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## EVENT / ÉVÉNEMENTS

### 16 JOURS POUR DENONCER LA VIOLENCE DE GENRE DANS LES MEDIAS

<http://www.amarc.org/16jours>

Du 25 novembre au 10 décembre, le réseau international des femmes de l'Association mondiale des radiodiffuseurs communautaire (AMARC-RIF) célébrera les 16 jours d'activisme contre la violence faite aux femmes avec une radiodiffusion sur l'Internet et ce, pour une deuxième année consécutive. Cette année le thème de la campagne est: "Demander la mise en œuvre, Défier les obstacles : Finissons-en avec la violence faite aux femmes".

La campagne couvrira trois dimensions : (a) Les médias en tant qu'instrument qui permet de combattre la violence contre les femmes. (b) La représentation de la violence contre les femmes dans les médias permettant de la banaliser ; (c) la violence contre les femmes que travaillent dans les médias. Les 16 jours de campagne commencent le 25 novembre : la journée internationale pour l'élimination de la violence faite aux femmes; le 29 novembre continuent par la journée internationale des femmes défenseuses des droits humains des femmes; le 1er décembre avec la journée mondiale du SIDA; le 6 décembre, la commémoration du massacre de Montréal (Canada) en 1989 et le 10 décembre la journée internationale des droits humains.

Les producteurs de radio communautaire consacreront ces 16 jours pour accentuer l'effort des femmes et des hommes qui travaillent pour mettre fin à la violence faite aux femmes. Les programmes incluront des documentaires, des entrevues, des discussions, de la poésie, de la musique et beaucoup plus. [...] Les stations de radio communautaire de partout sont invitées à télécharger les programmes audio versés sur le site Web de l'AMARC consacré au 16 jours d'activisme et de les diffuser pendant les 16 jours de la campagne.

La coordination de la campagne internationale sera assurée par le Secrétariat International de l'AMARC, contactez Flor Maria Balbin [secretariat\(arobas\)si\(point\)amarc\(point\)org](mailto:secretariat(arobas)si(point)amarc(point)org). Au niveau régional la coordination de la campagne sera prise en charge par les représentantes régionales de l'AMARC RIF: Afrique de l'ouest et du centre Zara Yacoub [myzara\(arobas\)intnet\(point\)td](mailto:myzara(arobas)intnet(point)td); Afrique de l'Est et du Sud: Doreen Rukaria [rukdoreen\(arobas\)yahoo\(point\)com](mailto:rukdoreen(arobas)yahoo(point)com)

Source: AMARC SI et website, 02 nov. 2008

### 16 DAYS BROADCAST CAMPAIGN TO DENOUNCE GENDER VIOLENCE IN THE MEDIA

[http://win.amarc.org/index.php?p=16\\_Days\\_Against\\_Violence\\_on\\_Women&l=EN](http://win.amarc.org/index.php?p=16_Days_Against_Violence_on_Women&l=EN)

From November 25 to December 10th, the Women's International Network of the World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters (AMARC-WIN) will highlight the 16 days of activism against gender violence with an Internet campaign to Denounce Gender violence in the media and transform media into a catalyst to end violence against women. The campaign will be broadcast at [www.amarc.org/16jours](http://www.amarc.org/16jours)

This years' international theme of the campaign is "Media and Violence Against Women". The campaign seeks to denounce gender violence in the media and will cover 3 dimensions: (a) Media as an instrument in combating violence against women. (b) Violence against women as projected in the media which "normalizes" violence; (c) violence committed against women media practitioners. The 16 days campaign starts on November 25th with the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; it continues on November 29th with the International Women's Human Rights Defenders Day; followed by December 1: World AIDS Day; December 6: Commemoration day of the Montreal (Canada) Massacre in 1989 and ends with the December 10th: International Human rights Day.

Community radio producers from will dedicate these 16 days to highlight the effort of women and men working to put an end to gender violence. The programs featured will include documentaries, interviews, debates, poetry, music and much more. This multilingual broadcast campaign mobilizes community radios around a global issue and encourages them to use new communication technologies such as the Internet to extend the reach of their voices. Radio stations around the

globe are invited to download the audio files from the AMARC-WIN 16 days website and broadcast them in their radio stations.

The coordination of the 16 days campaign at the international level will be ensured by the International Secretariat of AMARC, contact Flor Maria Balbin secretariat(at)si(dot)amarc(point)org. Regionally, the campaign will be coordinated by the regional AMARC WIN representatives: West and Central Africa, Zara Yacoub myzara(at)intnet(dot)td; East and Southern Africa, Doreen Rukaria: rukdoreen(at)yahoo(dot)com.

Source: AMARC SI, Press release, 02 Nov. 2008

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NEWS

FROM : 2008-11-03

### ***Sudan: In South Sudan, Community Radio Provides a Voice for the Voiceless***

[http://www.internews.org/prs/2008/20081016\\_sudan.shtm](http://www.internews.org/prs/2008/20081016_sudan.shtm)

Since Sudan's 22-year old civil war ended in 2005, news has been slow in coming to the most remote regions of the country. To provide news and information and give voice to thousands of Sudanese, Internews has built four community radio stations in South Sudan and is training nascent journalists to run them. [Internews is] also planning to build two more this upcoming year. "I love my radio station because it is contributing to the reconciliation of my community," says one of the new journalists at the latest station Internews has launched, in Kurmuk, South Sudan. The station, called 88 FM, went on the air last week after more than a year of hard work and intensive training. It is the only station in the Kurmuk region.

"We were able to send out a signal today when testing the transmitter, and I wish you could have

been able to see the excitement on everyone's face when they were listening to the station," said Sammy Muraya, a professional journalist from Kenya, who is working with the Kurmuk team to help launch the station. "I was walking with Dominic (the station manager) in the market here and he had borrowed a small radio and he made sure that he told everyone we met that the Kurmuk radio station was already on air. I have to say that the people up here have been waiting for so long for the station . . . everyone is so excited!"

88 FM in Kurmuk is part of Internews' project, "Radio for Peace, Democracy and Development in South Sudan", which began in 2006 through a grant from the US Agency for International Development. [...]

Full report and source/ Internews Website, 16 Oct. 2008

RESOURCE FROM : 2008-11-03

### ***Afrique de l'Ouest: Les radios communautaires et les NTIC en Afrique de l'Ouest***

<http://www.cipaco.org/spip.php?article1886>

Malgré une connectivité améliorée, les radios Ouest-africaines peinent toujours à tirer profit des TIC" Les radios demeurent le médium de communication le plus approprié à la communication sociale et à la communication de développement en Afrique. Après deux premières enquêtes en 2001 et 2003, l'IPAO vient de réaliser une nouvelle étude sur les radios et les technologies numériques de communication. Dans cette étude, il s'agissait de faire l'état des lieux de la connectivité des radios ouest-africaines aux (N)TIC (Internet, satellite, ordinateur, outils de stockage numérique, etc.), d'analyser les usages mis en œuvre, d'identifier les contraintes, opportunités, et de faire des recommandations aux différents acteurs. L'étude est principalement axée sur sept pays cibles (Ghana, Bénin, Sénégal, Mali, Sierra Leone, Burkina Faso, Niger) et concerne toutes les radios (communautaires ou associatives, commerciales, confessionnelles et religieuses).

Source : Radios et NTIC en Afrique de l'Ouest : connectivité et usages, IPAO/CIPACO, Website, octobre 2008, repris par La Lettre d'information de Radio for Peacebuilding Africa, 23 oct. 2008

NEWS FROM : 2008-11-03

### ***Guinea: Soap Operas "Wontanara"***

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

Since August 2007, SFCG has collaborated with Guinea's national media institution, Radio Rurale Guinée produce and broadcast an increasingly popular soap opera entitled Wontanara (We are United). Wontanara represents an opportunity to mobilise public mass media in favor of social activism and public dialogue. Aired in N'Zérékoré in the Forest Region, the soap opera seeks to address sensitive issues such as refugee flows and ethnic tensions in a non-partisan and nonadversarial fashion. Many of these themes addressed by the soap are rarely discussed in Guinean media. Each episode is produced in French and reproduced in the area's two local languages, Malinké and Guerzé. The plot revolves around the daily lives of a group of characters who meet in a Conakry café and N'zérékoré to discuss the challenges they face and issues of importance to them. Wontanara has met with widespread praise among audience members because it is willing to take on tough issues in an entertaining way.

Source: Search for Common Ground quoted by the electronic newsletter of Radio for Peacebuilding Africa, 23 Oct. 2008

RESOURCE FROM : 2008-11-03

### ***Western Africa: Radio in West Africa and ICT***

<http://www.panos-ao.org/ipao/spip.php?article15180>

The Panos Institute West Africa (PIWA) launched a new publication on ICTs and radios. It presents the findings of a research on 220 radio stations in West Africa (seven target countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo). The objectives of the research was to:

- a) Assess radio, the Internet and satellites in the sub-region, the use of tools such as mobile, CD-ROM, USB drives, and digital audio production software;
- b) Identify innovative uses combining new technologies and radios;
- c) Identify and analyze the constraints relating to the use of ICTs (internet, satellite, in particular) by radios;
- d) Identify capacity building needs.
- e) Lay down recommendations to the attention of various stakeholders.

The publication is available (only in electronic copy and in French, at least for now).  
Source: The electronic newsletter of Radio for Peacebuilding Africa, 23 Oct. 2008

NEWS

FROM : 2008-11-03

### ***Burkina Faso: Et les femmes créèrent Femina FM***

<http://www.lefaso.net/spip.php?article29479>

L'univers médiatique s'élargit au Burkina Faso, avec la naissance d'une nouvelle station radiophonique, Femina FM, qui émet sur la fréquence 102.8. Les initiatrices de la « radio des femmes » ont présenté leur « maison » à la presse le jeudi 30 octobre 2008. Elle a commencé à émettre dans cette même soirée.

« La radio des femmes et de ceux qui les aiment », « la réalité au féminin », ce sont les deux slogans que Femina FM, compte utiliser pour conquérir la gent féminine et faire de leur média, une radio à laquelle « les femmes pourraient s'identifier ». Les sœurs Salembéré, promotrices de la radio, entendent aider les femmes à s'épanouir, grâce à une grille de programmes qui tient compte de leurs préoccupations. Les auditeurs pourront écouter des émissions qui traitent du quotidien de la femme burkinabé, de la santé maternelle et infantile, Des droits de la femme.

Ces émissions seront ouvertes aux associations et groupements féminins. Femina FM vient agrandir le cercle, de plus en plus grand, des radios commerciales au Burkina Faso. Elle a un rayon de couverture de 50 à 70 kilomètres et diffusera ses émissions en français et dans les langues nationales les plus parlées au Burkina Faso. Ayna Annick, la directrice, pense que des difficultés ne manqueront pas et se dit déterminée à les braver. « Que serait la vie sans challenge ? » a-t-elle lancé. Les promotrices ne cachent pas leur ambition, elles souhaitent déjà étendre les ondes de Femina FM sur d'autres villes comme Bobo Dioulasso et Koudougou.

Source : article de Kpenahi Traoré dans Faszine.com, 1 nov. 2008 repris par LeFaso.Net, 03 nov. 2008

NEWS

FROM : 2008-11-04

### ***DRCongo: Solar Radios for Women in South Kivu***

<http://www.comminit.com/en/node/274887/2754>

Initiated by Dimitra (a project of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) working on gender, rural women, and development) and its local partner Sauti ya Mwanamke Kijijini (SAMWAKI), this initiative involves the distribution of solar radios to listeners' clubs and women's networks in eight rural districts within the province of South Kivu in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The aim of the project is to enable members of distant communities to share knowledge and experiences, in particular with respect to farming practices and HIV/AIDS. One key aspect of the project is that women are trained to use the solar radios and are put in charge of them. Under their supervision, the radios are then passed around from family to family, or listened to in a group situation.

Communication Strategies:

The solar radio project involved training listener's clubs and women's groups on the technical aspects of using the solar radios – how to tune them, adjust the volume, and change the frequency, as well as how to charge them, either with solar power or with a mechanical crank.

Each of the groups rotates the radio amongst its members so that each member has the opportunity to use the radio and listen with their family, friends, and communities. According to the organisers, the availability of radios and the fact that women are in charge has made a significant difference in the lives of women and men in these communities. The reasons are as follows:

- \* Gender balance - Previously in the area, men generally had control of the radios, and did not give women or young people access to them. With the solar radios given specifically to women and women's groups, the project intends to develop women's ownership of the radios, giving them the opportunity to decide what to listen to, when to listen, and with whom to listen.

- \* Knowledge sharing - Having radios in the community gives individual women as well as listening groups access to existing radio programmes on agriculture and community development. According to the organisers, many of the groups and individuals have started up their own small-scale farming or micro-finance projects based on knowledge gained from radio programmes.

- \* Breaking the silence around sensitive issues - According to the organisers, members have been able to use the radios to broach sensitive or difficult-to-talk-about topics such as HIV within their families. One member reported being able to bring the radio home and tune in to a programme on HIV. After listening to the programme, her family was able to discuss the issue more comfortably than if she had tried to bring up the subject on her own.

Source: Dimitra Newsletter [PDF], Issue 14, March 2008, quoted by Drum Beat Issue 467 - Women Journalists: The State of Their Art, 01 Nov. 2008

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 RESOURCE FROM : 2008-11-04

### ***Uganda: Today You Will Understand: Women of Northern Uganda Speak Out***

<http://www.comminit.com/en/node/275093/2754>

"Today You Will Understand" is a collection of 16 transcribed audio testimonies from women living in areas affected by the war between Ugandan government forces and the Lord's Resistance Army in Northern Uganda. Members of FEMRITE, the Uganda Women Writers Association, interviewed the women in January 2008, as part of a radio project with Integrated Regional Information Networks (IRIN) Radio. These true stories aim to reveal how war has impacted the lives of ordinary women, many of whom were displaced from their communities and now survive in camps for the internally displaced. The women and girls tell of being raped, shot, disabled, displaced, abused and enslaved, of witnessing their loved ones being killed in front of them, and being burdened with the responsibility of raising their children alone in poverty. According to FEMRITE coordinator Hilda Twongyeirwe, "Sharing and publishing these stories is one way of raising awareness about the atrocities of war and making the world reflect more closely on what happens in armed conflict." The booklet of transcribed testimonies is accompanied by an audio CD of the actual interview recordings, originally broadcast on local radio stations.

The 66-pages document can be freely downloaded.

Source: Integrated Regional Information Networks (IRIN) website on August 22 2008, quoted by The Drum Beat Issue 467 - Women Journalists: The State of Their Art, 01 Nov. 2008

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TRAINING FROM : 2008-11-04

### ***Guinée: Elections 2009 : les journalistes des radios de Conakry se préparent***

Avec la « libéralisation des ondes » en 2005, le rôle de la radio est devenu majeur pour l'information au quotidien des Guinéens. Qu'en sera-t-il à l'approche des élections législatives et le jour du scrutin ? Comment les professionnels de ces nouveaux médias influents peuvent-ils se préparer à participer de manière utile, crédible et responsable au débat public et éclairer ainsi les auditeurs sur les enjeux ?

- Du 3 au 15 novembre, une quinzaine de journalistes de huit stations de radio de Conakry participeront à un stage de formation sur « le traitement et la couverture de l'actualité politique en période électorale ».

Le stage se déroulera dans les locaux et studios audio de Search for Common Ground et d'Informorac à Kipé.

- Les 10 et 11 novembre, à 9 h 30, les professionnels de la presse guinéenne et acteurs concernés sont invités à participer avec les stagiaires à deux Rencontres professionnelles.

La première abordera l'organisation, la circulation et le traitement de l'information à l'approche du scrutin.

La seconde évoquera pour les journalistes les droits et devoirs nécessaires à la liberté d'informer et au développement de la démocratie.

Ces rencontres seront organisées au Centre Culturel Franco-Guinéen.

Cette action de formation et de rencontres professionnelles est financée par l'Ambassade de France.

Elle sera animée par RFI-Talent+ (Radio France Internationale) en partenariat avec ICFJ (International Center for Journalists) et SFCG (Search for Common Ground).

Source: RFI-Talents+, communiqué, 03 Nov. 2008

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RESOURCE FROM : 2008-11-05

### ***DRCongo: Vacancy - La benevolencija Project Manager/Editor***

<http://www.labenevolencija.org/news/2008/03/nzamukwereka-awarded-the-human.html>

La Benevolencija is looking for an experienced media professional to manage a mixed media project for promoting reconciliation, trauma healing and peace building in the DRC.

This is an ambitious scheme centered around radio broadcasts and backed up by community-based activities. For more details on the project, please go to <http://www.labenevolencija.org/en/current-activities/great-lakes-reconciliation-radio/projects/drc>.

Desirable skills

1. Knowledge of digital radio production.

2. Experience in working in Africa (preferably five years), especially the Great Lakes
  3. Region and by preference in (post) conflict zones.
  4. Experience in social action broadcasting/campaigning.
  5. Strong computing skills - Microsoft Office.
  6. Experience in local capacity building.
  7. Abilities to work long hours in an unstable, complex and sensitive political environment.
- Must be self-motivating and able to relocate to Eastern DRC (North Kivu (pending stabilization of security situation) and South Kivu). This is a non-family duty station.  
The vacancy is to be filled immediately. Contracts will initially be offered for one year with likely extension as the project progresses.  
Candidates should send a curriculum vitae and cover letter as soon as possible to George Weiss at [info@labenevolencija.org](mailto:info@labenevolencija.org).  
Source: La Benevolencija website, quoted by The Drum Beat, Communication Initiative, 05 Nov. 2008

NEWS

FROM : 2008-11-05

### ***Kenya: The Standard Group is finally entering the radio market***

<http://www.eastandard.net/InsidePage.php?&id=1143998498&catid=159&a=1>

Deputy Chairman and Strategy Adviser Paul Melly broke the news on Monday, disclosing that the Group was "at advanced stages of concluding negotiations that would lead to the acquisition of an entire interest of a company that holds radio frequencies covering most of the country". Melly said the Group planned to invest Sh250 million [NDLR: approx. 2,5 million euro] in the acquisition costs and the development of a robust infrastructure for the new venture in the next one and-a-half years. [...]

Melly said the board decided on the venture as part of a growth and diversification strategy aimed at transforming the group into a leading multi-media house.

The group has been desirous of entering the radio market, and already has a licence to broadcast but was being held back by the lack of frequencies. [...]

The Standard Group publishes The Standard newspapers and operates Kenya's premier television station, KTN, besides distributing leading international newspapers and magazines under its Publishers Distribution Service (PDS) division. It also publishes online at [www.eastandard.net](http://www.eastandard.net). [...]

The group has also invested in cutting-edge broadcast technology through the acquisition of a virtual studio and satellite mobile news gathering facilities.

Full story and source: The Standard website (Kenya), 04 Nov. 2008

RESOURCE

FROM : 2008-11-05

### ***Chad: Job Opportunity - Internews Country Director***

<http://www.internews.org/about/employment/default.shtm>

Internews® Network is an international media development organization based in Arcata, CA and Washington, D.C. whose mission is to empower people worldwide with the news and information they need, the ability to connect, and the means to make their voices heard.

The Country Director is responsible for the development, management, (programmatic and financial) and coordination of Internews' activities in Chad, including the Humanitarian Information Service and Voice for Chadian Women project in Western Chad. The position is based in Abeche, Chad and will primarily involve field travel.

Interested candidates meeting the qualifications should forward a cover letter and resume to 876-in(at)internews(dot)org (re-write in standard format), placing "CD - Chad - CI" in the subject line.

Source: The Drum Beat, Communication Initiative, 05 Nov. 2008

NEWS

FROM : 2008-11-05

### ***DRCongo: IWPR Congo Radio Show Launched***

<http://iwpr.net/facingjustice>

[Français suit] Institute for War and Peace Reporting-Netherlands has launched a radio programme aimed at increasing public awareness in the Democratic Republic of Congo about war crimes trials taking place at the International Criminal Court, ICC, in The Hague.

The fortnightly programme, Facing Justice, was broadcast for the first time in October in Lingala, Swahili and French. IWPR's partner is Search for Common Ground, which will distribute the programme via a network of more than 90 partner radio stations around the country.

Facing Justice will draw on contributions from IWPR-trained journalists in DRC, staff at IWPR

Netherlands, legal experts, civil society, political analysts, human rights activists and government representatives.

"The aim of the programme is to help Congolese citizens understand and contextualise the role of international justice in their country by providing them access to a broad range of voices knowledgeable on questions of the ICC and the challenges that the DRC justice system faces," said Stephanie Wolters, producer of Facing Justice.

For more information, visit the "Facing Justice" Website.

[Français - source: IWPR Website] Face à la Justice est un projet mené dans le cadre du programme Justice internationale de l'IWPR.

Face à la Justice est une émission de radio qui a pour but d'apporter des informations et des analyses et de répondre aux questions de la population congolaise sur le travail de la CPI en RDC. L'émission est diffusée deux fois par mois sur les antennes de 90 stations de radio en RDC, membres du réseau de Search for Common Ground, la partenaire local du projet.

Source: IWPR Press Release, 05 Nov. 2008

NEWS

FROM : 2008-11-05

### ***Togo: Quelle belle Nana !***

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811041019.html>

La radio privée Nana FM a fêté le 2 novembre ses neuf ans d'existence. A cette occasion les responsables de la radio ont organisé lundi une journée de réflexion pour évaluer le chemin parcouru et les perspectives à venir. La rencontre s'est déroulée en présence des collaborateurs de la station et du président de la Haute Autorité de l'Audiovisuel et de la Communication (HAAC) , Philippe Evégnon.

"Malgré les problèmes que nous connaissons, notre radio a réussi à se maintenir et à se hisser parmi les radios les plus écoutées du Togo" a déclaré M. Afognon, directeur Général de Nana FM. Pour sa part, Philippe Evégnon a noté des progrès dans la qualité des programmes diffusés. Radio de proximité 100% privée, Nana FM propose de l'information en langues nationales et des programmes de divertissement.

Depuis la libéralisation des médias au Togo, de nombreuses stations FM ont été créées à travers tout le pays. L'absence de ressources publicitaires freine toutefois leur développement.

Source: Republic of Togo (Lomé), 4 Novembre 2008 - Publié sur le web le 4 Novembre 2008 et repris par allAfrica.com

ALERT

FROM : 2008-11-07

### ***DRCongo: A Community Radio Broadcaster killed in North-Kivu***

<http://www.ifj.org/en/articles/the-ifj-condemns-the-killing-and-kidnapping-of-journalists-in-democratic-republic-of-congo>

The International Federation of Journalist (IFJ) condemns the killing and kidnapping of journalists in Democratic Republic of Congo

The International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) today warned that journalists in Democratic Republic of Congo are facing extreme danger after Congolese journalist Alfred Nzongo Bitwahiki Munyamariza was killed in the town of Rutshuru and Belgian journalist Thomas Scheen was kidnapped nearby.

"Our colleagues covering the conflict in the Eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo are incredibly vulnerable to violence and abduction," said Gabriel Baglo, director of the IFJ Africa office. "We condemn the killing of our colleague Alfred and call on all the parties in conflict to respect the rights of journalists and to ensure that they are not targeted when they are reporting on the conflict. The IFJ is also urging Scheen's kidnappers to release him immediately."

Munyamariza, a 27-year-old journalist and presenter on community radio station Radio Communautaire Ushikira( Racou), was killed on Tuesday by a single bullet in Rutshuru during a stampede that followed the attack on the village of Kiwanja, according to reports. The journalist's killer is unknown and the victim's colleagues are still in hiding.

The Belgian foreign ministry said today that Scheen, a Belgian reporter working for the German newspaper, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, was kidnapped near Rutshuru on Tuesday by Mai Mai rebels, a pro-government militia in the Democratic Republic of Congo. According to reports, the Belgian ministry says it has started negotiations to secure Mr. Scheen's release.

"The conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo has claimed many civilian victims," said Baglo. "Now the journalists who are attempting to report on this war are tragically finding themselves under attack."

Source: International Federation of Journalists (IFJ), Press release, 06 Nov. 2008



NEWS

FROM : 2008-11-08

### ***Nigeria: Nigeria Rivers State government appoints new head of local broadcaster***

In its drive to reposition the information sector, the Rivers state Government has appointed Mr Tonye Ekong as the new General Manager for Rivers State Television, [RSTV]. The State Commissioner for Information, Mr Ogbonna Nwuke who announced this in Port Harcourt recently, noted that the appointment of the new General Manager was based on merit.

He also said that the appointment takes immediate effect. Until this new appointment, Ekong, a one-time staff of Nigerian Television Authority (NTA), RSTV was run by an acting General Manager who stepped into the shoes of Mr Dagogo Ezekiel-Hart. It would be recalled that a few days ago, the state Governor, Rt. Hon. Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi had in the presentation of his account of stewardship explained that he was ready to reposition the ailing information sector of the oil rich state. Our Correspondent reports that the appointment of Mr Ekong may just be one of the steps taken by the government to revamp the parastatals under the state ministry of Information.

Source: Rhythm FM, Port Harcourt, 06 Nov. 2008, quoted by BBC Monitoring Global Newline Media File 08 Nov. 2008

NEWS

FROM : 2008-11-10

### ***Afrique: La 4ème Conférence Pan-Africaine de l'AMARC Afrique se tiendra en Côte d'Ivoire***

Le conseil de l'AMARC Afrique, veut annoncer que la 4ème conférence panafricaine se tiendra en Côte d'Ivoire en avril 2009. L'organisation hôte est l'Union des radios de proximité de la Côte d'Ivoire.

L'AMARC Afrique organise la conférence panafricaine à tous les quatre années pour ses membres et partenaires afin d'analyser les enjeux de la radio communautaire en Afrique. C'est pendant la conférence panafricaine que les membres de l'AMARC Afrique et leurs alliés, élisent le conseil d'administration aussi bien que le plan d'action stratégique pour les quatre années suivants.

Il s'agit de la deuxième fois que la conférence panafricaine se tiendra dans l'ouest de l'Afrique. Les conférences panafricaines antérieures se sont tenues, à Johannesburg (Afrique du Sud) en 1997, Dakar (Sénégal) en 2001 et à Nairobi (Kenya) en 2005.

Les membres de cinq pays, l'Ouganda, la Côte d'Ivoire, le Nigeria, le Niger et le Burkina Faso, ont présenté leur candidature. Le conseil d'administration a évalué les propositions et a pris une décision. Le pays hôte de la 4ème conférence panafricaine sera la Côte d'Ivoire.

Le choix de la Côte d'Ivoire a été faite sur la base de: (a) La qualité de la présentation du dossier (b) Le fait que c'est présenté par une fédération; (c) Que la proposition compte sur le soutien des radios; (d) Que la proposition compte sur l'approbation du gouvernement; (e) Que les enjeux en Côte d'Ivoire sont importants pour l'AMARC Afrique; (f) Qu'elle permet de permettre l'alternance géographique avec les autres Conférences Pan Africaines.

Source: AMARC Afrique, Communiqué 10 nov. 2008

NEWS

FROM : 2008-11-10

### ***Africa: AMARC AFRICA'S Fourth Pan-African Conference to be held in Ivory Coast***

AMARC Africa Board wishes to announce the fourth Pan-African Conference to be held in Côte d'Ivoire in April 2009 hosted by its member, the "Union des radios de proximité de la Côte d'Ivoire".

Every four years AMARC Africa organises a Pan-African conference for its members and community radio stakeholders to discuss the challenges of community radio in Africa. It is during the Pan-African conferences that AMARC Africa members elect the Board of Directors as well as decide on the strategic plan for action for the following four years.

This is the second time that the Pan-African conference will be held in West Africa. Previous Pan-African Conferences were held in Johannesburg (South Africa) in 1997, Dakar (Senegal) in 2001 and Nairobi (Kenya) in 2005.

Ivory Coast was selected to host the conference from tenders submitted from AMARC member country networks namely Uganda, Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria, Niger and Burkina Faso.

Ivory Coast was selected to host the Pan-African on the basis of (a) the quality of the presentation of its documentation; (b) the fact the bid was presented by a Federation (c) the federation has the support of the radios. (d) the federation has support and approval from the government; (e) that the challenges of CR in Côte d'Ivoire are very important for AMARC Africa as they resonate with the

rebuilding of AMARC Africa (f) That the selection allows for geographic balance with other Pan African Conferences.

Source: AMARC AFria, Communique, 10 Nov. 2008

ALERT FROM : 2008-11-10

### ***DR Congo: Journalist reportedly killed in fighting found alive***

A Congolese journalist, reported to have been killed in fighting in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, has been found alive and well, a free press campaign group said Friday.

New-York based Human Rights Watch had said Thursday that Alfred Munyamaliza Bitwahiki Njonjo had been killed at Kiwanja, 80 kilometres (50 miles) from Goma, the provincial capital of the troubled Nord-Kivu region.

But the Congolese group Journalists in Danger (JED) said Friday that they had spoken to Njonjo by telephone after he took refuge at a United Nations camp.

Human Rights Watch's senior Africa researcher Anneke Van Woudenberg said that the rights organization had received reports that Njonjo had been found safe and well. "We are checking to confirm this information," she said.

Source: AFP news agency, Paris, 7 Nov 2008 quoted by BBC Monitoring Global Newsline Media File 10 Nov. 2008

ALERT FROM : 2008-11-12

### ***Guinea: Radio station suspended indefinitely***

<http://www.ifex.org/en/content/view/full/98390>

The National Communications Council (CNC), the media regulatory body in Guinea, on 4 November 2008 ordered the management of Familia FM, a community radio station in Conakry, to cease transmission for allegedly broadcasting information that the CNC claimed could "disturb the public peace" of the country.

The Media Foundation for West Africa's (MFWA) correspondent reported that following the directive, the station is now off the airwaves. A reporter for the station said they did not receive any written notice from the CNC, but heard of the suspension on the national radio station.

The correspondent said Mounir Camara, the CNC chairman, announced that Familia FM had been illegally operating outside its mandate as a community radio station and therefore he has withdrawn "the broadcasting license until further notice."

Familia FM is a popular private community radio station that specialises in social issues, but only has the right to broadcast news bulletins.

MFWA is worried about the tendency of the CNC to order suspensions of media outlets in Guinea.

The Foundation calls on the CNC as a matter of urgency to lift the suspension, desist from misusing its powers and authority and ensure that the media in Guinea operate without interference.

Source: IFEX website, quoting Media Foundation for West Africa (MFWA), 11 Nov. 2008

ALERT FROM : 2008-11-12

### ***Guinée: Une station de radio suspendue indéfiniment***

<http://www.ifex.org/fr/content/view/full/98391>

Le 4 novembre 2008, le Conseil National de la Communication (CNC), l'organe de régulation des médias en Guinée, a ordonné à la direction de Familia FM, une radio communautaire basée à Conakry, de suspendre ses émissions pour avoir prétendument diffusé des informations qui, aux yeux du CNC, pourraient "troubler l'ordre public" du pays.

Le correspondant de la Fondation pour les Médias en Afrique de l'Ouest (MFWA) a rapporté que suite à cette directive, la station a maintenant cessé d'émettre. Un reporter de la station a indiqué que le CNC ne leur a transmis aucune notification écrite et qu'ils ont entendu à la radio que la station avait été suspendue.

Le correspondant a ajouté que Mounir Camara, le Président du CNC, a annoncé que Familia FM est passé en dehors des limites des attributions d'une radio communautaire. De ce fait, il a retiré "la licence de diffusion de l'information jusqu'à nouvel ordre".

Familia FM est une radio privée communautaire très écoutée qui a pour vocation de diffuser des émissions sur des sujets de société mais n'a le droit de diffuser que des bulletins d'information.

La MFWA s'inquiète du fait que le CNC a tendance à ordonner la suspension des médias en Guinée. Nous faisons appel à l'organe pour qu'il lève la suspension dans les meilleurs délais, cesse d'abuser de ses pouvoirs et de son autorité et assure plutôt que les médias opèrent sans ingérence.

Source: IFEX website, citant Fondation pour les Médias en Afrique de l'Ouest (MFWA), 11 nov. 2008

NEWS

FROM : 2008-11-12

***Uganda: Karamoja Gets Radios***<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811110513.html>

The Straight Talk Foundation, in partnership with the UN children's agency (UNICEF), has distributed 5,339 radios to the communities in Karamoja sub-region.

Straight Talk project manager Martin Oenen said on Thursday that the organisation got concerned about the plight of communities in Karamoja and requested UNICEF for support. UNICEF sent the consignment.

Oenen said there was need to have the communities' capacity building strengthened by delivering adequate information on health and education, because the Karimojong have for so long been cattle-centred.

"We wanted the communities to be able to listen to programmes so that they can follow up the one-month child survival campaign which has been concluded," Oenen said.

UNICEF has been running a child survival campaign in the sub-region, which carried a holistic approach that encompassed children and mother survival.

Alisen Okot, 42, a resident of Loputuk village and a beneficiary of the radios, said she had heard a lot about several preventable diseases.

"I now spend most of my time hooked to the radio and I do not feel like drinking alcohol," Okot said.

UNICEF chief field officer Dr Narinder Sharma said the radio distribution was designed to expand the coverage of high impact and life-saving interventions for children and women in Karamoja.

"We have an enormous opportunity to make a big difference for Karamoja children by rapidly scaling up the major child survival interventions in the sub-region," Sharma said.

"Nearly 100 children under the age of five die every week from preventable causes in Karamoja. Therefore, there is need for concerted and sustained action to reduce disparities in the region which stem-up high levels of disease and death of children," he added. Sharma said UNICEF was already making gains in the sub-region alongside other partners.

Source: New Vision (Kampala), 10 November 2008 - Posted to the web 11 November 2008 and quoted by allAfrica.com

ALERT

FROM : 2008-11-12

***RDC: Nord-Kivu - Le journaliste de Radio «Ushirika» donné pour mort à Kiwanja est vivant***<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811110408.html>

L'Observatoire de la liberté de la presse en Afrique (OLPA), réseau africain d'experts juristes et journalistes volontaires pour la défense et la promotion de la liberté de la presse, informe l'opinion nationale et internationale que son département d'alerte vient de retrouver les traces d'Alfred Munyamaliza Njonjo, journaliste reporter à la Radio communautaire Ushirika (Racou), émettant à Kiwanja (localité située à 5 km de Rutshuru-centre, à plus ou moins 72 km au Nord de Goma, chef-lieu de la province du Nord-Kivu), en République démocratique du Congo, rappelle OLPA cité par societecivile.cd. Alfred Munyamaliza Njonjo, 25 ans, donné pour mort le 4 novembre 2008 lors de l'attaque de la localité de Kiwanja par des miliciens, est bel et bien vivant.

Il a échappé in extremis à la mort lorsque son domicile a été pris à partie par des tirs avant d'être consumé. Le reporter de Racou dit s'être sauvé alors que des éléments Mai-Mai du groupe des Patriotes résistants congolais (Pareco) rôdaient tout autour de sa maison, recherchant d'éventuels survivants à éliminer.

Dans la soirée du 7 novembre 2008, Alfred Munyamaliza Njonjo, qui vit en clandestinité depuis lors, était en compagnie de son directeur de rédaction, Faustin Tawite, dans la localité de Kiwanja. Des menaces de mort continuent à peser sur sa personne ainsi que sur les autres journalistes de Racou OLPA prend au sérieux ces menaces et les condamne, étant des atteintes graves à la liberté de la presse.

Source: Le Potentiel (Kinshasa), 11 Novembre 2008 - Publié sur le web le 11 Novembre 2008 et repris par allAfrica.com

ALERT FROM : 2008-11-14

***Ghana: Ministry mulls ban on radios that don't use "delay mechanism"***

The Minister of Information and National Orientation Mr Stephen Asamoah Boateng says his ministry is in talks with the Attorney General's Department to ensure the banning of radio stations which operate without "delay mechanism" during live broadcasts.

He indicated that the delay mechanism would allow radio presenters to edit and help curb the problems of verbal abuses by callers to radio programmes and promote peace.

The minister was responding to appeals by some staff of the Adansi South District Assembly to his ministry to ban phone-in-segments on local radio stations in the name of peace during [the forthcoming presidential] election. Mr Asamoah Boateng was on a tour of parts of the Adansi South and North districts.

[Passage omitted: Government said to be committed to poverty-reduction]

Source: Myjoyonline.com website, Accra, 13 Nov. 2008 - quoted by BBC Monitoring Global Newline Media File 14 Nov. 2008

ALERT FROM : 2008-11-14

***Zambia: Director of Radio Icengelo arrested***

Zambian police have arrested a Roman Catholic priest in the middle of a live radio broadcast, according to reports on 13 November. The cleric, Father Frank Bwalya, is the station manager of Radio Icengelo, a Catholic Church owned FM station in the north central town of Kitwe.

Kitwe (also known as Kitwe Nkana) is the third largest city in Zambia and lies in the middle of the country's copper mining region.

**ARREST**

The station was said to have been running programmes critical of Zambia's hotly contested 30 October presidential election.

The poll was won by Rupiah Banda of the ruling Movement for Multiparty Democracy (MMD). He defeated Michael Sata of the opposition Patriotic Front (PF). Sata accused officials of rigging the poll.

It is the second time this month that police have raided the station. In the first incident, according to privately owned newspaper The Post on 3 November, officers acted after "receiving complaints from some MMD supporters who were unhappy with the way the station manager, Fr Frank Bwalya, was announcing election results". The police "cautioned and advised Fr Bwalya to stop making such announcements as he was likely to incite people to rise against the government".

The latest action comes as the PF plans demonstrations over the poll in the Copperbelt on 15 November, according to The Post.

Father Bwalya is not the only journalist to come under state sanction in the past month. [...]

Source: BBC Monitoring research 13 Nov. 2008 - quoted by BBC Monitoring Global Newline Media File 14 Nov. 2008

ALERT FROM : 2008-11-15

***Zambia: Radio station manager detained overnight, charged and released***

<http://www.ifex.org/en/content/view/full/98521>

On 13 November 2008, Fr Frank Bwalya, station manager of the Catholic radio station Radio Icengelo in Kitwe, was released from detention after a night at Kalulushi Police station and has been slapped with three charges for disturbing the country's peace as a result of a special post-election radio programme he has been running for two weeks.

In a phone interview with MISA Zambia on 13 November, Bwalya said that he was taken to the police and was asked to stop running the programmes but he refused, and hence the police charged him with the three violations.

"The police picked me up at the station and took me for questioning, they asked me to stop running the programme but I refused and decided I would remain there at the station. This forced them to lay three charges against me bordering on breaching [the] peace," Bwalya said.

The police recorded a warn and caution statement from Bwalya on 13 November and he will appear in court on 27 November.

Meanwhile, residents in Kitwe rioted after word went round that Bwalya had been arrested.

According to the "Zambia Daily Mail" of 14 November, 38 people were arrested by the riot police. The incident was confirmed by Police Commissioner Francis Kabonde, who was in the company of Copperbelt Police Chief Antonniel Mutentwa.

During the riot, several shops were destroyed in Kitwe and a baby was rushed to the hospital because of the effect of the tear gas fired by the police. Kabonde said the riot was caused by bus drivers who were honking and skidding their tires, causing hooligans to take advantage of the situation.

Kabonde told journalists that police had earlier warned Bwalya not to issue statements that were allegedly intended to promote hostility in communities.

Bwalya denied inciting people to riot but said people could do what they wanted to do with the truth. He said he had spoken alone on a live programme and said, among other things, that Zambia would never have a free and fair election if it maintained the electoral laws it has.

The police charged him with making statements that are likely to cause hostility between groups within the country. He was also charged for alleging that the elections were fraudulent. The third charge was based on his statement that President Rupiah Banda was not elected legitimately.

Bwalya accused the government of using the arrest as a suppression tool to control people's minds.

"My arrest is a form of suppression of free minds. It's meant to make people quiet when wrong things are happening," he said and added that his detention was illegal.

Source: Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA), 14 Nov. 2008 - quoted by IFEX 14 Nov. 2008

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