Fortune.

Its leaders have boycotted all negotiations, and deals, so far reached by the other political parties in the contest for the national elections.

The latest agreement includes a requirement that airtime and newspaper space in media houses under public ownership be allocated to each party taking part in the 2010 national elections, based on a formula proposed by the liberal democrats, the EDP. The ratio agreed dictates that a party's use of media airtime and space would be allocated on the basis of the number of seats it has in parliament (55pc), and the number of candidates it will field to the elections (20pc), while the remaining 25pc would be equally shared with all parties, Fortune learnt. [...]

Full report and source: Addis Fortune (Addis Ababa), 4 Jan. 2010; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com



NEWS

FROM : 2010-01-07 [EN]

***Eritrea: Eritrean president tours digitalized state-owned radio station***

Asmara, 5 January: President Isayas Afewerki this week inspected the newly introduced digitalized mode of operation in Dimtsi Hafash [Voice of the Eritrean Masses] aimed at undertaking clear and efficient news work.

In the course of the visit, the president received briefings on the work methodology and its significance in broadcasting clear and effective programs, besides ensuring archiving system. President Isayas told ERINA [Eritrean News Agency] following the visit that the introduction of digitalized equipments is a major leap forward, and added that the service being rendered to the beneficiaries as a result of the improvement made is not to be viewed lightly. In this connection, he reminded the need for registering still greater development, especially developing a server centre system.

Noting that skilled manpower should be nurtured parallel with the newly introduced technology, the President highlighted the need for exerting endeavours towards expanding FM coverage in all parts of the country.

Meanwhile, President Isayas observed the arts exhibition staged by the Information Ministry in connection with the 31st anniversary of Dimtsi Hafash. He stated that though the exhibition is rich in content, the necessary preparations should be made to organize it in a better way, as well as a large site and for a long period.

He went on to say that despite the significance of introducing technological know-how, presenting pictures in their original form are not only more appealing but also serves as a reminder and a source of inspiration.

Source: Shabait website, Asmara, 06 Jan 10; quoted by BBC Monitoring 07 Jan. 2010

NEWS

FROM : 2010-01-07 [EN]

***Niger: National broadcaster opens transmission centre in southwestern Niger***

Mr Moctar Mamane Kassoum, minister of communication and spokesman for the government, was this morning in Birni-Ngaoure. Mr Kassoum chaired the official launching of the activities of the radio and television transmitting centre of that locality. Our correspondents Ousmane Abdou and Mory Abdou, have the details.

[Begin recording][Abdou] Niger, our country, under the clear-sightedness and impulse of the head of state, His Excellency President Mamadou Tandja, has undertaken the extension and modernization of the production and broadcasting equipment of the Niger Radio and Television Office [ORTN]. It is in this regard that he created 32 radio and television centres with the view of clearing the shade zone in order to enable the populations to have access to national and international information in the ORTN programmes. During the ceremony for the official launching of the activities of the radio and television transmitting centre of Birni-Ngaoure and after the welcome speech delivered by the mayor, the head of the prefecture of Boboye said that the populations of the prefecture of Boboye had been waiting for several decades to see the installation of this antenna. The project has not been implemented despite the multiple promises made by the politicians of this country. [...]

For his part, Mr Kassoum, the minister of communication and spokesman for the government, recalled on the occasion that the programme, which is the ambition of the president of the republic, is to cover by the year 2012 the entire territory by sending radio and television signals into all the homes of Niger.

[Kassoum] For the president of the republic, the improvement of the quality of life also passes through the access to the programmes of television and radio, to telephone, and many other information and communication technologies. Now that the world is becoming more and more a global village there is the need to ensure the integration of all the Niger localities in that global village by 2012. Thus, with the launching of this centre, the populations of the sub-districts of Birni-Ngaoure, of Kogolo, (Haikarassou) will be able as of today to have access to the programmes of Tele-Sahel and listen with pleasure to those of La Voix du Sahel from the regional station of Dosso. This jewel is, therefore, yours. Honourable populations of Boboye, make good use of it. [...]

[Abdou] After cutting the inauguration tape, the delegation visited the centre of Birni-Ngaoure made up of a television transmitter of 500 watts, a radio transmitter of 500 watts, a reception system through satellite, a dish antenna, and of a receiver. [end recording]

Source: Tele Sahel (Niamey), 30 Dec. 2009; translated from French and quoted by BBC Monitoring 07 Dec. 2009

ALERT FROM : 2010-01-08 [EN]

***Madagascar/Netherlands: Three transmitters now on air at RNW Madagascar***<http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/>

A temporary schedule went into effect on 1 January using the two Philips transmitters, and the 50 kW Siemens transmitter began tests on 2 January. Since Tuesday 5 January, all three transmitters have been in regular operation using an interim schedule, which you will find here. The fourth transmitter (250 kW) is still out of service and is being repaired. It is due to be switched on for testing during the next few days, and if no further problems are discovered it could be back in operation next week.

Source: Media Network Newsletter (Radio Netherlands Worldwide, Hilversum), 7 January 2010

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NEWS FROM : 2010-01-08 [EN]

***Uganda: Vision Voice Brings the Nations Cup Closer to Their Listeners***<http://allafrica.com/stories/201001080212.html>

Vision Voice, 94.8FM, is ready to welcome Africa's biggest soccer festival in style. Listeners of the Real Radio have been given the opportunity to exclusively watch the opening match of the 27th edition of the Africa Cup of Nations with their favourite presenters at Bamboo Nest in Bugolobi, a Kampala suburb. [...]

The radio provides updates and statistics about the event at 2:45pm daily in the Africa Cup of Nations Live Show.

Full report and Source: New Vision (Kampala), 07 Jan. 2010; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

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NEWS FROM : 2010-01-08 [EN]

***Kenya: New Ownership Rules Sound Death Knell for Radio Stations***<http://allafrica.com/stories/201001060948.html>

Some broadcasting stations could be knocked off air should the Communications Commission of Kenya act on new licensing regulations which came into effect last week.

The rules touch on cross media ownership, issuance of licences to foreign broadcasters and content regulation.

Apart from a requirement that local productions be given up to 40 per cent of air play, broadcasters will also be barred from airing material deemed offensive to religious rights or promoting violence, drug abuse or sexual perversion.

Cross media ownership and issuance of licences to foreign broadcasters have not been sticking points in the award of permits in the past, but the new rules contain clauses which may in future determine the number of radio stations a broadcaster may have in a given region.

The rules were to take effect from January 2, following the expiry of a transition period issued by the Communications Commission of Kenya (CCK) -- the industry regulator. But they are yet to take effect because the Information ministry has not given the commission the go-ahead to enforce them.

"The promotion of the regulations is the prerogative of the Minister (Samuel Poghio). We are therefore awaiting his direction and gazettment of the same," said CCK director-general Charles Njoroge. It is understood that the CCK board and the ministry officials will discuss how to enforce the rules in a week.

The broadcasters will be migrated under the Kenya Communication Amendment Act 2009, which has given the regulator the authority to issue both broadcasting licences and the frequencies.

Previously, the ministry would issue the permits while CCK would dish out the frequencies.

In its transitional provisions, the new law provided that the CCK would respect and uphold the rights of parties previously issued with broadcasting permits. But the issue of cross media ownership could prove tricky because it is not contained in the main Act, having first been gazetted in a broadcasting policy in March 2006 before being transplanted to the terms attached to licence and frequency allocation.

The CCK director for special programmes and broadcasting, Mr Francis Wangusi, says the new arrangement would ensure diversity among the players and address anti-competitive behaviour. [...]

Full report and source: Business Daily (Nairobi), 6 Jan. 2010; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

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NEWS

FROM : 2010-01-09 [EN]

***Sudan: Southern Sudan Interactive Radio Instruction (SSIRI)***<http://www.comminit.com/en/node/134510/303>

The SSIRI programme aims to design, develop, and pilot-test appropriate and cost-effective technologies that provide learning opportunities for children, adults, and teachers in southern Sudan. Any school with a radio can receive and use the lessons, broadcast daily on Sudanese national radio; however, the project is focusing on 200 schools in 8 counties, providing supplies, training, and assessment. SSIRI employs a team of 18 Southern Sudanese educators, scriptwriters, actors, and production staff to develop 100 half-hour programmes for each grade level (grades 1-3). The lessons use a combination of games, songs, and stories to teach English literacy, native language literacy, and mathematics. SSIRI aims to reach very remote areas where educational materials are unavailable.

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Source: The Drum Beat - 524 - Communication and Change News and Issues, 09 Jan. 2010

ALERT

FROM : 2010-01-11 [EN]

***Somalia: Government forces arrest local journalist in Somali capital***

Reports reaching us from Mogadishu say that government forces have arrested a local journalist in the capital. The journalist identified as Mahmud Muhammad Arab is said to be working for Radio Sahan in Mogadishu and was arrested while on duty near the main Mogadishu Isbahaysiga Mosque. The motive of his arrest is unclear but source say that the government forces arrested him and is being held at a police station in Mogadishu. The government forces are said to have roughed the journalist and even damaged his working equipment.

The move comes as both the government forces and insurgents continue to violate the freedom of press and harass journalists.

The minister of information, Dahir Muhammad Gelle, recently said that the government will ensure the security of journalist, however, harassment of journalists continues.

Source: Radio Gaalkacyo (Gaalkacyo), in Somali 09 Jan. 2010; translated and quoted by BBC Monitoring 10 Jan. 2010

NEWS

FROM : 2010-01-12 [EN]

***Kenya: Government renews assaults on Kenya's media***<http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/InsidePage.php?id=2000000738&cid=4&>

The country's robust media environment was sullen over the weekend as gains on media freedom dimmed after the gazettement of new laws meant to regulate broadcasting.

It has emerged that the State launched the fresh assault on the media without consultations with critical stakeholders. Lawyers, media stakeholders and the public have termed the draconian regulations unlawful and insisted should be repealed.

The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Information and Communications Bitange Ndemo said the Kenya Communications (Broadcasting) Regulations 2009 took effect from January 1 this year. Senior counsel Paul Muite said the laws are unconstitutional and against the freedom of the media as enshrined in the draft constitution.

Muite said the Government was hiding under the guise of regulation to control the media. [...]

Full report and source: The Standard Online (Nairobi), 11 Jan. 2010

NEWS

FROM : 2010-01-12 [EN]

***Nigeria: NBC urged to relax radio, TV licence fees***[http://www.news.dailytrust.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=12397:nbc-urged-to-relax-radio-tv-licence-fees&catid=1:latest-news&Itemid=119](http://www.news.dailytrust.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=12397:nbc-urged-to-relax-radio-tv-licence-fees&catid=1:latest-news&Itemid=119)

The Managing Director of Kano-based private radio station, Freedom Radio, Alhaji Farouk Dalhatu, has asked the National Broadcasting Commission (NBC) to reduce the licence fees charged for the establishment of private radio and television stations.

Speaking to newsmen over the weekend in Kano, Dalhatu said the cost of acquiring the licence and the other subsequent charges discourage people from investing in the broadcast media.

He stated that apart from the fee, the stringent measures for the establishment of a media broadcasting organisation "is too harsh for somebody to be able to meet and successfully come up with a media outfit that will run without any hitches."

He said the NBC should relax the current situation to allow more broadcasting houses to spring up and meet the challenges of the democratic process of the country.

Citing difficulties surrounding licence acquisition, Dalhatu, who is also the managing director of Freedom Express newspapers, noted that for five years, they had written for a license to establish a TV station but the NBC was yet to issue the licence. "We have met all the requirements, but they could not categorically point the reason why they denied us the license," he said. Faruk said his radio station was not having any misunderstanding with the NBC, saying since they started operation some years ago, they had maintained cordial relationship with the commission.

Source: Daily Trust (Kano), 11 Jan. 2010

NEWS

FROM : 2010-01-13 [EN]

### ***Madagascar: National stations get new transmission mast funded by Radio Nederland in Anosy***

<http://www.afridigital.net/index.html#top>

National stations RNM and TVM have a new transmission mast in the Anosy region funded by Radio Nederland. This news was announced by Nathalie Rabe, Minister of Communication, in a visit to Tolagnaro over the Christmas season.

Rabe said that the transmission mast will be installed this month, ahead of legislative elections in March: "The existence of this new mast will make sure that the voting results will reach Anosy quickly... The same will also happen in other regions (on the island)."

The visit allowed the Minister to discuss the communications problems of the Anosy region with the personnel of the national stations. Tolagnaro which he visited is surrounded by mountains with many villages which the new mast will now be able to reach.

Source: Broadcast Balancing Act, Issue 70, 8 Jan. 2010

ALERT

FROM : 2010-01-13 [EN]

### ***Uganda: Press Statement On the Opening of Ssuubi FM***

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201001130775.html>

On the 11th September 2009, the Broadcasting Council suspended the operations of Ssuubi FM due its role in inciting the public to violence during the riots.

The representatives of Ssuubi FM who have been holding discussions with the Council have acknowledged the gravity of the matter at hand and have since apologized for the misconduct of their staff and have in addition undertaken to comply with the minimum broadcasting standards and more generally, with the Electronic Media Act.

The Broadcasting Council has henceforth lifted the suspension of the operations of Ssuubi FM this day 12th January 2010.

We further note Ssuubi FM's commitment to working to ensure professionalism so that a similar situation does not occur.

Source: The Independent (Kampala), 13 Jan. 2010 ; quoted by allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 2010-01-13 [EN]

### ***South Africa: SABC Facing Shake-Up Over Next Six Months As New Board Takes Over***

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201001120726.html>

The next six months are expected to see rapid change at the embattled SABC, including a review of its controversial content hub and the filling of vacant positions. This comes after the new board took over yesterday, alongside group CEO Solly Mokoetle.

A source close to the board said the basic framework of the restructuring would be in place by the end of the financial year in March.

A portion of the R200m announced by Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan in his medium-term budget speech in October last year to meet the SABC's short-term liquidity requirements has reportedly been set aside as a turnaround budget.

The new board, led by chairman Dr Ben Ngubane and deputy chairman Felleng Sekha, has no easy task restructuring an organisation that has been plagued for the past few years by infighting and poor management.

Among its other priorities will be servicing bank loans made possible by the R1,47bn Treasury guarantee to allow the SABC to settle debts and start afresh under its new board.

The guarantee came with a requirement by the government that the broadcaster submit a detailed project plan committing it to explicit revenue targets and cost-cutting measures.

The SABC's content hub, responsible for the procurement of programming, has raised the ire of independent producers. They claim it has been poorly managed and caused "major organisational

confusion between content procurement and channel transmission" - and delayed payment to producers.

Of concern to many observers is that the hub, like some of the broadcaster's other departments, continued to hire people despite the SABC's dire finances, quadrupling in size over the past four years with no delivery improvement.

The hub has also been found guilty of over-procuring. In 2008 it allegedly over-procured by R76m and saw a write-off of film stock of nearly R30m last year.

The SABC will also be under pressure to fill senior positions. It has been operating without a permanent CE since Dali Mpofo left acrimoniously about two years ago - with a R12m payout from the interim board.

The SABC is yet to fill other senior positions, including that of news CE, a position previously held by controversial veteran journalist Snuki Zikalala. It has not yet been filled, apparently because of political pressure inside the SABC around what is seen as a key position.

A formal handover of duties from the interim board to the new board will take place tomorrow, when the media no doubt will pose questions about the Gobodo report and its observations on collusive tendering at the SABC.

Source: Business Day (Johannesburg), 12 Jan. 2010; quoted by allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 2010-01-13 [EN]

### ***Gambia: Radio and Television Services Initiates Business Forum***

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201001111272.html>

The Gambia Radio and Television Services (GRTS) Basse branch, has introduced a new programme called 'Business Forum' to its weekly radio broadcast schedule.

The new programme will provide a forum for interaction among people in the business sector, and experts are optimistic that it would contribute to the fostering of a congenial business environment within Basse and environs. Speaking to the Daily Observer's URR correspondent, Nuha Badjie, manager of the radio programmes in GRTS Basse said the business forum is slated to be on air for one hour every Sunday from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. Describing the programme as the first of its kind to be aired by GRTS Basse, Badjie said the programme is basically aimed at targeting businesses in the market as well as create business mechanisms for the station in the Upper River Region.

He observed that Basse is a business centre and that the forum will attract investors from different areas, as GRTS in Basse is a powerful station with its signals being received, and programmes heard, outside the country's borders, as far as countries such as Senegal, (Casamance), Guinea Bissau, and Guinea Conakry. "As the manager of the radio I believe that this programme will really boost our business and revenue system," he said. While thanking the listeners and customers of the radio, Badjie stated that it belongs to every Gambian and that investing on it implies that one is doing it for his/her own benefit. He finally urged every Gambian to be amenable to the station as it serves the interests of the nation.

Source: The Daily Observer (Banjul), 8 Jan. 2010; quoted by allAfrica.com

ALERT

FROM : 2010-01-13 [EN]

### ***Somalia: Radio journalist wounded by stray bullet; freelancer arrested***

[http://www.ifex.org/somalia/2010/01/11/adan\\_areys\\_injured/](http://www.ifex.org/somalia/2010/01/11/adan_areys_injured/)

The National Union of Somali Journalists (NUSOJ) is concerned over the continuing violence directed toward journalists in Somalia following the wounding of a radio journalist in the town of Beletweyne, in the Hiran region, on 10 January 2010.

Osman Adan Areys, a stringer for the Mogadishu-based SIMBA Radio and the Puntland station Daljir Radio, was injured by a stray bullet that hit his left arm above the elbow around 12:00 p.m. local time in the Koshin neighborhood, where fighting was going on according to local journalists. Areys was hit by a bullet while covering the fighting in Beletweyne between two rival Islamist militias seeking control of the town. "I was hit by a bullet in the upper part of my left hand and I am being treated at the hospital," Areys told NUSOJ. "I was covering the fighting that was going on here," he added.

Areys received safety training from NUSOJ and the International News Safety Institute (INSI) to help him operate in a hostile environment. He is a member of the committee of NUSOJ's central branch.

"We call on the warring sides to cease hostilities and respect the safety of journalists covering the conflict. While we hope for Osman Adan Areys' immediate recovery, we appeal to Somalia's warring sides in this period of a delicate political and security situation to be attentive to the need for journalists' access to areas of newsworthy events," NUSOJ secretary general Omar Faruk Osman



said.

The situation remains terrifying for the media in Somalia, with constant news of journalists being wounded, arrested, beaten and targeted in other ways. Security forces of the transitional federal government arrested Mohamoud Mohamed Dahir, known as "Arab", a freelance journalist, after Friday prayers outside Mogadishu's solidarity mosque on 8 January and took him to a detention centre at Villa Somalia (the presidential palace). The mosque is close to the palace. The motive for the arrest is still unclear.

Source: NUSOJ/IFEX, 11 Jan. 2010

ALERT FROM : 2010-01-14 [EN]

***DRCongo: Lubumbashi - Radio television channel closed over "tribal hatred"***

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=26085>

The building of the Wantashi radio television channel, broadcasting from Lubumbashi [southern Katanga province] is under surveillance by the national Congolese police since this Wednesday morning. According to the police commander who is leading the operation, the order came from the government in Kinshasa. The signal of Wantashi has also been cut, radiookapi.net reports.

The building of the channel is surrounded by elements of the quick intervention police. The entries and exits are closed. An altercation even took place between employees of the RTV Wantashi and the police. The police inspector who arrived at the scene, diffused the tension. It is precisely at that moment that police proceeded to cut the signal of RTV Wantashi.

Yesterday, Tuesday evening, the minister of communication of the central government announced on RTNC [Congolese National Radio Television] the decision to close the Wantashi channel for encouraged tribal hatred in its programme "opinion". According to the same authorities, the channel does not have documents authorizing its operations.

The director-general of RTV Wantashi lamented the fact that the decision did not come from either the high media authority or from the national audio-visual observatory.

As a reminder, the last episode of "opinion" was entitled "the regional sub-division of Katanga, new experience, new opportunity".

Source: Radio Okapi (Kinshasa), in French 13 Jan. 2010; translated and distributed by BBC Monitoring 14 Jan. 2010

NEWS FROM : 2010-01-15 [EN]

***Zambia: Zambian Catholic Radio Maria "will remain non-political"***

[http://www.postzambia.com/post-read\\_article.php?articleId=4322](http://www.postzambia.com/post-read_article.php?articleId=4322)

Radio Maria Zambia board president Martin Mwitumwa has said the Catholic run radio station would maintain its stance of being non-political. Speaking during the end of year party last Sunday, Mwitumwa said it was not only Radio Maria Zambia which had taken the stance of being non-political but all Radio Maria stations across the world.

"Our programming at Radio Maria is quite different from other stations because we are non-political. I mean this is not Radio Maria Zambia alone but this is what the entire family of Radio Maria is saying. We have to be non-political," he said.

Mwitumwa said the radio station faced challenges emanating from the financial recession last year. He said the station was in the process of fundraising to put repeater stations meant for the expansion programme.

Mwitumwa said the station would put repeater stations in Petauke, Chama, Lundazi and Nyimba districts before the end of the year.

"Once this is done and people are able to get the reception before the end of this year, we will cross over to Lusaka. We already have requests as far as Chirundu, as far as Lusaka, people in Lusaka are asking us to put up a radio station there," he said.

Mwitumwa said the radio station was driven on the principle of volunteerism where people own the radio station.

"We don't want people who have got all the necessary resources to come in and invest the money. Once that is done, then the vision... the principles will be compromised. This we don't want and we want the people who are the owners of the radio station to take part into this and this is why we want volunteers. That's why we have a number of volunteers that are producing programmes that are not only helping me but also the people who are out there," he said.

Mwitumwa took over from Chief Justice Ernest Sakala as Radio Maria president last year.

Source: The Post website (Lusaka), 12 Jan. 2010; quoted by BBC Monitoring 15 Jan. 2010

ALERT FROM : 2010-01-15 [EN]

***Nigeria: Govt Worried Over Freedom Radio***<http://allafrica.com/stories/201001150624.html>

Kano state government and the state's based private radio station; The Freedom Radio's relationship has gone sour, following the government's decision to stop state ministries, agencies and local government councils from any deal with the radio station.

In a circular by the state government sent to all government agencies and ministries with reference number H1623T.1 of January 11th, 2010 said it has decided to suspend further relaying of programmes and activities by all its MDAs and functionaries at both state and local governments through the radio station.

The copy of the circular which was made available to the management of the radio and THISDAY in Kano noted that the government has alleged some professional and ethical misdemeanor which have the implication of tainting the image and integrity of political office holders in the state and other individuals.

Kano State government also alleged that the recent activities by the radio station portray indiscriminate airing of programmes aimed at attacking individuals without balancing, which it says negates the good ethic of journalism profession.

The circular and letter signed by permanent secretary of the state ministry of information, Alhaji Nasidi Abdullahi and addressed to the general manager, Freedom Radio, emphasized that such a broadcasting outfit must join hands with government and well meaning individuals to ensure respect for the norms and values as well as religious and cultural sensitivities within which they operate.

However, in its reaction, the management of Freedom Radio has withdrew their correspondents from both the governor's and deputy governor's offices, saying that their broadcasting station can be rated as the best in the country, in terms of cultural, religious and ethical conducts.

In their reaction letter signed by the station's General Manager, Umar Sa'idu Tudun Wada, which a copy was made to THISDAY in Kano noted that the decision of the state government is unbecoming because there was no time when any government agency in the state communicate to it about its programmes or misconduct of any of its staffers. [...]

Full report and source: This Day, 15 Jan. 2010; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

ALERT FROM : 2010-01-16 [EN]

***Somalia: 4 journalists wounded in explosion attacks targeted to 3 FM radios in Galka'o town***<http://www.shabelle.net/>

At least four journalists have been wounded in north Galka'o town in Mudug region after unidentified gunmen attacked three local FM radio stations in the semi-autonomous region of Puntland, witnesses told Shabelle radio on Friday.

Correspondents and witnesses in Galka'o town told Shabelle radio that the attack happened on Friday evening after unknown armed gunmen had targeted grenades to the radio stations in Galka'o town in north Somalia.

The three radio stations attacked were Radio Voice of Mudug, Radio Galka'o and Radio Hobyo.

Three journalists, two of them of Horn Cable Television and another reporter for Mudug Radio were injured in the centre of Radio Voice of Mudug.

Another journalist has been injured as another bomb attack targeted to Hobyo Radio in the town after minutes when the previous attack occurred.

A grenade was also hurled to the station of Radio Voice of Mudug, but no casualties were reported in the attack.

The reason of the attack is unclear so far and there is no group who claimed the responsibility of the blasts against the media in Galka'o town.

There is no also comment from the semi-autonomous region of Puntland who is managing the region.

Source: Shabelle Media Network website, 15 Jan. 2010 10:08:00 PM

ALERT FROM : 2010-01-16 [EN]

***Haiti: AMARC calls on community broadcasters to rally in support***<http://www.amarc.org/>

AMARC, the World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters, calls on community radio broadcasters worldwide to rally in support of the people of Haiti, following the massive earthquake



that has killed thousands of people and destroyed essential infrastructure.

It is estimated one third of the country's 9 million population have been affected, tens of thousands have died and many more are injured and without adequate medical support. The earthquake has caused extensive damage to communication systems and other vital services. Among the many people directly affected are community media workers and their families.

AMARC is conducting an urgent assessment of the status of community broadcasting in the areas affected and is working to mobilize resources and technical assistance. AMARC estimates that at least 12 community radio stations are located within the zones that have suffered the most severe earthquake destruction. The full extent of the impact is not yet known.

AMARC is calling on community broadcasters to support the international relief effort by organizing airtime appeals and other activities, and to provide direct assistance to community broadcasters affected by the earthquake, including equipment donations and financial support.

Even before this catastrophic disaster, Haiti faced enormous problems of transport and communications infrastructure, access to electricity and high rates of illiteracy. Community radio has developed, since 1992, as an essential part of Haiti's communications landscape, reaching the poorest communities and enabling their participation in development.

Community media have a vital role to play in times of emergency and disaster. The restoration of communications infrastructure will be an essential priority of the humanitarian emergency response effort. AMARC will be working, in partnership with local community radio organizations in Haiti, to support the reconstruction of community broadcasting services.

For contact details of the major relief agencies and to make offers of equipment, technical support or other assistance for community radio in Haiti please visit AMARC website.

Source: AMARC International secretariat (Canada), 16 Jan. 2010

ALERT FROM : 2010-01-16 [EN]

### ***Malawi: State-controlled broadcaster bans local artist's music***

[http://www.ifex.org/malawi/2010/01/14/broadcaster\\_bans\\_musician/](http://www.ifex.org/malawi/2010/01/14/broadcaster_bans_musician/)

The Malawi Broadcasting Corporation (MBC), a state-controlled broadcaster, has banned the latest album of the country's celebrated musician Lucius Banda, from enjoying airplay on the station's airwaves.

The album, known as "Fifteen Fifteen", takes a critical look at the current political developments taking place in the country. Speaking to Capital Radio on 6 January 2010, the Acting Controller of Programmes at MBC, David Kamkwamba, said the station was only following its editorial policy by banning Banda's music. "MBC is guided by its editorial policy and we are at liberty to choose what material to broadcast on the station," he said.

In one of the songs in the album, the musician calls upon the old guard in all the country's political parties to pave way for new blood. Banda also accuses the incumbent president, Dr. Bingu wa Mutharika, of political appeasement by appointing people into various positions based on their political inclinations and places of origin. Mutharika, who is a Lhomwe by tribe, is accused of favoring Lhomwe people.

When asked for comment by "The Daily Times" newspaper, Banda replied "these are the very things we are saying... need to change. We want to bring a generation that will not be worshipped, a generation that will stop thinking 'what will my boss say'."

Banda has several albums to his credit including "Son of a poor man", "Unity", "Survivor", "Cease Fire", "Down Babylon" and "Freedom". He is one of the few musicians who took a stand against the one-party system of government in 1993.

Source: MISA/IFEX, Ifex Website, 14 Jan. 2010

ALERT FROM : 2010-01-16 [EN]

### ***DR Congo: Radio journalist interrogated after call-in show airs critical views***

[http://www.ifex.org/democratic\\_republic\\_of\\_congo/2010/01/14/shabani\\_interrogated/](http://www.ifex.org/democratic_republic_of_congo/2010/01/14/shabani_interrogated/)

JED is outraged by the threats and harassment experienced by a journalist in Kasongo, located 250 km from Kindu, capital of the province of Maniema in eastern DR Congo, at the hands of the province's authorities. JED urges the authorities to put an end to these practices and assure that the media can continue to work freely and without fear for their safety.

According to information obtained by JED, Modeste Shabani, a journalist with Radio Sauti ya Mkaaji (Voice of the Farmer) based in Kasongo, was summoned and questioned for nearly two hours on 11 January 2010 by Banamuwere Sikira, territorial administrator of Kasongo.

This summons was preceded by several phone calls and anonymous messages with threats against Shabani following the broadcast on the evening of 10 January of the programme "Expression

citoyenne" (Citizen expression).

During this open line call-in show, to which a number of political figures and members of civil society contributed, the participants put forward a negative assessment of the provincial government's actions. The following day, Shabani received a phone call from Banamuwere Sikira inviting the journalist to come to his office that afternoon. A few hours later, a provincial government employee called the journalist to warn him that a "conspiracy" was being mounted against him. Shortly thereafter, a Congolese national police officer whom he met on the street told Shabani the provincial authorities did not appreciate his programme's content.

Contacted by JED at the end of his interrogation at the territorial administration, Shabani confirmed the threats and said that he explained himself at length over the offending programme's contents and the remarks made by contributors. "The territorial administrator did not consider the programme's content to be defamatory so he let me leave, while telling me to pay attention next time since 'not all truths are good to speak about,'" he concluded.

Source: JED/IFEX, Ifex website, 14 Jan. 2010

ALERT FROM : 2010-01-16 [EN]

***Malawi: Two individuals arrested for allegedly operating illegal radio station***

[http://www.ifex.org/malawi/2010/01/13/police\\_shut\\_down\\_station/](http://www.ifex.org/malawi/2010/01/13/police_shut_down_station/)

11 January 2010 - Police in the Kasungu district have arrested two men on suspicion that they were operating a radio station without a licence from the Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority (MACRA), the country's communications regulatory body.

This is the second time in four months the police have closed down a pirate radio station, the first one being Pachikweza Radio, located in Soza Village, Mulanje district, in the southern part of Malawi.

The police publicist for the central region, John Namalenga, said the suspects, Anthony Masiku (29) and Francis Chapotera (30), were allegedly operating a radio station known as Rhodes FM around the border between the Kasungu and Dowa districts in central Malawi. The police further said the two suspects were broadcasting advertisements, football commentaries and condolence messages. The police have confiscated microphones, a transmitter and cassette tapes from the premises of the alleged radio station.

Should the two suspects be convicted, they will either be fined MK300,000 (approx. US\$2,140) or risk ten years in prison with hard labour.

In October 2009, the police arrested Gabriel Kondesi (21) for operating a radio station without a license. Sympathisers, however, came to his rescue and got him out of jail. Kondesi has since enrolled at the Kaphuka private school after he was given a scholarship to continue with his studies.

Source: MISA 11 Jan. 2010, posted on IFEX website, 13 Jan. 2010

## Nouvelles

ALERT FROM : 2010-01-02 [FR]

***Ouganda: Un journaliste accusé de diffamation envers le Président est harcelé par la police***

<http://www.rsf.org/Un-journaliste-accuse-de.html>

Reporters sans frontières dénonce les convocations répétées de la police ougandaise à l'encontre d'Angelo Izama, journaliste d'investigation et analyste politique pour le quotidien indépendant Daily Monitor et la station KFM. Le 29 décembre 2009, il a dû se présenter à la police pour la troisième fois en l'espace d'une semaine. Le journaliste est inquiet pour avoir prétendument "diffamé" le président Yoweri Museveni. [...]

Texte complet et source: Reporters Sans Frontières, 30 déc. 2009

NEWS FROM : 2010-01-04 [FR]

***RDC: Des journalistes à l'école de la gouvernance démocratique***

<http://www.dia-afrique.org/suite.php?newsid=14154>

Une quarantaine de journalistes dont 25 de l'audiovisuel et 15 de la presse écrite à l'œuvre à Kinshasa viennent de suivre une formation sur la gouvernance démocratique assurée par le Programme des Nations Unies pour le Développement, Pnud en sigle.

Encadrés essentiellement par des experts et/ou des personnes ressources du Programme 'Gouvernance et de l'unité de communication du Pnud, les journalistes ont été sensibilisés sur leur rôle dans la promotion de la gouvernance démocratique et ont renforcé leurs capacités dans ce domaine particulier. A l'issue de cette session de formation, les professionnels des médias ont assuré être à même d'identifier des thèmes et messages qui peuvent soutenir la campagne de promotion de la gouvernance. Pour ce faire, ils se sont constitués en réseau et vont définir des modalités de collaboration entre le Pnud et les différents volets du Programme Gouvernance. Dans cadre, les journalistes du réseau veulent informer, sensibiliser, plaider, éduquer et former les populations sur les enjeux et défis de ce Programme 'Gouvernance'. [...]

Texte complet et source: D.I.A. (Kinshasa), 28 Dec. 2009

NEWS

FROM : 2010-01-04 [FR]

### ***Côte d'Ivoire: L'Onuci offre du matériel à Djuablin FM***

<http://www.onuci.org/spip.php?article3115>

L'Opération des nations unies en Côte d'Ivoire (Onuci), a inauguré le mardi 29 décembre dernier, la radio communale d'Agnibilékrou, baptisée Djuablin FM. Cette radio selon le site de l'Onuci, a été rééquipée en matériel de pointe d'une valeur de 8 millions de francs cfa. La cérémonie s'est déroulée en présence des autorités politiques, administratives et du roi, sa majesté Nanan Agnini Bilé II.

L'équipement de la radio communale d'Agnibilékro se situe dans le cadre du programme des projets à impact rapide l'onuci. La demande a été formulée par le roi, sa Majesté Nanan Agnini Bilé II, au chef de l'Onuci, YJ Choi lors de sa visite à Agnibilékrou en 2008.

M. Cheikh Touré de la Division de l'Information publique de l'Onuci, représentant le chef de l'Onuci a noté le rôle important que joue la radio dans le renforcement de la cohésion sociale, dans la promotion de la culture de la paix et surtout en faveur un environnement électoral apaisé. Il a invité les animateurs du Djuablin FM à être les relais et surtout les ambassadeurs de la paix. « Durant cette période électorale, vos propos doivent concourir à apaiser les coeurs et les esprits, vos efforts quotidiens permettront à la Côte d'Ivoire de connaître des élections dans un climat de confiance, de tolérance, de stabilité et de paix », a-t-il indiqué.

Pour sa part le directeur de Djuablin FM, Boigniny Kouassi a exprimé sa reconnaissance à l'Onuci pour ce soutien financier «Au lancement des premières émissions, nous couvrons difficilement la commune ; depuis l'acquisition du matériel offert par l'Onuci, désormais, nous couvrons entièrement le département d'Agnibilékrou et allons même légèrement au-delà » a fait observer le premier responsable de cette radio de proximité.

Source: Fraternité Matin (Abidjan), 03 janv. 2010 citant ONUCI 30 Dec. 2009

NEWS

FROM : 2010-01-04 [FR]

### ***Algérie: Une campagne nationale de prévention routière vient d'être lancée par la Radio nationale***

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201001041182.html>

La Radio nationale s'engage dans la prévention et la lutte contre les accidents de la route. Pour ce faire, toutes les chaînes nationales et thématiques ainsi que les radios régionales, dont le nombre atteindra 46 d'ici février, ont lancé, dès le 1er janvier de cette nouvelle année une campagne nationale de prévention routière qui durera jusqu'au 31 décembre 2010.

Cette campagne, qui a pour objectif de contribuer à réduire au maximum le nombre d'accidents de la route et des victimes de la circulation routière, en constante augmentation ces dernières années, associera plusieurs partenaires, en l'occurrence des ministères, la Gendarmerie et la Sûreté nationales, la Protection civile, les assurances, les concessionnaires automobiles et le mouvement associatif. Sensibiliser les citoyens aux dangers de la route, contribuer à faire baisser les pertes financières et matérielles dues aux accidents de la route figurent au programme de cette opération qui sera appuyée par des spots appelant à la vigilance et au respect du code de la route. Ces derniers seront diffusés six fois par jour par l'ensemble des chaînes de la radio nationale.

Par ailleurs, une rubrique quotidienne de 5 minutes diffusera, a-t-on appris hier, au moment de grande écoute, des conseils pour «éveiller les consciences des usagers de la route et faire l'analyse des accidents survenus». D'autre part, le planning de la campagne comporte aussi une émission hebdomadaire de jeux, sous forme de questions-réponses, portant sur la connaissance du code de la route et sur la nécessité de son respect. [...]

Texte complet et source: La Tribune (Alger), 4 déc. 2010; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

ALERT FROM : 2010-01-06 [FR]

***Ouganda: Un journaliste accusé de diffamation envers le Président est harcelé par la police***[http://www.ifex.org/uganda/2010/01/05/izama\\_harassed/fr/](http://www.ifex.org/uganda/2010/01/05/izama_harassed/fr/)

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Texte complet et source: IFEX, 05 janv. 2009, citant RSF (Paris)

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NEWS FROM : 2010-01-06 [FR]

***Cameroun: Adoum Mahamat Ahmet - Maîtrise du micro, en baladeur***<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201001060137.html>

Le nouveau rédacteur en chef de Bbc Afrique est un produit de l'Essti de Yaoundé. [...] Cet originaire du centre du Tchad a été promu rédacteur en chef de la branche africaine de langue française de la Bbc le 2 octobre dernier. Cette promotion intervient au moment où cette radio britannique a entamé son démembrement pour se rapprocher de ses auditeurs dans chaque zone géographique où sa couverture est assurée. [...]

C'est un professionnel pétri d'expérience qui va diriger la rédaction africaine de la radio britannique. Sans se donner la grosse tête il dit : «ma progression est normale ; je suis à la Bbc depuis 5 ans ; je mène une progression normale ; lorsqu'on a ouvert le poste, il y avait de bons candidats, ce n'était pas gagné d'avance.»

Le nouveau Rec a 12 journalistes à Londres ; il en aura 18 à Dakar, sans compter de centaines de correspondants et pigistes éparpillés sur les 5 continents. Coordonner tout ce monde n'est pas une tâche aisée, mais il est à la hauteur de la charge. A ses moments perdus, Adoum pense à ses amis : Jean Nta à Bitang, Julienne Avomo, Norbert Eloundou Engama, Haman Mana. Il pense aux sophismes du Bontologue qu'il croyait par erreur avoir quitté ce monde. «Les joutes oratoires caractéristiques des étudiants de Ngoa Ekellé, le jazz qui soude quand la bourse tarde à tomber, les collines vertes de Yaoundé», tout cela manque au Rec. Bon vent !

Texte complet et source: Le Quotidien Mutations (Yaoundé), 5 janv. 2010: repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

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ALERT FROM : 2010-01-07 [FR]

***RDC : Bas-Congo, 3 radios communautaires membres du REMACOB menacées de fermeture***

Les Radios Télé Kintuadi II, III et IV, membres du REMACOB (Réseau des Médias Associatifs et Communautaires du Bas-Congo), installées respectivement à Mbanza-Ngungu, Matadi et Boma dans la province du Bas-Congo (RDC), sont menacées de fermeture pour non paiement de récépissé (le document officiel d'autorisation que délivre le Ministère de la Communication et des Médias).

Dans une lettre datant du 2 décembre 2009, le Chef de Division Provincial du Ministère de tutelle somme les trois radios de verser chacune 5.000\$ Us (cinq mille dollars Us), montant exigé pour l'obtention de ce document, faute de quoi toutes les trois chaînes seront fermées avant la mi-janvier 2010.

Ces stations ne sont pas en mesure de le payer vu la précarité dans laquelle elles évoluent.

Le REMACOB juge ce montant exorbitant et prohibitif ajoutant par ailleurs que ceci n'est qu'un cas parmi tant d'autres.

En RD Congo, jusqu'à ce jour, aucune loi ne régit les radios communautaires. Elles sont assimilées aux médias privés commerciaux. Aussi, faut-il mentionner à côté du document évoqué supra, une kyrielle d'autres, un dédale de taxes et des tracasseries administratives incommodes. matériels et en dispensant diverses formations.

Source : communiqué d'INFORMORAC/ RDC, 07 janv. 2010

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NEWS

FROM : 2010-01-08 [FR]

***Madagascar: Roger Randriamisata : « La radio Fahazavana ouvre les yeux aux fidèles »***

<http://www.lexpressmada.com/index.php?p=display&id=32663>

Madagascar: Ce pasteur au sein de l'Eglise réformée FJKM justifie la position tenue par la radio Fahazavana par rapport à la situation politique dans le pays

interview

Q. - Ne pensez-vous pas que la radio Fahazavana abuse les fidèles de l'Église FJKM avec ses prises de position ?

R. - Je tiens à souligner tout d'abord que je ne détiens aucune responsabilité au sein de la radio Fahazavana. Personnellement, je ne pense pas que cette radio appartenant à la FJKM trompe les fidèles de l'Église. Les règles du jeu sont claires. La radio Fahazavana dénonce l'injustice. Ses journalistes agissent de façon analogue à leurs confrères des autres stations. Leur façon de travailler est tout à fait normale. Tous les chrétiens de la confession comprennent bien la situation. [...]

Texte complet et source: L'Express de Madagascar (Antananarivo), 8 janv. 2010

RESOURCE

FROM : 2010-01-08 [FR]

***Tunisie: La revue "La Radio" traite de la "proximité" à la radio***

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201001060687.html>

La revue mensuelle La Radio, éditée par la Radio tunisienne, traite, dans son numéro 17 qui vient de sortir, du concept de la proximité à la radio.

Le thème principal évoqué par la revue se présente sous forme de point de vue sous le titre: «Les radios régionales sur le Net : une autre dimension de la proximité?». Il s'agit en fait d'une réflexion entre communicateurs et intellectuels qui a eu lieu, il y a une année, autour du thème de la question de la proximité à la radio, une notion qui a été rattachée en particulier aux radios régionales, pour plusieurs considérations.

Les intervenants et les responsables des radios de Gafsa, de Monastir, du Kef, de Sfax et de Tataouine avaient alors mis en exergue la centralité du concept de proximité et de pertinence dans leur travail. De leur point de vue, «une radio régionale doit être une radio de proximité, une radio appelée à répondre à des attentes spécifiques, celles de l'agriculteur, du supporter, du jeune demandeur d'emploi, de l'artiste, des investisseurs, des associations ».

Ainsi, aujourd'hui, les différentes radios tiennent à être sur Internet et le sont effectivement. Elles sont captées aussi bien en Tunisie qu'en dehors de nos frontières. Une station radio prend une autre dimension quand l'auditeur est à des milliers de kilomètres de sa ville natale ou de la ville où il est installé. Elle procure de ce fait un rapprochement, une incitation à mieux explorer les richesses spécifiques de chaque région et une opportunité à rapprocher les uns aux autres.

La diffusion sur le Net des radios régionales permet de toucher un public plus large en vue de le fidéliser. Elle permet également de tenir compagnie à son auditeur même quand il est sous d'autres cieux, même à des milliers de km. La revue a, par ailleurs, traité du rôle de la radio lorsqu'elle veut se mettre au service des causes humanitaires, comme, par exemple, la sensibilisation au don d'organes. La Radio relate ainsi l'histoire d'un donneur exceptionnel qui a fait don d'un rein à un inconnu. N'ayant pas pu sauver sa fille pour cause d'incompatibilité, il fit don d'une partie de lui-même à l'humanité.

Texte complet et source: La Presse (Tunis), 6 janv. 2010

NEWS

FROM : 2010-01-08 [FR]

***Madagascar: Les enfants à l'antenne avec J-Kely***

<http://www.lexpressmada.com/display.php?p=display&id=32603>

Un nouveau divertissement à la radio à partir de ce jour. L'émission J-Kely, produit par des enfants et pour les enfants, promet un quart d'heure de détente absolue sur la RTA 102 FM.

Passer à la radio est une expérience enrichissante que tous les enfants rêvent de réaliser un jour. Les élèves des classes CM1 et CM2 de l'Ecole française d'Ampandrianomby ont la chance de le faire grâce à l'émission hebdomadaire J-Kely, diffusée tous les mercredis à 19 h sur la radio RTA. Chaque semaine, six enfants se relayent pour animer l'émission pendant de 15 minutes. Un travail d'orfèvre grâce aux techniques radiophoniques que les élèves ont assimilées avant de se lancer dans cette expérience inoubliable.

Habillés de T-shirts noirs portant le logo de l'émission, les six premiers membres de l'équipe, d'une



moyenne d'âge de 10 ans, sont prêts à donner le meilleur d'eux-mêmes pour divertir tous les enfants. [...]

Texte complet et source: L'Express de Madagascar online, 6 janv. 2010

NEWS

FROM : 2010-01-08 [FR]

### ***RDC: Bandundu : sans téléphone, sans radio, Bagata coupé du monde***

<http://www.syfia-grands-lacs.info/index.php5?view=articles&action=voir&idArticle=1633>

Le territoire de Bagata à 500 km au nord-est de Kinshasa est coupé du monde : pas de téléphone mobile, pas de radio ni de télévision. Pour communiquer même avec le chef-lieu de province, les habitants n'ont que la vieille phonie de campagne... ou les pieds des messagers. [...]

#### **Les paysans en payent le prix fort**

Bagata qui est à 135 km de Bandundu, chef-lieu de la province et à un peu plus de 500 km de Kinshasa, est ainsi coupé du reste du pays. A l'exception de quelques radios étrangères suivies sur ondes courtes, on n'y capte ni la radio nationale (publique) ou provinciale, ni la télévision et aucune radio communautaire n'y est installée dans un pays qui en compte plus de 200. Le téléphone mobile qui a gagné de nombreux villages dans d'autres provinces du pays, reste ici un rêve. En 2009, une entreprise de télécommunication avait promis d'y installer une antenne relais. "Ils ont acheté une concession et posé la première pierre. Mais rien n'est encore fait", constate avec regret Patesa Lotin, un commerçant de la place. "Ils pensent que nous ne sommes pas capables d'acheter des téléphones et de les créditer. Qu'ils viennent, ils seront satisfaits", implore Anicet Mfunguni, un notable.

Du coup les populations locales ne suivent pas la marche des affaires du pays. Ils ignorent notamment presque tout du dollar, la devise reine qui commande les échanges commerciaux dans le pays et ne connaissent que la monnaie nationale, le franc congolais. "Nous vendons nos produits agricoles à vils prix que nous imposent ceux qui viennent de la ville, se lamente Soper Betena, une paysanne. Ils achètent un sac d'arachides de 50 kg à 4000 Fc (4,4 US\$) et le revendent 10 fois plus cher au marché de Kinshasa."

Région à vocation agricole comme la plupart de territoires de cette province, les paysans du de Bagata (plus de 750 000 habitants sur une étendue de 17 776 km<sup>2</sup>) produisent en effet manioc, maïs, arachides, sésame... Mais les routes pour évacuer ces produits vers les centres urbains, jadis entretenues par des cantonniers payés par l'Etat, sont aujourd'hui à l'abandon. Selon l'expression d'un voyageur désabusé, les 135 km qui séparent Bandundu de Bagata sont devenus une "piste des chasseurs". "Il faut 24 heures pour les parcourir en véhicule 4x4 au lieu de 2 heures comme dans le temps. C'est tout un calvaire." [...]

Texte complet et source: Syfia Grands Lacs, 07 janv. 2010

ALERT

FROM : 2010-01-09 [FR]

### ***Madagascar: Radio Fahazavana, le directeur et un journaliste placés sous mandat de dépôt***

<http://www.madagascar-tribune.com/Le-directeur-et-un-journaliste,13339.html>

Le Directeur de radio « FAHAZAVANA », Didier Ravoahangiarison et un journaliste en la personne de Lolo Ratsimba, un des responsables de l'émission « Ampenjiky » sont placés sous mandat de dépôt. Quant au deuxième journaliste, John Raoly, il a bénéficié d'une liberté provisoire. Le monde de la presse en général, ainsi que l'église protestante FJKM en particulier, se trouvent renforcés dans leur crainte d'un certain harcèlement contre la radio Fahazavana et l'église FJKM.

Les motifs qui ont abouti à ces incarcérations sont, selon des sources proches des victimes de cette décision du Parquet, de supposées collusions avec les événements qui se sont produits à Ampahibe voici quelques jours, quand des soldats ont tenté de se mobiliser pour répondre à une prétendue rébellion ou mutinerie à la caserne du Régiment d'appui et de soutien (RAS). Apparemment, ces responsables de la radio Fahazavana seraient impliqués dans cette affaire qui porte atteinte à la sureté de l'Etat selon d'autres sources.

La situation ne peut laisser la presse indifférente et nombre de journalistes n'ont pu s'empêcher d'exprimer leurs inquiétudes alors que d'autres estiment que de telles intimidations et incarcérations sont inadmissibles. Certains interpellent même le président du parti PFM, Pierre Tsiranana et d'autres chefs politiques. Ils ont en leur temps crié que « toucher aux journalistes et à la presse c'est tirer sur la démocratie ! »

Source: Madagascar Tribune.com (Antananarivo), 09 janv. 2010

ALERT FROM : 2010-01-11 [FR]

**RDC: A Kasongo, un journaliste passe deux heures d'interrogatoire**[http://www.jed-afrique.org/fr/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=997&Itemid=9&id\\_alerte=852](http://www.jed-afrique.org/fr/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=997&Itemid=9&id_alerte=852)

Un journaliste passe deux heures d'interrogatoire dans le bureau de l'Administrateur du territoire Journaliste en danger (JED) est outré par les menaces et le harcèlement dont est victime un journaliste à Kasongo, territoire situé à 250 Kms de Kindu, capitale de la province de Maniema à l'Est de la RDC de la part des autorités politico administratives de cette province. JED demande instamment à ces autorités de mettre fin à ces pratiques et de s'assurer que les médias continuent de faire leur travail en toute liberté et sécurité.

Selon les informations recueillies par JED, Modeste SHABANI, journaliste à la Radio SAUTI ya MKA AJI, une station émettant à Kasongo a été convoqué et entendu, lundi 11 janvier 2010, pendant près de deux heures par M. BANAMUWERE SIKIRA, administrateur du territoire de Kasongo.

Cette convocation a été précédée par plusieurs appels téléphoniques et des messages anonymes de menace contre Shabani à la suite de la diffusion, dimanche 10 janvier dans la soirée de l'émission « Expression citoyenne ».

Au cours de cette émission à téléphone ouvert qui recevait quelques acteurs politiques, et des membres de la société civile, les participants ont dressé un bilan négatif de l'action du gouvernement provincial. Dès le lendemain de cette émission, le journaliste a reçu un appel téléphonique de M. BANAMUWERE l'invitant de se présenter, dans l'après-midi, dans son bureau. Quelques heures après, c'était le tour d'un employé du gouvernorat de la province d'appeler le journaliste pour l'avertir qu'il y a une « cabale » qui est entrain d'être montée contre lui. Quelques instants après, un officier de la Police nationale congolaise rencontré sur la route a dit à Shabani que les autorités provinciales n'ont pas apprécié le contenu de son émission.

Contacté par JED à l'issue de son interrogatoire à l'Administration du territoire, Modeste Shabani a confirmé les menaces et déclaré qu'il s'était expliqué longuement sur le contenu de l'émission incriminée et les propos tenus par les intervenants. « L'administrateur du territoire n'a pas jugé le contenu de l'émission diffamatoire, c'est alors qu'il m'a laissé partir tout en me disant de faire attention pour la prochaine fois, car toute vérité n'est pas bonne à dire », a-t-il conclu.

Source: Journaliste en Danger (Kinshasa), 11 janv. 2010

NEWS FROM : 2010-01-12 [FR]

**Burkina Faso: Conseil supérieur de la communication - Africa N° 1 : Le divorce**<http://www.lefaso.net/spip.php?article34844>

Le Conseil supérieur de la communication (CSC) suspend les programmes de la Radio Africa N°1 au Burkina Faso. La raison, Africa N°1 n'est pas en règle vis-à-vis de l'article 3 du décret N°2009-0033/CSC/CAB du 17 septembre 2009 de la Constitution burkinabè.

Suivant cet arrêté, « toute société basée ou non au Burkina et qui diffuse en continu sur le territoire national des programmes étrangers de radiodiffusion sonore et télévisuelle » est assujettie au paiement d'une contribution financière dont le montant est fixé par l'arrêté en question. Etant donné que Africa N°1 n'a pas satisfait cette obligation depuis 2007, et après plusieurs mise en garde, le CSC a donc décidé le 15 septembre 2009, lors de la délibération du Collège des conseillers, de suspendre la diffusion de ses programmes sur le territoire burkinabè. La mesure, qui est entrée en vigueur au mois de décembre dernier, rend également caduque, la convention de concession de service public signée entre le CSC et ladite radio.

Source: Faszine (Ouagadougou), 12 janv. 2010, repris par lefaso.net

ALERT FROM : 2010-01-13 [FR]

**Madagascar - Les journalistes réclament la libération de leurs confrères emprisonnés**<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201001120582.html>

Les journalistes malgaches réunis, le lundi 11 janvier à Antananarivo, ont demandé la libération de leurs collègues de la Radio Fahazavana arrêtés dans le sillage de la tentative de mutinerie dans une caserne le 28 décembre dernier.

Lôlô Ratsimba et de Didier Ravoahangiarison, deux journalistes de la Radio Fahazavana ont été arrêtés et placés sous mandat de dépôt à la prison d'Antanimora. Leur arrestation fait suite à la tentative de mutinerie qui avait récemment eu lieu dans une caserne à des Forces armées malgaches à Antananarivo, au petit matin du 28 décembre dernier.

Lolo Ratsimba est accusé d'avoir été présent à la Caserne, vers 5h30 le jour de la mutinerie. Il lui



est aussi reproché d'avoir interviewé l'adjudant-chef Daniel Ratsimihafindramanana, qui était à la tête du groupe des mutins. Didier Ravoahangison, le directeur de la Radio Fahazavana doit lui répondre d'avoir autorisé la diffusion de l'information relative à la mutinerie sur les ondes de sa radio.

La Radio Fahazavana appartient à l'église protestante réformée FJKM dont le vice-président est Marc Ravalomanana, le président de la République déchu.

Le 22 décembre, Nathalie Rabe, ministre de la Communication, avait ordonné la suspension du journal parlé et d'une émission de la Radio Fahazavana. Toutefois, celle-ci a été levée après une protestation de la FJKM.

Les journalistes qui sont réunis, le lundi 11 janvier, ont réclamé la libération immédiate de leur confrère. Ils ont fait circuler une pétition qu'ils ont pu remettre à la ministre de la Justice, dans l'après-midi après des tracasseries administratives.

Source: L'Express (Port Louis), 12 janv. 2010; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 2010-01-13 [FR]

### ***Sénégal: Selou Bâ, nouveau directeur de la Rmd***

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201001120511.html>

Le nouveau directeur de la Radio municipale de Dakar (Rmd), Sélou Bâ, affiche ses ambitions : aider les populations à comprendre les enjeux de la décentralisation, les compétences transférées, avec une démarche de proximité et un vocabulaire accessible à tous.

Le 14 décembre 2009, Thierno Mouhamed Sélou Bâ a été installé comme nouveau directeur de la Radio municipale de Dakar (Rmd), suite à un appel à candidature. Il est titulaire d'un diplôme d'études supérieures en Journalisme de l'Université d'Etat Lomônossou de Moscou, grâce à un partenariat entre le Centre de formation et de perfectionnement en journalisme (Cfpj) de Paris, l'Institut français de presse (Ifp) et cette école moscovite. Depuis son retour au Sénégal, il a travaillé à Sud Fm, de 1996 à 2006, aussi bien à la rédaction centrale qu'au niveau des stations régionales de Kaolack et Diourbel avant de diriger Sud Banlieue. De 2006 à 2007, il a été rédacteur en chef de la radio Sen Info.[...]

Texte complet et source: Le Soleil (Dakar), 12 janv. 2010; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 2010-01-13 [FR]

### ***Tanzanie/RDC: Un jeune réfugié congolais remporte un prix pour une émission radio***

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201001110001.html>

Un réfugié congolais de 16 ans a reçu le Prix international de la paix pour les enfants pour l'émission pour enfants qu'il anime sur Radio Kwizera, dans un camp de réfugiés en Tanzanie, a indiqué le Fonds des Nations Unies pour l'enfance (UNICEF).

Baruani Ndume a reçu le prix des mains du lauréat kényan du Prix Nobel de la Paix, Wangari Maathai, lors d'une réunion organisée à La Haye, aux Pays-Bas. Ce prix, organisé par KidsRights, une fondation néerlandaise, s'accompagne d'un don en espèces d'environ 144.000 dollars à consacrer à des projets liés au travail du lauréat.

« Je suis si heureux d'avoir gagné ce prix et que l'on reconnaisse mon travail et mes efforts avec le programme de la radio des enfants. Je vais continuer à m'assurer que les gens entendent, apprennent et comprennent la question des droits de l'enfant, » a déclaré Baruani.

C'est la première fois que ce prix est décerné à un enfant réfugié. Le jury a estimé que Baruani s'était fait le champion des droits des enfants d'une manière extraordinaire et « dans des circonstances impossibles » au cours de son travail pour le programme Enfant pour Enfant (Children for Children, C4C) sur Radio Kwizera, une station de radio pour les réfugiés en Tanzanie. Baruani a perdu ses parents alors qu'ils fuyaient la violence en République démocratique du Congo et il vit dans des camps de réfugiés en Tanzanie depuis l'âge de sept ans.

L'UNICEF, en collaboration avec le Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés (UNHCR) et d'autres partenaires, soutient l'émission hebdomadaire C4C qui a commencé à être diffusée en mars 2008 pour aider à promouvoir les droits de l'enfant tout en encourageant la participation des enfants à l'ensemble du processus.

C4C compte actuellement 22 enfants bénévoles pour le programme au camp de réfugiés Nyarugusu à Kasulu, au nord-ouest de la Tanzanie et ils sont tous étudiants à temps plein.

Chaque dimanche après-midi, deux jeunes animent l'émission C4C et ils invitent leurs camarades à venir parler de leurs préoccupations telles que le manque de lits dans les hôpitaux, la mauvaise qualité des établissements de santé ou les frais de scolarité excessivement élevés.

Le programme de radio C4C a aussi permis de réunir des enfants avec des membres de leur famille dont ils avaient été séparés au cours des fuites pendant la guerre. C4C a également travaillé pour

favoriser l'inscription de plus d'enfants à l'école locale et sensibiliser davantage les populations aux problèmes de la traite des enfants, du VIH et autres, et les inciter à intervenir.

Le représentant de l'UNICEF en Tanzanie, Heimo Laakkonen, a déclaré que Radio Kwizera jouait un rôle important en faveur d'un changement positif de la société et des comportements dans les camps de réfugiés et les communautés d'accueil.

Baruani dit qu'il aimerait voir C4C se développer et atteindre d'autres régions de la Tanzanie, afin que tous les enfants, parents et enseignants puissent être formés aux questions des droits de l'enfant. Il dit qu'une fois qu'il aura fini ses études, il aimerait continuer à travailler dans le monde de la radiodiffusion.

Source: United Nations (New York), 8 janv. 2010; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

ALERT FROM : 2010-01-13 [FR]

### ***RDC: Lubumbashi : RTV Wantashi fermée, son signal***

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=26085>

Le bâtiment de la chaîne radio télévision Wanshi, émettant de Lubumbashi, est sous surveillance de la police nationale congolaise depuis ce mercredi matin. D'après le commandant de la police qui dirige l'opération, l'ordre vient de la haute hiérarchie à Kinshasa. Le signal de Wantashi vient aussi d'être coupé, rapporte radiookapi.net

Le bâtiment de la chaîne était encerclé par des éléments de la police d'intervention rapide. Les entrées comme les sorties étaient interdites. Une altercation eue même eu lieu, entre les agents de la RTV Wantashi et la police. L'inspecteur de la police, arrivé sur le lieu a calmé les esprits. C'est à ce moment précis que la police a procédé à la coupure du signal de la RTV Wantashi.

En effet, hier mardi, dans la soirée, le ministre de la communication du gouvernement central a annoncé sur la RTNC la décision de fermeture de la chaîne Wantashi pour avoir favorisé la haine tribale dans son émission " Opinion ". La chaîne ne disposerait pas de documents lui autorisant à fonctionner, selon la même autorité. Le directeur général de la RTV Wantashi déplore le fait que cette décision n'émane ni de la Haute autorité des médias, ni de l'Observatoire national de l'audio visuel.

Pour rappel, la dernière émission « Opinion » portait sur le « découpage territorial au Katanga, nouvelle expérience, nouvelle opportunité »

Source: Radio Okapi, 13 janv. 2010

ALERT FROM : 2010-01-16 [FR]

### ***Haïti: l'AMARC appelle au rassemblement des radios communautaires dans le soutien au peuple haïtien***

<http://www.amarc.org/>

L'association mondiale des radiodiffuseurs communautaires, AMARC, appelle les radiodiffuseurs communautaires à une grande solidarité envers le peuple haïtien, au lendemain du tremblement de terre qui a frappé le pays tuant des milliers de personnes et causant des dommages énormes aux infrastructures.

Les autorités indiquent qu'au moins le tiers des neuf millions haïtiens sont touchés par ce tremblement de terre, des milliers sont morts et milliers d'autres sont blessés.

Le tremblement de terre a causé des dommages énormes aux systèmes de communication et aux services vitaux. Parmi les personnes affectées directement, il y a les travailleurs des radios communautaires et leurs familles.

L'AMARC est en train faire une évaluation urgente de la situation de la radiodiffusion communautaire dans les zones affectées et travaille dans sur une mobilisation de ressources notamment technique.

Au moins 12 radios communautaires sont situées dans les zones qui ont souffert le plus du séisme.

L'AMARC appelle les radiodiffuseurs communautaires à appuyer les efforts de l'aide internationale en participant à une assistance directe aux radiodiffuseurs communautaires touchés. Depuis 1992, la radio communautaire s'est taillée une place essentielle dans le paysage médiatique haïtien, en atteignant les communautés les plus pauvres et en leur permettant de participer au développement. Les médias communautaires ont un rôle essentiel à jouer lors des urgences et en cas de catastrophe. Le rétablissement de l'infrastructure de communications joue un rôle prioritaire dans l'effort de réponse humanitaire d'urgence.

L'AMARC travaille, en partenariat avec les organisations de radios communautaires locales en Haïti, à la reconstruction des services de radiodiffusion communautaire.

Pour les coordonnées des principaux organismes d'aide ainsi que pour les dons d'équipements, les offres de soutien technique, visitez le site Web de l'AMARC.

Source : Secrétariat général de l'AMARC (Canada), 16 janv. 2010

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