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RESOURCES / RESSOURCES

DES SOLUTIONS ENERGIE POUR VOS STATIONS RADIO ET TV

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BBEAM lance un nouveau site internet dédié aux solutions énergie, et vous propose un choix important de matériel pour les besoins en électricité de votre station.

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Source: BBEAM (Belgique), Communiqué et site, 7 mai 2014

Energy solutions for your stations

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BBEAM Sprl has been for many years specialized in the field of radio and TV broadcast. [...]
BBEAM has always paid particular attention to the quality of its energy facilities.

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The price of each product is indicated. So you can do a quick comparison quality / price between the models.

You can make a product selection and request a quote using the "quote" button, it is activated as soon as you have created your account and allows you to make your quote directly. [...]

Source: BBEAM (Belgique), Communiqué and website, 7 May 2014

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NEWS

FROM : 24/04/2014 [EN]

Uganda: Museveni launches Arua One and Urban TV

<http://tinyurl.com/knkze3w>

President Yoweri Museveni has launched Urban, a Vision Group free-to-air television channel, in Arua District [northwestern Uganda]. Vision Group extended Urban TV signals to West Nile recently.

The launch took place at Arua Hill Boma grounds Monday [21 April], where the president was presiding over celebrations marking 100 years of West Nile's integration into Uganda. During the same function, the president also officially launched Arua One, a leading FM radio station in West Nile.

Arua One is also owned by Vision Group. Museveni autographed the logos for both Urban TV and Arua One FM.

James Serunkuma, Vision Group's head of television production, said Urban TV would provide up-to-date national and international news and information within a 60km radius of Arua town. "This is the first free-to-air English TV channel in this region," he said.

He said Urban will offer a rich menu of educative programmes to help the people move out of poverty through promotion of their businesses.

Nixon Owole, the Adjumani District chairman, praised Vision Group for offering good programming on Arua One FM.

"Arua One is more appealing to the youth. That is a good target audience and the programmes are educational," he said.

Source: The New Vision website (Kampala), 22 Apr. 2014; quoted by BBC Monitoring Global Newline Media File, 23 Apr. 2014

NEWS

FROM : 24/04/2014 [EN]

Zimbabwe: Zimbabwe police search radio's offices in search for equipment

<http://tinyurl.com/l2df8of>

Police in Bulawayo on Tuesday [21 April] searched the Radio Dialogue offices, for what they claimed was "broadcasting material capable of dispatching information which can harm the interest of the state".

Radio Dialogue Production Manager Zenzele Ndebele said about 10 police and CIO officers pitched up at the community radio station's offices around mid-day and searched for the equipment, which they did not find.

Ndebele said when the police called at the office he was away but he received a phone call that he should report at Hillside police station. On arrival he was shown a search warrant which said the police had the information that he had "radio transmission equipment."

Ndebele said the police, who were in the company of officials from the Postal and Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (Potraz), then told him to lead them to his house where they searched and again found nothing.

Last month, Ndebele was acquitted on charges of contravening broadcasting laws. The charges

arose after Ndebele was arrested last year following a police raid on Radio Dialogue during which police seized 180 radio sets. The radios in question were ordinary receivers with no transmitting capacity. Ndebele said he had no clue whether the latest development was related to the resolved case.

Radio Dialogue is a member of the Zimbabwe Association of Community Radio Stations (ZACRAS) which is pushing for the opening of the airwaves to multiple players.

Source: SW Radio Africa website (London), 22 Apr. 2014; quoted by BBC Monitoring Global Newsline Media File, 24 Apr. 2014

NEWS

FROM : 26/04/2014 [EN]

Kenya: Somali radio on peace mission

<http://tinyurl.com/n8x3abb>

A leading FM radio station has begun broadcasting peace messages to the Somali community. The messages ask community members to restore peace and security to the troubled Eastleigh in Nairobi where business has been paralysed in four weeks of security crackdown.

"Beware that if you are not working for peace, you are working for conflict. Let us all collectively work for peace," says a short clip aired 10 times every day at prime time on Star FM.

The clip continues: "The sound you just heard is one you may not want to hear. It signifies insecurity. Peace is the foundation of life... Live in peace with your neighbours... This message was brought to you by Star FM, the voice of northeastern region."

MALL ROOFTOP

The commercial station, which broadcasts from the rooftop of Eastleigh Shopping Mall, has a huge following in northern Kenya and parts of Somalia. A recent audience survey shows that 65 per cent of Somalis in Kenya listen to the radio regularly.

The station's listenership has grown fast in four years and extended its reach by building more transmitters in the northern counties. It re-broadcasts major international radio news stations such as the VoA and the BBC. It also airs one-hour daily programmes in Kiswahili and Boran.

"Our aim is to bring people together. We need peace and without peace, there can be no development. Business cannot flourish in the absence of peace," Mr Mohammed Osman, the radio's managing director told the Nation.

Mr Osman said the Somali community was an oral society and radio was a powerful tool of communication, an ideal medium for advancing the "culture of peace", tolerance and mutual co-existence.

He said the peace message was a "social responsibility" initiative by the management in the wake of the recent unrest and was not funded by the government or any organisation.

He said there was evidence that radio had a big influence in restoring peace between warring communities. He cited a case in which the radio's special peace messages at the height of the Garre-Degodia clashes in Mandera County in 2013 had "a calming effect" and contributed to the peace accord between the two Somali clans.

"The restoration of peace and security is not a job for the State alone. We Somalis must also actively contribute positively and our special peace appeals are just a small part," Mr Osman said. On Tuesday, an extensive field survey by the Nation in Eastleigh showed that the area was slowly returning to normal after weeks of massive security swoops and arrests.

There is heavy police presence and most of the roads into and out of Eastleigh are manned by armed police officers conducting "stop-and-search" operations.

Residents say there is less "aggression" by the police and most officers are "more courteous" when stopping people for questioning.

"I have detected a big change of their style in recent days. We welcome this. The officers are more respectful and there are fewer home raids," Mr Abdihakim Mursal, a waiter at a local restaurant told the Nation.

The upbeat mood by residents and the softening of the operation comes days after a meeting between President Uhuru Kenyatta and 26 Muslim MPs and leaders attended by Deputy President William Ruto and security chiefs.

HUGE MUSLIM BACKLASH

According to sources, an agreement was reached at the April 17 meeting at State House to "re-calibrate" the operation and make it "more targeted" in response to the huge Somali and Muslim backlash.

There are also reports that a committee of community leaders is to be set up to advise and work with the security services to ensure the operation does not aggravate the situation, lead to abuses and further inflame Somali sentiments.

Source: Daily Nation (Nairobi), website, 23 Apr. 2014; quoted by BBC Monitoring Global Newsline

Media File, 26 Apr. 2014

NEWS

FROM : 26/04/2014 [EN]

Malawi: MACRA threatens to ban phone-in radio shows over hate speech concerns<http://tinyurl.com/mx8dps2>

Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority (MACRA) has warned that it will suspend all phone-in programmes during the elections period should broadcasters in the country continue letting callers use hate speech.

MACRA Director of Telecommunication, Lloyd Momba said Wednesday [23 April] in Lilongwe at a broadcaster's workshop that the organisation will use its powers to impose serious sanctions on broadcasters who choose to continue to breach terms and conditions of their licences.

"We noted with regret that even broadcasters who have the profanity machine still do let hate speeches by callers to be heard. Should this continue, MACRA will suspend all phone-in programmes by all broadcasters for the rest of the election period," said Momba.

He further warned that MACRA will be more vigilant and strict during the polling day, the day official results will be announced and when a new president will be sworn in order to make sure that there is no enticing and sensationalizing by broadcasters aimed at destabilizing peace and tranquility in the country.

In her remarks, Malawi Electoral Commission (MEC) Commissioner Nancy Tembo advised the broadcasters to exercise reason and rationale in their course of work if the country is to achieve free and fair tripartite elections.

"Because the media reaches out to a multitude of audience within a short time, you have a critical role of bringing electoral information to the public. You need to do this in a manner that does not disadvantage any contestant," said Tembo.

She added: "Otherwise, if the media does not offer a level playing field for all contestants, this approach can easily undermine all the efforts by MEC and all stakeholders to have free, fair and credible elections".

The workshop attracted broadcasters from all radios including community radio stations from both northern and central regions of Malawi.

Source: Nyasa Times website (Leeds), 25 Apr. 2014; quoted by BBC Monitoring Global Newline Media File, 26 Apr. 2014

RESOURCE

FROM : 26/04/2014 [EN]

South Sudan: How Hate Radio Was Used to Incite Bentiu Massacres<http://allafrica.com/stories/201404260182.html>

The spectre of ethnically-motivated killings, and the use of ethnic rivalry or hatred to mobilize and incite one community against another, hangs over the conflict in South Sudan.

Coming just weeks after the 20th anniversary of the Rwandan genocide, which will forever be associated with the use of radio to incite hatred and help direct genocidal killings, the UNMISS report that a rebel commander in Bentiu used the local FM radio station to incite hatred against Dinkas, Darfuris and other non-Nuer, sent a shiver down my spine.

In a country with an estimated 80 per cent illiteracy rate, South Sudanese are particularly reliant on radio as a means of getting news and of communicating information. It reaches those who cannot read or cannot access or afford to buy newspapers. It can be listened to throughout the day alone, or in groups and can have a mass effect if used to generate fear, mobilize support or, worst of all, incite hatred of others.

The Radio Bentiu FM station is a key source of news for the population. UNMISS said that the rebels had taken over the station and at times "broadcast hate messages declaring that certain ethnic groups should not stay in Bentiu and even calling on men from one community to commit vengeful sexual violence against women from another community". The UN mission roundly condemned the use of the radio to incite hatred and encourage killings or rape, though it did note that some rebel SPLA commanders had broadcast messages calling for unity and an end to 'tribalism'. While UN radio stations and the Netherlands-funded Radio Tamazuj can be heard in Unity state, the local FM station is the key local outlet and so has a wide listenership in Bentiu. [...] Full report and source: African Arguments (London), 24 Apr. 2014; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com,

NEWS

FROM : 26/04/2014 [EN]

Zimbabwe: Government's Voice of Zimbabwe Faces Closure

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201404260035.html>

The Gweru-based Voice of Zimbabwe (VOZ) radio station is facing closure, due to a combination of obsolete equipment and undercapitalization.

VOZ whose mission is described as, 'to tell the Zimbabwean story from Zimbabwe, by Zimbabweans' was set up by government essentially to counter foreign-based independent radio stations like SW Radio Africa and Voice of America.

But according to a ZBC report the shortwave radio station has not been transmitting any signal since October 2013 due to the breakdown of transmitters. The report said the ZBC board, which toured the station this week, expressed dismay at the national broadcaster's failure to rectify the problem.

Reporters told SW Radio Africa that the station was on the verge of total closure due to poor funding. They said so serious is the problem of undercapitalization that their monthly salaries were recently cut from \$600 to \$300. Since October, they have continued to produce programmes but most of them remain unaired while some of them have been used by other ZBC radio stations. Last year ZBC workers went for seven months without getting their salaries. In March this year Information Minister Jonathan Moyo said ZBC should have closed a long time ago because it was insolvent.

The MDC-T MP for Mabvuku, James Maridadi, said the development at VOZ was inevitable because 'there has not been any investment into the transmission equipment for ages.' He added: 'Before we even start talking of the issue of improving transmission we need to put the ZBC into the black. From the red of \$47 million we need to invest as much so that they come on to zero and that is when we can start talking about improving the problem of poor transmission.'

Maridadi said there was also a danger that Zimbabwe may fail to meet the June 2015 international deadline for digitalization. Two years ago Zimbabwe failed to meet the SADC deadline. The SADC countries had set their own deadline of 31st December 2013 but only Mauritius, Namibia, South Africa and Tanzania were able to comply.

ZBC's technological problems date back to many years ago. In 2009 former information minister Webster Shamu told Parliament that ZBC needed approximately \$70 million to replace its obsolete equipment. He said all the transmitters in the country had outlived their lifespan by more than 25 years.

Source: SW Radio Africa (London), 25 Apr. 2014; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

ALERT

FROM : 26/04/2014 [EN]

Liberia: LTA to Revoke Licenses

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201404250792.html>

The Liberia Telecommunication Authority or LTA says it will embark on the process of revoking licenses of various radio stations in the country that are operating illegally.

Commissioner Anthony McCarty said since four months now, some service providers failed to contact the LTA, noting that the Liberia telecommunication Authority was moving ahead to revoke the licenses of institutions and entities not in conformity with its regulations.

Speaking to group of reporters at the Ministry of Information, Cultural Affairs and Tourism during its regular press briefing on Capitol Hill in Monrovia, Mr. McCarty said: "the nation frequency is a scarce and limited resources; and because it is both scarce and limited, because we at the LTA have to be good stewards of assigning frequencies to those who are willing to stay current in their payments to the government of Liberia, the effectiveness is measured by those who adhere to our regulations those on our waiting-list willing to pay for frequencies," he said.

He noted that his institution would notify every service provider with an assigned spectrum frequency, through written correspondence in November and subsequently, warned that the LTA will take drastic action against delinquent operators, including the revoking of licenses.

Commissioner McCarty noted that Licenses and Regulation Department or the (LRD) is the LTA's arm responsible for the issuance of licenses, regulations, due diligence and economic regulatory analysis that market the research of monitoring every activities of the entity.

Source: The New Dawn (Monrovia), 25 Apr. 2014; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

ALERT

FROM : 26/04/2014 [EN]

Somalia: Somali Radio Worker Assassinated in Mogadishu

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201404230162.html>

Gunmen shot and killed a Somali media worker in Mogadishu's Bakara market on Monday (April 21st), National Union of Somali Journalists (NUSOJ) said in a statement. Mohamed Hassan Omar was an employee in Dalsan Radio's marketing department, and had held the job for two weeks. Omar was also a peace activist and a member of Somalia's National Youth Association, according to Dalsan Radio.

No group has taken responsibility for his death.

"We are saddened to hear the murder of our colleague and condemn the killing in the strongest terms possible," NUSOJ Secretary General Mohamed Ibrahim said. "The killers must not escape unpunished and media safety should be prioritized."

Source: Sabahi (Washington, DC), 22 Apr. 2014; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 26/04/2014 [EN]

Liberia: The News Radio, TV Coming

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201404220748.html>

The Founder and Chairman of Board of Directors of The NEWS Newspaper has unveiled plans to add radio and television components to the paper he established.

Prof. Wilson K. Tarpeh did not say exactly when he intends to add radio and television stations to the newspaper; however, such an ambitious undertaking could take considerable time.

Tarpeh's statement prompted thunderous applause from the audience including members of The News family who greeted the news with great optimism.

Making remark at a memorial lecture series in observance of the 25th anniversary of The NEWS newspaper last Friday at the Auditorium of the University of Liberia, Prof. Tarpeh said despite difficulties the paper experienced over the years, the institution remains determined to expand in scope and operation.

As part of efforts to expand the paper, he indicated that the management has already set up a printing press that is expected to be fully functional.

"We will get there, and all of these that we are doing, the government should take pride, because it is happening under your watch; it is because of the conducive atmosphere you've established..." the Board Chairman stressed.

Prof. Tarpeh told the audience that the paper has made significant commitment to remain on the newsstand as vibrant institution.

He added: "We do not pray for the worse... but you can be assured, Mr. Minister (referring to Deputy Information Minister of Public Affairs Isaac Jackson); this paper will be a friend of truth and since this is a government of truth, The NEWS Newspaper will always stand by this government..." He recounted numerous challenges the paper encountered over the years, especially after it survived several lootings and vandalization. Prof. Tarpeh indicated that in spite of the looting, there were periods of recapitalization into the newspaper.

He acknowledged that other difficulties still remains, but the paper remains determined and committed to serving the people of Liberia.

Last Friday's lecture series was in memory of fallen staff of the News newspaper who passed away in the discharge of their duties over the years (April 1989 to April 2014).

Some staff who died include, Klon Hinneh, John Vambo, Big Steve, Bobby Tapson, Juku Harris, Veronica Kpahn, Musu Haddah and Ema Harmon.

Source: The NEWS (Monrovia), 22 Apr. 2014; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 29/04/2014 [EN]

Liberia: Local Radio Station Takes Issues With County Official

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201404282417.html>

The management of Magic FM has taken serious exception to the description of Harlandville Radio as Radio Kagali by Assistant Development Superintendent of Grand Bassa County Adonie Z. Greaves.

Radio Kigali, a Rwanda radio station was blamed for fueling and orchestrating the 1994 genocide through hate messages.

A statement quoted the management of the station as saying that it is taken aback by the Assistant Superintendent's comparison, referring the community radio with Radio Rwanda.

"His example is inappropriate because there is no war in our country, the Magic FM management said.

The management noted of the radio station did not only take serious exception to the statement but also called on him to withdraw the statement and apologize to the institution, the people of the

township and, by extension, the people of Grand Bassa County. According to the management, there is no "Hutu journalists" in its employ that will take side in conflict that does not even exist, to preach hate messages to spark civil war as claimed by the county official.

"The Management strongly believes that the Assistant Development Superintendent should make thorough research and be well-knowledgeable about issues before attacking a community radio station in whose reportage the locals have explicit confidence; the comparison is too far from reality," the statement said.

Source: The New Republic Liberia (Monrovia), 28 Apr. 2014; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 30/04/2014 [EN]

Nigeria: BBC news in Hausa available via BlackBerry in Nigeria

Determined to widen its reach, the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) has announced a partnership with BlackBerry to deliver news from its Hausa service to its users in Nigeria, offering five BBC Hausa news alerts daily via BlackBerry Messenger (BBM).

The new service is part of BBC's move to use chat apps to deliver its content to, and engage with, a wider demography of users.

Each alert contains story links subscribers can share, along with their comments and story ideas. Trushar Barot, assistant editor for the Social Media Hub at BBC News, said: "We had been speaking to BlackBerry for a few months about their plans to develop their BBM product. We were keen to try and find a BBC service that we felt would be a good fit to test the service.

"Many Nigerians use BBM, with consumption of news content on mobile phones also very high, so linking up with the BBC Hausa service felt like the right choice."

BBC Hausa editor Mansur Liman said: "With over 96 per cent of the traffic to the bbchausea.com website coming to its mobile version, BBC Hausa has prioritized its mobile offer as our key platform to reach our audiences. The launch of the BBC Hausa BBM in Nigeria - our biggest market - is a great development which will allow us to tap into new audiences, and also create a very simple, cheap and immediate way of connecting us with our users there."

To subscribe, individuals are required to download the latest version of BBM available on iOS, Android and BlackBerry smartphones, and search for "BBC Hausa" from the "Channels" tab.

They can also connect via the BBM PIN: C00334DDD. Links to the BBC Hausa BBM channel will also be available via bbchausea.com and BBM.com/bbchausea.

Source: This Day (Lagos), website, 29 Apr. 2014; quoted by BBC Monitoring Global Newline Media File, 30 Apr. 2014

ALERT

FROM : 01/05/2014 [EN]

Ghana: In Ghana, Security Forces Harass Journalists, Seize Reporting Equipment

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201405010248.html>

The Media Foundation for West Africa (MFWA) has noticed with concern the increasing acts of violations perpetrated against journalists in their line of duty.

Even before the end of the first quarter of 2014, the MFWA's freedom of expression and safety of journalists monitoring shows that four cases of press freedom violations have been committed by some members of the security agencies.

On April 11, 2014, Ebenezer Kwame Abaka, a Western Regional Correspondent for TV3 (a privately-owned television station) was heckled by a military man and his camera was seized at an event he was invited to.

The journalist had gone to cover the passing out parade of some recruits of the Ghana Air Force at the Air Force Base of the Western Regional Capital, Takoradi.

According to him, because he was in a hurry, he forgot to take along his professional identification (ID) card. While filming the event, a military man approached the journalist and asked him to produce his identity card.

When he failed to produce it, the military man heckled him and took his camera from him. Even though Abaka was able to retrieve his camera shortly after that, he had to leave the event due to the embarrassment he suffered.

Another journalist Muftaw Mohammed, of privately-owned Metro FM - a radio station in the Ashanti regional capital of Kumasi - was on April 3 arrested and detained for taking pictures of some personnel from the Motor Traffic and Transport Unit (MTTU) of the Ghanaian Police Force, allegedly

taking money from commercial drivers. Mohammed was held by the police and his iPad was seized. After two hours, the pictures he had taken of the MTTU officers on his iPad were deleted before he was released.

Earlier on March 10, Geoffrey Buta, a photographer of the state-owned newspaper The Ghanaian Times was also assaulted by a military man in Tamale, in the Northern Region of Ghana.

Again, a crew of privately-owned TV Africa was on March 7 detained by some security personnel at Adjei Kojo, a suburb of Accra. The crew had gone to the area to do a follow-up on a demolition exercise that was undertaken in the area.

The MFWA is concerned about the seeming lack of tolerance on the part of some section of the security agencies in Ghana towards journalists when they are discharging their professional duties. We call on the security agencies to recognise the important role the media plays in the democratic development of the country and accord them the necessary support and respect they deserve.

Source: Media Foundation for West Africa (Accra), Press Release, quoted by IFEX (Toronto), 29 Apr. 2014; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 04/05/2014 [EN]

Mozambique: European Union Supports Community Radios

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201405030452.html>

The Mozambican Forum of Community Radios (FORCOM) and the European Union signed a cooperation agreement in Maputo on Saturday, under which FORCOM will receive about 350,000 US dollars, for a two year project which, according to a joint press release, is intended "to raise political awareness and expand the spaces for dialogue and the provision of information to citizens in the current electoral and democratic processes".

The agreement was signed by the European Commission delegate in Mozambique, Paul Malin, and the executive director of FORCOM, Benilde Nhalivilo.

Speaking at the ceremony, Nhalivilo said that the project seeks to strengthen awareness so that citizens can make free and conscious choices in elections. Through the community radios, she added, citizens would have a voice in democratic processes.

With this project, she said, FORCOM would certainly make a contribution to the presidential, parliamentary and provincial elections scheduled for 15 October.

She urged the government to respect the freedom of the press and of expression of the community radios, and to ensure that the process of migration from analogue to digital systems does not limit citizens' right to information.

If the government does not take appropriate action, she warned, digitalization "could endanger the existence of the community radios, and could limit citizens' access to information, particularly those who most lack economic and financial resources."

Nhalivilo regarded the journalists of the community radios as "real heroes", since they work without adequate wages, transport and other conditions often regarded as basic. Despite this, they continued to "guarantee the right to information of those citizens who are often forgotten during development".

For his part, Malin said the project seeks to strengthen the capacity of community radios to work during elections and to monitor governance. It would also provide legal assistance to the radios and their reporters.

It was no coincidence that the agreement was signed on 3 May, World Press Freedom Day. "We chose this day", said Malin, "to pay homage to those journalists and media workers who are exercising their duties with professionalism and rigour".

He urged the Mozambican state to continue guaranteeing the safety of journalists, allowing them to report and comment on events in an independent manner without fear of any kind of reprisal.

"We encourage journalists to use the constitutional right to freedom of expression, and not to yield to the temptation of self-censorship", he added.

Saturday's agreement focuses on 17 community radios, located in the northern provinces of Nampula and Niassa, Zambezia, Tete Manica and Sofala in the centre of the country, and Inhambane and Maputo in the south.

Source: AIM (Maputo), 3 May 2014; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

ALERT

FROM : 04/05/2014 [EN]

Uganda: Spice FM manager fired for hosting opposition politicians

http://www.ifex.org/uganda/2014/05/02/manager_fired/

Spice FM radio in Hoima, Western Uganda has fired its station Manager, Geoffrey Magezi for

hosting opposition politicians. Magezi, who has managed the station for over two years, was verbally dismissed on 15 April 2014.

On Saturday, 12 April 2014, between 9:20pm- 10:30pm local time, the station hosted the former opposition leader of the Forum for Democratic Change (FDC) party, Dr. Kizza Besigye, the leader of the FDC Women's league Ingrid Turinawe and the Democratic Party President Norbert Mao, among others, to discuss electoral reforms in the run-up to the 2016 general elections.

"The problem was hosting Kizza Besigye without his (Edgar Agaba's) consent. Since I was the manager, someone needed to be blamed and the blame ended up in a sacking... our hosting of the politicians followed a recent Memorandum of Understanding between the opposition politicians and the police not to stop such fora," Magezi told HRNJ-Uganda in an interview.

The station proprietor, Edgar Agaba denied firing Magezi for hosting the opposition politicians.

"That's not the reason, but he flouted the rules of the station like recording down the numbers of politicians before hosting them, writing down the talking points for the host to follow and balancing the show by hosting someone from government among others. He failed to live by the rules of the station, so I terminated his services. I can't stand that at my radio; you can quote me on this," Agaba told HRNJ-Uganda.

In March this year, police stormed two radio stations in Western Uganda and ordered the untimely stopping of the talk shows, while the politicians were blocked from accessing two other stations within the region.

Restricting the free flow of information is an inhibition to freedom of expression.

We call upon media proprietors to engage with their staff on regulatory procedures and standards rather than resorting to radical measures, said Robert Ssempala, the National Coordinator, HRNJ-Uganda.

Source: Human Rights Network for Journalists - Uganda, quoted by IFEX (Toronto), 2 May 2014

NEWS

FROM : 05/05/2014 [EN]

Malawi: MBC claims it has stopped bias election reporting

<http://tinyurl.com/pdxt3f>

The public service broadcaster Malawi Broadcasting Corporation (MBC) which runs two radio stations and a national television station says it has come to its senses and stopped bias reporting in the run up to 20 May elections which it has long been accused of.

Broadcaster's authorities said this on Friday [2 May] during the meeting with Malawi Electoral Commission (MEC) officials held at the commission's head offices in the commercial capital Blantyre.

In a statement released after the meeting which was a follow up to the similar meeting held on 4 April, chief elections officer, Willie Kalonga says MBC authorities told the meeting that the broadcaster has introduced two 10-minute daily campaign news programmes which are coming out at 18:20 p.m. and 19:20 p.m. [local time] on MBC 1 and one bulletin on MBC TV coming out at 20:20 p.m.

"MBC has also opened up to coverage of all presidential candidates in its 17 daily news bulletins. MBC has conducted internal training for its reporting and production cohorts to cover elections responsibly. MBC will also train its staff on how to cover polling and result management processes. MEC is expected to facilitate the training," reads the statement in part.

Kalonaa says MBC also told the meeting that it has also made available free airtime for all presidential candidates for face to face engagement through the Sankha Wekha, On the Agenda and the 50:50 Campaign programmes and that politicians have been advised to use any of the MBC studios for production.

However, the state broadcaster said despite the changes it is still facing challenges which are impacting of its operations among the financial constraints and archaic studio equipment.

"The broadcaster has not received any funding for elections from the Treasury despite the Office of President and Cabinet authorizing release of 500m kwacha [1m dollars] for elections programming. The broadcaster is also facing shortage of transport which has failed the broadcaster to be responsive to political parties' campaign activities, news requirements and to service stakeholders". In response Kalonga says MEC officials challenged MBC to live up to the people's expectation by serving Malawians equally regardless of political affiliation.

MEC observed that there is still room for the broadcaster to improve its performance more especially on coverage of presidential functions.

"The commission has purchased a television camera for the public broadcasters which will enable it cover more campaign and election issues" says Kalonga in a statement.

The commission, Kalonga says, expects more improvements from the public broadcaster as the nation prepares for the elections on 20 May.

Source: Nyasa Times website (Leeds), 4 May 2014; quoted by BBC Monitoring Global Newline Media File, 5 May 2014

NEWS

FROM : 05/05/2014 [EN]

Uganda: Vatican Workshop at Radio Pacis, Arua

Fifty-three journalists from four Catholic radio stations have undergone a two-day training at Arua Diocese Media Centre with effective communication as one of the key focus areas. The training was provided by the Centre for Research Education and Communication (CREC) and Radio Vatican. The majority of participants were from Radio Pacis but four journalists from Radio Wa in Lira Diocese also participated. In addition, two journalists from Radio Sapientia in Kampala Archdiocese and two journalists from Kyoga Veritas in Soroti Diocese also participated. [...]

The workshop was offered on March 3 & 4 and then repeated for another group on March 6 & 7. Professor Sean Patrick Lovett, the director of English programming for Radio Vatican and a lecturer at Gregorian University in Rome, Italy did most of the teaching. He encouraged the radio journalists to have great curiosity in them, a desire to learn, and to discover and experience new things in life. He urged journalists to think in a multi-media way by the use of words as well as pictures. Good journalists seek feedback from the listeners. He emphasized that another way of attracting the attention of listeners is by creating a good relationship with the audience gaining their trust and confidence. Journalists cannot speak alone but must listen to the audience and respond to their needs. [...]

Source: Arua Diocese Bulletin, Issue 134, March-April 2014

NEWS

FROM : 05/05/2014 [EN]

Uganda: Radio Pacis Reporters Win Journalism Award

Two reporters from Radio Pacis have set the pace for the next Uganda Journalism Awards. The reporters submitted stories for the first ever national journalism contest organized by The African Centre for Media Excellence and funded by Hivos.

Hafiz Bakhit received the honorable mention award and certificate for submitting a story in the category of environment, about the pollution at River Enyau, caused by car washing.

Emmanuel Ojok was given the award for best Local Reporting. The story was about abortion and risk of early marriage. The fetus was lifted by vulture into its nest to feed the chicks. It dropped to the ground, later picked and buried.

Chief Guest at the award giving ceremony, IGG Mrs. Irene Mulyagonja encouraged the unsuccessful contestants to go back and do more work. Justice Mulyagonja said the number of people joining the media is increasing but appealed for professionalism.

George Lugalambi, Media Capacity Development Officer for Revenue Watch Institute revealed that the judges were looking for stories that were well sourced and stories that had all the stakeholders involved, with variety of voices.

Other winners were Ronald Musoke from The Independent for Agriculture reporting, Caroline Ariba from The New Vision for Arts and culture reporting, Isaac Khisa from The East African for Business and finance reporting, Paschal Bagonza from Radio Sapientia for Environment reporting, Edward Ssekika from The Observer from Political reporting. The National Journalism Awards is aimed at recognizing and promoting excellence in reporting and intended to inspire a culture of quality, high-impact journalism. Each winner received a certificate of commendation, a plaque and a cheque of Ush2.5 million. 220 entries from more than 190 print, broadcasting and online journalists were submitted for competition. Dr George Lugalambi, chair of the panel of judges said the entries, were notable for general good quality, showing a trend toward more analytical journalism in Uganda.

Source: Arua Diocese Bulletin, Issue 134, March-April 2014

NEWS

FROM : 05/05/2014 [EN]

Uganda: Owners and Managers Discuss Professionalism in Journalism

Creating an enabling environment for professional journalism in Uganda was the theme of the dialogue for the media owners and managers in Kampala on April 30th 2014 at Sheraton Kampala-Hotel. Media practitioners from Arua, Kasese, Soroti, Mbale, Moroto and other stakeholders participated in the conference.

Station Manager and Human Resource Manager of Radio Pacis, Sherry Meyer was called as a panelist for the conference.

James Kigozi, the Executive Director, Uganda Media Development Foundation-UMDF said media practitioners have the opportunity to influence events in the country. Instead of relaying Europe-an matches live or airing popular music on radio, the media was challenged to participate in developmental programming. Some media managers were castigated for looking at the bottom-line profit, especially the privately owned media. The media owners have responsibility and duty to this country to make sure professional journalism is undertaken in the facilities. UMDF has found out that some media owners pay as little as 90-thousand shillings to a journalist at the end of the month.

Sherry Meyer told the conference that Radio Pacis follows the regulations from UCC, obtaining the annual license for nearly ten years, but no official from UCC has visited the station to enquire about contracts of the employees. UCC should make sure that the regulations are followed by all media houses.

Paul Kihika, Managing Director of Uganda Broadcasting Corporation-UBC said that UCC is attempting to strengthen the monitoring and enforcement mechanism of UCC in order to promote professionalism in journalism.

Source: Arua Diocese Bulletin, Issue 134, March-April 2014

NEWS

FROM : 05/05/2014 [EN]

Worldwide/Canada: WACC New Projects to Help People Communicate

<http://tinyurl.com/pc2y9sl>

"The goal of WACC's Small Project Support is to increase access to public communication and relevant information and knowledge for poor, marginalized, excluded and dispossessed people. This helps them to participate in shaping local and national decision-making about priorities and actions that affect their lives," WACC said in its annual list of projects [...].

Each project also lists the donation amount needed to advance its goals, with information on how donors can make contributions.

In 2014, WACC continues to focus on four areas of advancing and strengthening communication rights: gender and communication, digital frontiers, community radio and rural poverty reporting. WACC believes that the under-representation of marginalized groups and their opinions and interests in public communication, as well as the prevalence of misinformation and stereotypes, hinders their inclusion and participation in society, governance and human development. The gender and communication initiative includes projects in Benin, Nepal, Bolivia, Ecuador and Brazil, [...]

Expanding digital frontiers involves groups in China, the Philippines, Spain, the Dominican Republic, Colombia, Mexico and Zimbabwe, where the Creative Centre for Communication and Development "intends to empower girls to use citizen journalism and digital media platforms to change attitudes that perpetuate the practice of child marriage." The center also seeks "to educate and mobilize parents and community members and foster an enabling legal and policy framework to end child marriage."

Low-power community radio broadcasting is often the very definition of a "grassroots" approach to communication. For instance, in Tanzania, Katubuka Women, Children and Environment Development Association aims to expand the scope of broadcasts for women. "Most women's programs ... cover issues such as beauty, personal health, family and fashion, but not issues such as rights and liberties, problems and solutions for women or women's perspectives on social problems," said the organization. [...]

Full report and source: Media Action (Toronto), May 2014 and WACC website

NEWS

FROM : 06/05/2014 [EN]

South Africa: Strike At Popular Khayelitsha Radio Station

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201405061396.html>

Programming returned to normal at Khayelitsha's Radio Zibonele Community Station on Sunday following two days of disruptions due to a strike by the majority of the station's staff.

Dozens of the station employees, including presenters, programmers and news staff, boycotted work on Friday morning and staged protests at the Khayelitsha Development Forum (KDF) offices. The staff are accusing the station management of unfair labour practices, citing nepotism and favouritism among other concerns. They claim that the station's head of marketing Hlumisa Matshobongwana got the position because she is married to Mzamo Ngomane who is the station manager. They have questioned her ability to do the job, claiming that a number of clients pulled out of the station because of a bad relationship with her. They also accused Ngomane of giving

employment preference to members of Christian Family Values Church in which he is a pastor. Others alleged that the community station doesn't supply them with earphones, notebooks, and has stopped its allowances for lunch and other necessities.

The station was forced to recall many of its former employees to fill the void and stay on air but programmes could not run in their usual order. An emergency meeting that involved all stakeholders of Radio Zibonele, which include members of KDF, religious groupings, representatives of its staff and the station management was held at the KDF offices Saturday afternoon. All sides were given an opportunity to present their grievances.

However, Ngomane denied the claims labelled against him. He said, "Those making these allegations have no facts to back them up." He produced a list of station employees he has hired who are not members of his church. He said some people go to Christian Family Values but are not members.

Regarding the claim that his wife got the head of marketing job he said, "Hlumisa joined the company in June 2012 and we got married in December 2013." Ngomane said they were not involved at that time because he was married but later got divorced and his divorce didn't have anything to do with her, "I'm also a church pastor and I do not practice extramarital affairs," said Ngomane. He said he was not even involved in the process of hiring her. "An outside company, Dikela and Sons chaired the process. He said they used an outside agency to outsource people for some senior positions. Ngomane said allegations against his wife sound cynical because some of the people making those claims such as Vuyiswa Nganyaza were competing with her for the same position but lost out.

The Saturday meeting resulted in the establishment of a special crisis committee to probe the allegations made by employees. "The committee will start its investigation on the 12 May 2014 and conclude on the 22 May 2014, then table the report on the following day to the stakeholders," said Zithobile Mthandeki who was part of the meeting on behalf of the station employees. He said, "The staff is 'over the moon' at this latest development and hope that the process will be fair to all."

The staff apologised to the listeners for programming disruptions. Mthandeki said, "What we did was for the best interest of the listeners, not just about us, we had to sacrifice and risk it all."

Programming went back to normal from yesterday morning and will go on until the 23 May 2014. The future of the station programming will depend on the outcome of the task team. Mthandeki had harsh words for those who didn't take part in the strike. He said "They stabbed us in the back while we were doing this for everybody's benefit working for the station."

The staff also expressed their gratitude to various organisations and trade unions who supported them. Among these were Creative Workers Union, KDF, Cosatu, Seskhona People's Rights Movement, South African Communist Party, Right to Know Campaign, Treatment Action Campaign, a Labour Lawyer whose identity won't be revealed, Sanco, and community members.

Source: GroundUp (Cape Town), 5 May 2014; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 06/05/2014 [EN]

Somalia: Mayor of Mogadishu Says He's an Avid Listener of Radio Shabelle

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201405061296.html>

The Governor of Benadir & Mayor of Mogadishu featured in an interview with Radio Shabelle in Mogadishu, and sent his sincere appraisal to Shabelle Media Network and highlighting that he is an avid listener of the radio station.

Mayor Mungab strained that Shabelle reports precise and truthful news stories and that they overcame difficult hurdles in the past.

Mr. Mungab added that when he was the Judge of the Military Court, Shabelle provided him assistance in his job by reporting exact accounts on sentences, justice and security.

"In 2011, Shabelle Media Network and Hormuud Telecom raised awareness to victims of the drought and raised a considerable amount of money which was used to help the displaced population." Said the Mayor

The speech by the Mayor comes at a time when Shabelle Media Network is celebrating its 12th anniversary today (6th may).

Source: Shabelle Media Network (Mogadishu), 6 May 2014; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 07/05/2014 [EN]

Mozambique: European Union Supports Community Radios

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201405070329.html>

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Source: AIM (Maputo), 2 May 2014; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 09/05/2014 [EN]

Centrafrique: CAR journalists impose news blackout 7 May to protest killing of two colleagues

A news blackout day was staged in the Central African Republic yesterday [7 May]. Newspapers were not put out for sale in the newsstands and radios and televisions did not broadcast any news either.

The day was organised by the Union of Central African Journalists (UJCA) to denounce the killing of two of their colleagues, Desire Sayenga and Rene Padou, at the end of last month. The UJCA also staged a demonstration in the capital, Bangui.

After the demonstration, the president of the union of journalists, Maka Gbossokotto, held discussions with the representative of the secretary-general of the United Nations to the Central African Republic, Babacar Gaye.

Source: Radio France Internationale (Paris), in French, 8 May 2014; translated and quoted by BBC Monitoring Global Newline Media File, 9 May 2014

NEWS

FROM : 09/05/2014 [EN]

Tunisia: Tunisian regulatory body seeks to rein in boom in radio stations

Tunisia has seen a big boom in private FM radio stations since the 2011 revolution, but the recently created independent media regulatory authority is working to lay down the rules for operation and licensing for old and new broadcasting outlets, Al-Jazeera reported on 7 May.

The majority of those radio stations, whether the ones operating without license, or others with provisional licenses, face the same difficulties.

Nouzha Mohamed, the director of Radio 6, summed up those difficulties to be mainly related to advertisers as well as the lack of state support, which, if available, would make a media business much easier to run and a success, as she put it.

The Independent High Authority for Audio-visual Communications (HAICA) is working on a regulatory framework for an uncontrolled media market as questions abound over the agenda of several media organizations and their funding sources.

Hecham Senoussi, a HAICA official, said the authority issued a document that includes conditions and rules for broadcasting media outlets and will decide on certain cases after examining them.

In the post-revolutionary era, the media landscape in Tunisia has been characterized by the rise of many radio stations owned by individuals, political parties and civil society organizations in the absence of regulations and laws, Nouredine Meladi, a professor of media studies, told Al-Jazeera.

The belated issuing by HAICA of rules to regulate the operation of radio stations comes in good time before the elections which will be fought on TV and on the radio, he added.

Small radio stations should be helped to have a share in the advertising market dominated by big broadcasting networks, he said.

Source: Al-Jazeera TV (Doha), in Arabic, 7 May 2014; translated and quoted by BBC Monitoring Global Newline Media File, 9 May 2014

NEWS

FROM : 09/05/2014 [EN]

Zimbabwe: Media Experts Blast Holland Over Pirate Radio Stations

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201405090507.html>

The Netherlands has no justification to fund a pirate radio station broadcasting illegally into Zimbabwe, media practitioners have said.

They said this in response to claims by Dutch Ambassador to Zimbabwe Mrs Gera Sneller that Voice of the People was abiding by her country's laws.

Mrs Sneller made the claim after meeting Information, Media and Broadcasting Services Minister Professor Jonathan Moyo in Harare on Wednesday.

Prof Moyo had told her that though her country supported the liberation struggle, it had not helped set up a radio station then but was ironically doing so in independent Zimbabwe in pursuance of regime change..

Broadcasting Authority of Zimbabwe chairperson Dr Tafataona Mahoso said the Netherlands was in breach of International Telecommunications Union statutes.

"This is a deliberate attack on the broadcasting space of Zimbabwe and what the ambassador said is just for her expediency so that they can have a legal sounding argument with the purpose of defeating the actual law," said Dr Mahoso.

National University of Science and Technology dean of Communication and Information Science Dr Lawton Hikwa said funding the pirate radio station created political and diplomatic problems.

"Why would one who wants to broadcast on Zimbabwean issues do it from a foreign country and not want to give Zimbabweans some form of recourse to a justice system?

"That is the problem with pirate radio stations, that in their country they may not be flouting the laws; but what makes them pirate radio stations is that they are not operating within the confines of Zimbabwe's jurisdiction.

"This is an attitudinal diplomatic issue because Holland has some selective legalisation on marijuana but that does not necessarily make it legal in Zimbabwe," said Dr Hikwa.

Midlands State University media lecturer Dr Nhamo Mhiripiri said Ambassador Sneller's argument did not hold water because Dutch laws were not Zimbabwean laws.

Source: The Herald (Harare), 9 May 2014; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 14/05/2014 [EN]

Liberia: Community Radio Prexy Frowns At Lawmaker

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201405130476.html>

The President of the Association of Liberian Community Radio (ALICOR) has frowned at statement made by River Gee County District #2 Representative Christian S. Chea that the District representative or Commissioner had the right to examine any story aired on the Voice of Fuamah or VOF.

Representative Chea, during the official launch of a Community Radio -the Voice of Fuamah, in Heindi, Fuamah District, Bong County on April 9, 2014, said Representative Corpu G. Barclay or the Commissioner of Fuamah District had the right to examine any story aired on the VOF, emphasizing that these Officials had even had the right to bind "anything" considered offensive in the News.

Representative Christian Chea is a former Manager of Radio Gee in Fish Town, established by the then Liberia media Project run by the Press Union of Liberia, Catholic Justice and Peace Commission and Center for Justice and Peace Studies, in partnership with International Alert-a UK based Peace-building organization. His ascendency to the House of Representative was through his association with the community radio as Station Manger.

Mr. William Quare, reacting to the statement, described Rep. Chea's declaration as a threat to Community Radio in Liberia, noting that the statement has the propensity to hinder the smooth operation of Community Radio Stations in the Country.

In a related development, the ALICOR President has stressed the need for more budgetary allocation for the sustainability of Community Radio Stations in Liberia.

Mr. Quare noted that the issue of sustainability was paramount to Liberian Community Radio, adding that the issue of keeping Community Radio on was a serious problem.

He indicated that Liberia has a little over 50 Community Radio Stations of which he is heading, and that only a few were benefiting from the National Budget.

He used the opportunity to call on the Speaker and other members of the 53rd Legislature to find a place in this year's budget to for the Community Radio Network.

"We will highly appreciate if you pass the money through a Representative, but the issue is that some Representatives in our Counties tell the Radio Stations that this is my personal money and I run it the way I want to," he said.

According to him, there is an instant wherein 20 Community Radio Stations benefited from funds from National Government- something he stated, others did not benefit.

He recommended to the Speaker and colleagues to always pass allotment intended for Community Radios through the Ministry of Information or ALICOR. He also used the occasion to call on community dwellers to support community radio stations by all means possible.

Source: The New Dawn (Monrovia), 12 May 2014; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 14/05/2014 [EN]

Burundi: Journalist working for French broadcaster briefly arrested in northern Burundi

[Announcer] One of RFI's reporters, Sonia Rolley was arrested in Burundi. She was arrested after a blockade organised by a local authority official and youth believed to be members of the Imborenakure [CNDD-FDD party youth wing]. The arrest was brief but the highest authorities in Bujumbura had to intervene to save the situation. At the time of her arrest, she was with a journalist of a major private radio station in the country, RPA. The arrest happened in the north of the country, in Marangara, Ngozi Province. The following report she gave after her release tells us more. [...]

Full text and source: Radio France Internationale (Paris), in French, 12 May 2014; translated and quoted by BBC Monitoring Global Newline Media File, 13 May 2014

ALERT

FROM : 15/05/2014 [EN]

Burundi: Burundi ruling party youth leader raps brief arrest of RFI journalist

[Announcer] In Burundi, the head of Imborenakure [ruling party youth wing], Dennis Karera has reacted to the brief arrest of RFI journalist Sonia Rolley and that of another journalist from RPA Radio.

Rolley was blocked for about two and a half hours at the exit to Marongara town, north of the country. She was not arrested by the police but by the head of the town council as well as certain youth who residents said were members of Imborenakure.

This incident added further to the crisis between Burundian authorities and the media and added to the suspicion of Imborenakure being armed. Here is what he had to say

[Dennis Karera] At the moment, investigations are ongoing to establish what exactly led to this state of affairs so that we can take punitive measures against Imborenakure members who took part in this incident that does not at all augur well with us.

In Imborenakure, we congratulate all journalists who do their work while respecting the ethics of their profession and we support the freedom of movement of journalists. Otherwise, in Imborenakure, no one has the right to arrest or any similar matter as it happened to you. They must all be made accountable to the law and punished.

Source: Radio France Internationale (Paris), in French, 13 May 2014; translated and quoted by BBC Monitoring Global Newline Media File, 15 May 2014

NEWS

FROM : 15/05/2014 [EN]

Malawi: Malawi state broadcaster said facing financial problems

<http://www.nyasatimes.com/2014/05/09/mbc-in-financial-crisis-bank-accounts-frozen/>

The national broadcaster Malawi Broadcasting Corporation (MBC) is reeling from serious financial problems which have seen its bank accounts being frozen.

According to a senior official at the institution, MBC has been, financially overburdened, due to lack of government funding to finance the continuous live coverage of presidential errands dubbed "development rallies".

The broadcaster has not received any funding for elections from the Treasury despite the Office of President and Cabinet (OPC) authorizing release of 500m kwacha [1m dollars] for elections programming.

Minister of Information and Civic Education Brown Mpinganjira could not immediately comment. Ministry of Finance [spokesperson] Nations Msowoya conceded that government has been hit by aid withdrawal, which in the end affects funds allocation to various ministries and departments.

"Everybody knows that as a result of the cashgate scandal, donors under Cabs [Common Approach to Budget Support-Group] withdrew their budgetary support to government. Consequently, government reduced its funding to ministries and departments," Msowoya lamented.

A senior MBC official revealed that the institution's bank accounts were frozen two weeks ago due to failure to service its debts with commercial banks amounting to millions, adding it was currently

operating on 'hand-to-mouth' basis from funds generated from adverts.

"It is through money generated from adverts that we able to fund some of the operations, especially covering head of state rallies, which are draining us a lot. We have been struggling to pay our employees because of same issue of lack of funds," complained the official.

MBC, according to the official, requires over 3m kwacha [8,000 dollars] weekly to fund president's daily trips including the development rallies.

"A week ago we requested for 15m kwacha from the Treasury to meet expenses for the campaign period coverage but we got nothing. The situation is really worse."

Ministry of Finance [spokesperson] Nations Msowoya while playing down claims that ministries including prison department were failing to purchase basic items, conceded that the government has been hit by aid withdrawal.

He added: "Accordingly, ministries cut down on their operations as there was no money to fund all activities. Some of the areas that were reduced included the payment of allowances where official trips had to be undertaken. There has also been reduction in the acquisition of many consumables in ministries and departments."

MBC recently complained to Malawi Electoral Commission (MEC) of the worsening financial situation, which has hampered infrastructural improvement and growth. This has rendered the institution unable to fully meet its mandate and provide balanced coverage to all political parties during the campaign period as the country hold tripartite elections on 20 May, 2014.

MBC continues to face shortage of transport, shortage of cameras which has failed the station from covering activities of political parties and candidates.

Source: Nyasa Times website (Leeds), 9 May 2014; quoted by BBC Monitoring Global Newline Media File, 11 May 2014

NEWS

FROM : 16/05/2014 [EN]

Tunisia: AMARC calls on the Tunisian government to stop intimidating free media

The World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters, AMARC, expresses its solidarity with the team of Radio 6, the first community radio station in Tunisia and formally calls on the Tunisian authorities to immediately cease their harassment against free Tunisian airwaves.

On May 14, under the pretext of controlling the legality of the purchase of Radio 6's broadcasting equipment; customs officials and the National Frequencies Agency (ANF) proceeded to the identification of all the journalists of the radio and requested access to the technical installations of Radio 6. This act of intimidation is clearly aimed at limiting the spread of a free speech on the Tunisian capital. Recall that Radio 6 has a regular license granted by the State.

"Tunisia is a laboratory of democracy - said Maria Pia Matta, President of AMARC - and we are strongly affected by the behavior of the government and customs officials. In the latest proposal 'Cahier de Charges' submitted by the Independent High Authority for Audiovisual Communication (HAICA), Art. 10 recognized the possibility for radios to broadcast by their own means. The path to democracy is through free media. We strongly urge the Tunisian authorities to stop such threats against freedom of expression in the country."

In previous months, customs officers have undertaken the same kind of actions against Tunisian free radios, an element which suggests that there is an overall intention to limit freedom of speech in the country.

Source: AMARC International Secretariat (Montreal), Communique, 15 May 2014

NEWS

FROM : 16/05/2014 [EN]

Zambia/Vatican: Fr Paul Samasumo Appointed Head of Vatican Radio's English and Swahili Service

<http://tinyurl.com/o7a7sz4>

ZAMBIA: Fr Paul Samasumo Appointed Head of Vatican Radio's English and Swahili Service for Africa

The Director of the Vatican Radio, Fr Federico Lombardi, SJ, has appointed Fr Paul Samasumo as the new head of the English and Swahili Service for Africa at Vatican Radio in the Vatican.

This appointment takes effect next month, June. [...]

Fr Samasumo replaces Rt Rev Moses Hamungole whom Pope Francis appointed Bishop of Monze in Zambia.

Full report and source: CISA (Nairobi), e-newsletter, 15 May 2014

NEWS

FROM : 16/05/2014 [EN]

Kenya: Kenyan media group set to relaunch radio station<http://tinyurl.com/pz4wlff>

A new radio station takes to the airwaves on Thursday [15 May]. Easy FM will be relaunched as Nation FM, a radio station which will concentrate on current affairs.

"We are launching a radically different radio station from what Kenyans have on air," said Mr Manwa Magoma, the head of radio at Nation Media Group.

The station will give Kenyans timely information that is relevant to them at all times and will feature news updates after every quarter of an hour during the day.

Serious content

"Any time you tune in you will be able to listen to news and at the top of the hour you will get a news brief. You will always stay informed," Mr Magoma said.

According to Mr Magoma, the launch is in response to lack of serious content on radio airwaves.

"We are trying to tune into what Kenyans want, we have noticed that there is a need for sensible conversations on air and are providing a platform for these discussions to occur," he said when asked about the new station's strategy.

The radio station will feature current affairs and lifestyle programmes targeting Kenyans.

Source: Daily Nation (Nairobi), website, 15 May 2014; Quoted by BBC Monitoring Global Newline Media File, 16 May 2014

NEWS

FROM : 17/05/2014 [EN]

Nigeria/USA: BBG Signs Agreement to Provide Live VOA News in Nigeria<http://tinyurl.com/msqoyn6>

The Broadcasting Board of Governors today announced an agreement with Channels Television, one of the 13 independent Nigerian TV stations. For the first time, Voice of America correspondents will report on events as they happen from around the world for the Channels evening newscasts.

"We are excited to deepen our innovative and interactive relationship with Channels TV," said BBG Governor Matt Armstrong, who signed the agreement at an Association of International Broadcasters conference in London. "We will work together collaboratively to cover local and global events, from Lagos, Washington, DC, and around the world based on VOA's trusted news and information and the journalists at Channels TV. "

VOA's English-language reports will air on the Channels prime-time evening programs "The World Today" at 5:30 pm and "News at Ten" at 10:00 pm local time. Channels TV is popular with English-speaking Nigerians and has approximately a 15 percent audience share of adults over age 15.

This affiliate agreement is an expansion of an ongoing partnership. A Channels TV correspondent is a regular contributor to VOA's Africa54 daily television news program. VOA has been providing Channels with correspondent reports from Ukraine, Cairo, and London, as well as feature, news, entertainment, health, and sports reports.

Speaking at the signing, John Momoh, founder and Chief Executive Officer of Channels TV, observed, "There is a trend in partnership and collaboration is needed amongst ourselves and with organizations like the Voice of America." He added, "Nigeria's digital future is promising."

VOA provides news and information programming to Nigeria via radio, mobile and online platforms, in both English and Hausa. In addition to its website, radio broadcasts and popular mobile site, the Hausa Service recently launched DandalinVOA, a 24/7 mobile phone platform that provides users with the latest analyses, breaking news and information.

Source: Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG), Washington, Press Release, 16 May 2014

NEWS

FROM : 17/05/2014 [EN]

Zimbabwe: 18 Shortlisted for Local Radio Licences<http://allafrica.com/stories/201405160963.html>

Media analysts have welcomed the short-listing of 18 applications for local commercial broadcasting services but called for a transparent adjudication process.

Broadcasting Authority of Zimbabwe (BAZ) chief executive officer, Obert Maganyura, recently revealed that that they have shortlisted 18 applicants from the 21 who submitted applications for local commercial radio licences.

"Those shortlisted will be subjected to public hearings to determine their suitability to be licensed in terms of provisions of the Broadcasting Services Act," Maganyura said in a statement.

"Members of the public and short-listed applicants will be advised of the dates, time and venues of the public hearings through written and published notices. The authority intends to complete this licensing process by the end of July 2014."

Media Institute for Southern Africa - Zimbabwe Chapter (Misa-Zimbabwe) Director Nhlanhla Ngwenya welcomed the development.

"We are calling upon the BAZ to have a transparent public hearing process where prejudices will not take over reasoning and logic, and we call upon those who will conduct public hearings to grant licenses where they are due," he said.

Other industry observers however expressed reservations drawing on the outrage that followed the licencing of ZiFM owned by Zanu PF legislator and deputy information minister Supa Mandiwanzira and StarFM, run by the government-owned Zimpapers group.

"It all depends on the transparency of the process going forward, particularly on the issue to do with how they came to be vetted, pending public hearings and public knowledge of the final determination procedures.

"This however notwithstanding the overall fact that the Broadcasting Services Act remains patently undemocratic," said Takura Zhangazha.

National Coordinator for Zimbabwe Association of Community Radio Stations (ZACRAS) Vivian Marara said the shot-listing was a positive development.

"It has been previously reported that once, BAZ completes the licensing of local commercial stations, it will move to community radios," said Marara.

"However, from previous experience it has been observed that the Authority is slow in its implementation process.

"We therefore call upon BAZ to expedite the licensing of local commercial stations because the process has taken longer than necessary."

BAZ said it received 21 applications out of the twenty-five areas invited for licencing. Harare leads the list with the highest number of applicants.

Source: NewZimbabwe.com (London), 15 May 2014; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 17/05/2014 [EN]

Liberia: Bong Lawmaker Commissions New Radio Station in Fuamah District

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201405161472.html?viewall=1>

Bong County District #7 Representative, Corpu Barclay, has Commissioned the long-awaited Voice of Fuamah 92.5 with a charge on management and staff to use the station not only for rallying support for her political quest but equally use for uniting the people of the district irrespective of their culture, religion and political affiliation.

At the grand commissioning, Rep. Barclay, who was accompanied by the Speaker of the 53rd National Legislature, Alex Tyler and an array of lawmakers and other top government functionaries, said the station was established for the dissemination of news for the education and enlightenment of the citizenry. The lawmaker explained that the station was born out of the need and strong commitment to overhaul all sectors when she got re-elected in 2011. [...]

Full report and source: FrontPageAfrica (Monrovia), 15 May 2014; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 19/05/2014 [EN]

Ethiopia: Online Radio 251 Ethiopia signs Urban music content deal with Kenya's MTech

<http://tinyurl.com/k9xfe35>

Radio 251 Ethiopia is an online Radio that has the slogan "Ethiopia's Urban Premiere hit station". It offers a mixture of Ethiopian Urban music that never gets airplay and gossip on Ethiopian celebrities.

Frustrated by the lack of profile for Ethiopian Urban music in its own country, it has signed a deal with mobile content company MTech. Online Radio 251 scouts for artists and songs and MTech will distribute it in Kenya, targeting the Southern Ethiopian niche market, those with the Borano dialect. They also hope to interest Kenyans in the music as well. The long term hope is that the music will travel to other markets.

The music will be available shortly as ringback tones on Airtel and Safaricom. They hope to back the launch with music concerts, TV commercials and online promotions.

CEO of Radio 251 Ethiopia Kennedy Tefera Tuiyottold me: "What you're witnessing now is a revolution in Online radio and Africa is going into the digital era with a bang. The playing field is.

We have developed our android app so we can keep our listeners everywhere they go. We are pleased to have a well known Kenyan DJ on our broadcast Dj Slam 251 who has created radio mixes”

“We offer as free download and mobile blasts short mixes with low Mbs value since data prices are somewhat high in Kenya. So far we are setting up small tables in hotels and shopping malls trying to woo the Kenyan market to Activate our Ethiopian Ringbacktones and soon we will have this as ringtones as well. We hope this model will propel us in other major markets we are targeting and we are also looking for major sponsor to partner with us to enable us achieve this Business model in an epic way”.

“We are in talks with Ethiotel and we hope we can bring more of the technology Mtech has offered us to be of value to the Ethiopian Entertainment industry. The ringback tone industry is a multi million industry and we are ready for the piece of cake offering authentic Ethiopian music. We have also incorporated the Ethiopian Gospel singers based in Kenya.”

Source: Global Web TV Viewer, Issue No.Z15, May 2014

NEWS

FROM : 19/05/2014 [EN]

Nigeria: Mobile Rises Sharply While Radio Dominates for News

<http://tinyurl.com/kp779o6>

While a vast divide remains between "media rich" and "media poor" Nigerians, household mobile ownership has surpassed that of radio and TV in Nigeria, and the use of Internet is trending upward, according to new findings on Nigerian media consumption habits presented today by the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

The data, which comes from a national media survey conducted by Gallup in early 2014, shows that 87% of Nigerian adults have a mobile phone in their household. Personal mobile phone ownership has grown across all demographics, including women, Hausa speakers, and older Nigerians.

Home Internet access also increased sharply-nearly tripling from 7.5% in 2012 to 22.9% in 2014. This growth is directly linked to the continued spread of mobile technology, as 95.7% of weekly Internet users say they accessed the Web using a mobile device. However, the spike in new Internet users consists largely of men and those in the 15-24 age bracket.

While use of new technologies is on the rise, radio remains the dominant news platform in Nigeria, with 77.4% overall and more than seven in 10 across all major demographic groups saying they listen to the radio for news at least weekly.

"Hausa speakers are still the most avid radio listeners, but trail behind on other platforms," said Sonja Gloeckle, research analyst at the International Broadcasting Bureau.

Nigerians are active consumers of news, with two-thirds (66.6%) saying they access news at least once a day. At the same time, Gallup World Poll data from July 2013 found a sharp decline in perceptions of media freedom in Nigeria, particularly in the north.

Dan Foy, consultant at Gallup, explained that perceptions of a functional democracy were low in Nigeria. "Just 18% of Nigerians have confidence in their country's elections," he said, "and only 30.4% have confidence in the government that those elections produce."

Source: BBG (Washington), Press release, 15 May 2014

NOUVELLES

NEWS

FROM : 22/04/2014 [FR]

Sénégal: Assemblée générale de l'URAC mercredi 23 avril 2014

L'Union des Radios Associatives et Communautaires du Sénégal organise ce mercredi 23 avril son Assemblée Générale ordinaire à l'ENA (ex ENAM) à partir de 9h00. Cette rencontre placée sous la présidence de Mr Babacar Touré du Conseil National de Régulation de l'Audiovisuel sera un moment de partages et de réflexions sur la nouvelle vision de l'URAC mais aussi de discussions sur les nouveaux enjeux autour de la radio communautaire .
Source: Daouda GUEYE, Secrétaire Général URAC, Communiqué, 22 avril 2014

NEWS

FROM : 24/04/2014 [FR]

Côte d'Ivoire: Réconciliation nationale : La Fondation Nabintou Cissé équipe les radios confessionnelles

<http://news.abidjan.net/h/494460.html>

La Fondation Hadja Nabintou Cissé fera une grande remise de dons. Il s'agit de nombreux lots de matériels informatiques, consommables, mobiliers et fournitures de bureau pour trois ans. Les heureux bénéficiaires de ces dons sont la radio musulmane Al Bayane et certaines radios chrétiennes. Pour le président de la Fondation, Nabi Touré, il s'agit d'aider ces vecteurs de communication dans leur mission d'information, d'éducation des populations ivoiriennes et leur participation au processus de réconciliation nationale.
Source : Le Patriote (Abidjan), 5 avr. 2014; information reprise par Abidjan.net et transmise à TRRAACE par Serge Adam's Diakité (journaliste indépendant à Abidjan)

NEWS

FROM : 26/04/2014 [FR]

Sénégal: Une nouvelle radio communautaire à Ndiamacouta

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201404231266.html>

Le paysage médiatique du département de Bounkiling -région de Sédhiou- vient de s'enrichir d'une deuxième radio communautaire après «Kambeng» de Madina Wandifa. Kabada Fm a été récemment inaugurée par le directeur de World Education.

La cérémonie d'inauguration de la radio Kabada Fm a vu la participation d'une forte délégation gambienne. Leur présence participe au renforcement des liens d'amitié et de fraternité, et de pacification de l'espace social entre deux communautés unies par l'histoire.

C'est avec enthousiasme que les populations ont accueilli ce médium qui se veut une radio de dialogue frontalier, de sensibilisation pour la préservation des réserves forestières. Selon son promoteur Omar Savané Cissé, « cette radio va relever des défis en matière de santé, d'environnement et d'éducation ».

Dans cette zone, une bonne partie de la population est encore réfractaire à l'inscription des enfants à l'école française. Le directeur de World Education Sénégal, Abdou Sarr, principal bailleur, est longuement revenu sur les missions de cette radio.

« Les programmes seront orientés vers les préoccupations des populations frontalières en vue de leur apporter des solutions endogènes fondées sur la concertation et le dialogue intercommunautaire », a assuré M. Sarr.

La partie gambienne a vivement salué l'orientation donnée à cette radio qui est un véritable outil d'intégration sous-régionale.

Source: Le Soleil (Dakar), 23 avr. 2014; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 01/05/2014 [FR]

Sénégal: Régulation de l'audiovisuel - Le CNRA réceptionne un nouveau matériel de monitoring

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201404301450.html?viewall=1>

Dans le cadre de la mise en œuvre de sa nouvelle politique de régulation, le Conseil national de régulation de l'audiovisuel (Cnra) a réceptionné, hier, un nouveau matériel de monitoring des médias. Ce système permet le monitoring de 24 télévisions et de 36 radios.

La régulation de l'audiovisuel au Sénégal est en passe de connaître un nouveau tournant avec la réception, hier, d'un nouveau matériel de monitoring des médias par le Conseil national de régulation de l'audiovisuel (Cnra).

Acquis auprès de la Haute autorité de la communication audiovisuelle (Haca) du Maroc grâce au soutien du chef de l'Etat et les contributions de l'Agence de régulation des télécommunications et des postes (Artp) et du Fonds de développement du service des télécommunications (Fdsut), ce système permet le monitoring de 24 télévisions et de 36 radios.

Ainsi, du fait de la portée extensible de ce système, le Cnra envisage d'acquiescer une solution qui lui permettra le suivi des médias sur l'intégralité du territoire national.

Aussi, le système favorise « l'exploitation des contenus pour s'assurer du respect, par les éditeurs de service, de leurs engagements contractuels et disposer aussi à tout moment de la physionomie et des caractéristiques du paysage audiovisuel sénégalais ».

En outre, « la technologie mise en place permettra d'établir un état des lieux qualitatif sur l'activité du paysage et de traiter les appréciations formulées par les usagers ». [...]

Texte complet et source: Le Soleil (Dakar), 30 avr. 2014; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 04/05/2014 [FR]

RDC: 10 journalistes reçoivent le «prix de la liberté de la presse Lucien Tshimpumpu»

<http://tinyurl.com/nz4eskn>

A l'occasion de la célébration de la journée mondiale de la liberté de la presse, l'Union nationale de la presse du Congo (UNPC) et l'Observatoire des médias congolais (Omec) ont procédé samedi 3 mai à Kinshasa à la remise du «prix de la liberté de la presse Lucien Tshimpumpu» à dix journalistes et cinq organes de presse ayant marqué l'année 2013-2014.

Parmi les nominés figurent notamment trois journalistes de la radio Muungano de Oïcha au Nord-Kivu, primés collectivement comme meilleurs journalistes de la radio privée.

Le 15 février dernier, ces trois chevaliers de la plume étaient tombés dans une embuscade des rebelles ougandais des ADF au village Lesse dans le secteur de Beni-Mbau alors qu'ils se rendaient à Kamango pour couvrir la reprise de cette localité par les FARDC. L'un d'eux, Muliwavyo, a succombé à ses blessures le lendemain.

Source: Radio Okapi (Kinshasa), website, 03 mai 2014

NEWS

FROM : 06/05/2014 [FR]

RDC: Kananga - Les lépreux de Tshimuanza contribuent au projet Radio Maria

<http://www.archi-kananga.org>

La radio Maria, station de Kananga a ouvert le mois marial et a lancé ce 1 mai 2014, le Mariathon 2014 par une messe présidée par l'Abbé Augustin KALAMBA, directeur éditorial, à la Paroisse Universitaire Saint Marc. Cette messe a rassemblé plus de cinq cents fidèles et auditeurs de la radio Maria malgré la pluie qui s'est abattue sur la ville de Kananga. [...]

Quant au mois de mai qui commence, le directeur de la Radio Maria RDC, station de Kananga, a affirmé que c'est un mois de dévotion "mariale", mais aussi et surtout un "Mois" missionnaire avec Marie. C'est le mois de Mariathon : course de générosité en faveur de la Vierge Marie pour que l'évangile de son Fils pénètre les coeurs, les familles, les hôpitaux, les prisons, aider les villages qui ne savent pas voir un prêtre à avoir la Sainte Messe par les ondes de la Radio Maria.

Au lendemain de cette grande messe, les premiers à réagir pour apporter leur don sont les malades de la léproserie de Tshimuanza, village situé à plus 90 Km de la ville de Kananga. Cette léproserie est sous la gestion des soeurs de la charité de Jésus et de Marie. Les malades de la lèpre vivant à Tshimuanza ont apporté un sac de manioc et un régime de bananes que l'on peut évaluer à 15\$. C'est un

véritable miracle de la Vierge Marie. Les lépreux ont affirmé apporter leur pierre à l'édification de cet instrument d'évangélisation qui leur affirme la présence de Dieu dans leur vie et leur permet d'écouter sa parole et se sentir toujours des aimés de Dieu.

Texte complet et source: Abbé Kalamba Augustin, Directeur de la Radio Maria/Kananga via Google Groupes Médias catholiques de la RD Congo (CECOS-CODICOS-RDCONGO), 06 mai 2014

NEWS

FROM : 06/05/2014 [FR]

Burkina Faso: CSC - 16 nouvelles licences accordées à des promoteurs de radios

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201405061638.html>

Le Conseil supérieur de la communication (CSC) a attribué des autorisations d'exploitation de fréquences à 16 promoteurs de radios, ce mardi 6 mai 2014, à Ouagadougou. En présence de la présidente de l'institution, Béatrice Damiba, lesdits promoteurs ont signé les conventions qui les engagent pour dix ans.

En tout 16 radios (9 associatives, 5 commerciales et 2 confessionnelles) ont apposé leurs signatures au bas de la convention d'exploitation des fréquences attribuées par le CSC, l'instance de régulation de la communication au Burkina Faso.

Ces nouvelles radios vont émettre dans le Bam (Radio Bam), à Ouagadougou (Hit radio, Wat FM, Radio islamique à Ouagadougou), dans le Boulgou (LPC à Tenkodogo, Bitou FM à Bitou).

On aura également la Radio Tampani FM à Léo, Radio Argoutar à Dissin (Noumbiel), Radio Nobiel à Gaoua, La voix du Sahel à Gorom Gorom, Dauphin FM à Koupéla, Radio développement solidaire durable à Nadiagou (Pama) et Radio Sirebai à Niagoloko.

Il faut ajouter à la liste Waossa FM à Yaba (Nayala), La voix du centre sud à Nobéré (Zoundwéogo), la radio Viim Koega à Koudougou.

Béatrice Damiba a rappelé aux promoteurs qu'on n'ouvre pas une radio ou une télévision comme on ouvre une boutique de quartier.

« Non seulement il y a des charges, mais aussi et surtout des responsabilités sociales liées au métier d'informer dont la recherche de la vérité, le respect de la vie privée, la tolérance, l'équilibre des opinions », avertit-elle.

Par ailleurs elle a saisi l'occasion de la signature de convention pour interpeller les promoteurs sur leurs obligations aussi bien administratives que financières contenues dans les cahiers de charges et les arrêtés d'autorisation et pour insister sur la nécessité de respecter le pluralisme afin d'éviter que les médias ne soient la cause d'éventuels troubles à la paix sociale.

Jean de Dieu Somda, représentant des promoteurs des médias, s'est réjoui de la confiance que le CSC place en eux. Il s'est engagé en son nom propre et aux noms des tous les promoteurs à respecter les dispositions légales et réglementaires.

Il est par ailleurs revenu longuement sur les dispositions d'accompagnement qu'il attend du CSC : besoins de formation des journalistes et des techniciens qui est pour lui un défi constant, et aussi sur la transition de l'analogique vers le numérique.

Par rapport à l'octroi des autorisations d'exploitation de fréquences pour les cinq télévisions qui étaient prévues, le CSC dit ne pas être encore prêt, et cela s'explique par l'avènement de la télévision numérique terrestre (TNT) qui est prévu pour 2015.

Source: Faszine (Ouagadougou), 6 mai 2014; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 09/05/2014 [FR]

Tunisie: Télévision et radios publiques - La Haica exige des nominations

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201405080947.html>

La Haute autorité indépendante de la communication audiovisuelle (Haica) a demandé à la présidence du gouvernement de « boucler au plus vite le processus retenu en matière de nominations relatives aux établissements de la télévision et de la radio publiques ».

Elle a en même temps fait porter au gouvernement la responsabilité de tout éventuel retardement des nominations à la tête des deux établissements.

Dans un communiqué, la Haica a attiré l'attention du gouvernement sur l'état de tension au sein des établissements de la télévision et de la radio tunisiennes et son impact sur le fonctionnement de ce service public, ce qui, estime l'instance, serait « de nature à compromettre les préparatifs indispensables à la prochaine échéance électorale ».

« Rien ne justifie l'attitude de la présidence du gouvernement, laquelle pourrait faire échouer l'initiative de l'instance en faveur de l'instauration de traditions objectives et transparentes en matière de nominations à la tête des médias publics », ajoute la Haica, mettant en garde contre « la gravité de cette attitude, parce que contraire aux principes et valeurs de l'Etat démocratique ». La Haica rappelle également avoir réclamé, depuis son avènement, la révision des nominations à la tête des établissements de la télévision et de la radio tunisiennes, nominations qu'elle considère avoir été « décidées unilatéralement par le gouvernement en janvier 2012 ». Elle fait remarquer avoir toujours tenu, « tout le long de son dialogue avec les gouvernements successifs, à ce que l'opération de recrutement se fasse sur la base d'un appel à candidatures répondant aux critères de transparence et d'égalité des chances ».

« Même si le gouvernement actuel a accédé à la demande faite par l'instance en février 2014 en

faveur de la mise en place d'un processus transparent, ajoute la Haica, il n'en a pas moins tergiversé par la suite pour ce qui est de mener ce processus jusqu'à son terme, c'est-à-dire jusqu'à l'application de la règle de l'avis conforme pour la nomination de deux présidents-directeurs généraux respectivement à la tête des établissements de la radio et de la télévision tunisiennes ». Source: LaPresse.tn (Tunis), 8 mai 2014; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 14/05/2014 [FR]

RDC : Kisangani - Des journalistes formés sur la lutte contre le changement climatique

<http://tinyurl.com/pms5om4>

Des journalistes de Bunia, Béni, Mambasa et Kisangani ont été formés, du 6 au 10 mai à Kisangani, sur les techniques et stratégies de communication relative à la lutte contre le changement climatique. Cet atelier a été organisé par l'ONG Conseil pour la défense des droits des communautés et la protection de l'environnement (CDPE) en vue d'intensifier la sensibilisation dans cette lutte.

Le coordonateur du CDPE, Célestin Raoul Bamongoyo, coordonateur du CDPE, explique la nécessité d'impliquer les journalistes locaux dans ce processus de lutte contre le changement climatique: «Il faudrait que nous puissions mettre en place un réseau des journalistes spécialisés dans la diffusion des informations en rapport avec le changement climatique et les différentes pistes de solution [...] qui sont proposées ; pour que nos journalistes puissent s'impliquer pour transmettre des informations fiables auprès de différentes parties prenantes [...] pour que la population congolaise puisse s'approprier ce projet REDD Mambasa.»

Toujours selon lui, le choix porté sur les journalistes de Bunia, Beni, Mambasa et Kisangani fait suite à l'exploitation forestière abusive constatée dans la forêt du district de la Tshopo et dans celle du territoire de Mambasa.

Célestin Raoul Bamongoyo explique d'ailleurs pourquoi ce projet est articulé en quatre pools: «Nous avons le pool de Kisangani, parce que [...] tous les permis de coupe, ce sont les autorités de la Province Orientale basées à Kisangani qui les délivrent. Deuxième pool, c'est Mambasa. C'est le lieu d'attraction, où l'exploitation est en train de se faire. Troisième pool, c'est Bunia. La population et les opérateurs économiques de Bunia affluent vers Mambasa à la recherche de bois de chauffe, de bois d'œuvre et de bois de construction.»

L'autre pool se situe à Beni dans le Nord-Kivu, «puisque les opérateurs économiques de Beni immigrent vers Mambasa à la recherche des terres arables, de bois de chauffe, de bois de construction, etc. »

Dans ce processus de lutte contre le changement climatique, la communication joue un rôle important, a pour sa part souligné Henry Bisele, facilitateur au sein de l'atelier. «La communication permet aux différents acteurs de comprendre la gravité des problèmes et leur analyse. Elle aide les acteurs à partager les expériences sur les solutions possibles », a-t-il soutenu.

Cet atelier, organisé sous le patronage du ministère de l'Environnement, a bénéficié d'un appui financier et logistique de l'ONG internationale Wild life conservation society (WLCS) évoluant présentement dans le territoire de Mambasa.

Source: Radio Okapi (Kinshasa), 12 mai 2014

NEWS

FROM : 14/05/2014 [FR]

Tunisie: La HAICA inflige à "Radio Nour" une amende de 50 mille dinars

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201405141057.html>

La Haute Autorité Indépendante de la Communication Audiovisuelle (HAICA) a décidé d'imposer à la Radio privée "Nour" une amende de 50 mille dinars, indique un communiqué publié mercredi sur son site officiel.

La décision de la HAICA intervient suite à l'utilisation de manière anarchique par "Radio Nour" de la fréquence 104.8 provoquant un brouillage dans la diffusion des programmes de Radio Monastir sur la modulation de fréquence 104.7.

Source: Tunis Afrique Presse (Tunis), 14 mai 2014; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

ALERT

FROM : 14/05/2014 [FR]

RCA: Deux journalistes assassinés en République centrafricaine

<http://tinyurl.com/mmz9n6u>

La Fédération Internationale des Journalistes (FIJ) a aujourd'hui [le 9 mai 2014] condamné l'assassinat de deux journalistes en Centrafrique et appelé le gouvernement de transition à assurer une meilleure protection des professionnels des médias.

Selon l'Union des journalistes centrafricains et des sources indépendantes, les journalistes Désiré Sayenga et René Padou ont été blessés par balles et poignardés le 29 avril dernier par des jeunes armés. Ils succomberont à leurs blessures le 30 avril et le 5 mai. Désiré Sayenga travaille pour le journal *Le Démocrate* alors que René Padou travaille pour la radio *Voix de la Grâce*.

« Nous condamnons avec la dernière énergie cet assassinat de deux de nos collègues. Cet acte doit être puni, ses auteurs recherchés, arrêtés et jugés », a déclaré Gabriel Baglo, directeur pour l'Afrique de la FIJ. « Les autorités du gouvernement de transition et tous les acteurs internationaux impliqués dans la résolution de la crise en Centrafrique sont interpellés pour une meilleure sécurité des citoyens y compris les journalistes », a ajouté Baglo.

L'assassinat de Sayenga et Padou a entraîné une réaction ferme des journalistes centrafricains qui ont décrété le mercredi 7 mai dernier une journée sans journaux et organisé le même jour une marche pacifique de protestation dans la capitale Bangui.

La FIJ a encouragé depuis le début de la crise sociopolitique en Centrafrique, les journalistes à rester fermes sur la défense de la liberté de la presse et leur propre sécurité. Tout en restant très préoccupée par la situation générale des professionnels des médias en Centrafrique, la FIJ a récemment appelé les journalistes à assurer une couverture très responsable de l'actualité nationale dans ce pays, dans un contexte social et politique très difficile.

Source: Fédération Internationale des Journalistes, 12 mai 2014; repris par IFEX (Toronto) website

NEWS

FROM : 16/05/2014 [FR]

Tunisie: L'AMARC appelle le gouvernement tunisien à cesser d'intimider les médias libres

L'Association mondiale des radiodiffuseurs communautaires, AMARC, exprime toute sa solidarité à l'équipe de Radio 6, la première radio associative tunisienne et demande formellement aux autorités tunisiennes de cesser immédiatement leur harcèlement contre les antennes libres tunisiennes.

Le 14 mai, sous prétexte de contrôler la régularité de l'achat des équipements de diffusion de Radio 6, des agents des douanes et de l'Agence Nationale des Fréquences (ANF) ont procédé à l'identification de tous les journalistes de la radio et demandé l'accès aux locaux où se trouvent les installations techniques. Cette action d'intimidation vise clairement à limiter la diffusion d'une voix libre sur la capitale tunisienne. Rappelons que Radio 6 a une licence régulièrement octroyée par l'État.

« La Tunisie est un laboratoire de démocratie – a déclaré Maria Pia Matta, Présidente de l'AMARC – et nous sommes fortement interpellés par le comportement du gouvernement et des agents des douanes. Dans la dernière proposition de Cahier de Charges soumis par la Haute autorité indépendante de la communication audiovisuelle (HAICA), l'art. 10 reconnaît la possibilité des radios de pouvoir émettre par leurs propres moyens. La voie vers la démocratie passe par les médias libres. Nous demandons formellement aux autorités tunisiennes d'arrêter ce type de menaces contre la liberté d'expression dans le pays ».

Déjà, dans les mois précédents, des agents des douanes avaient entrepris ce même type d'actions contre des radios libres tunisiennes, un élément qui porte à croire qu'il y ait une intention globale visant à limiter la liberté de parole dans le pays.

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

NEWS

FROM : 17/05/2014 [FR]

Angola: Ouverture d'une radio communautaire à Belize

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201405151217.html>

Une chaîne de radio diffusion communautaire appartenant à la Radio Nationale d'Angola (RNA) a été inaugurée mercredi à Belize, dans la province de Cabinda, par le secrétaire d'Etat à la Communication Sociale, Manuel da Conceição.

Cette station locale de la RNA à Belize, équipée d'un studio et d'un émetteur d'un kilowatt, émettant en FM sur 100.0 MHz sur un rayon de 60 kilomètres.

A cette occasion, Manuel da Conceição a souligné que l'installation de la radio à Belize représentait l'engagement de l'Exécutif en ce qui concerne le droit de personnes à s'informer et d'être informée

pour l'édification d'un système médiatique contribuant au renforcement d'un Etat démocratique et de droit.

La radio inaugurée, a-t-il ajouté, s'inscrit dans le processus d'extension du signal de la RNA sur toute l'étendue du territoire national comme action visant à garantir l'accès à l'information à tout citoyen.

Source: AngolaPress (Luanda), 15 mai 2014; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

ALERT

FROM : 17/05/2014 [FR]

Cote d'Ivoire/France: RFI fête ses 20 ans de diffusion FM

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201405060946.html>

RFI fête ses 20 ans de diffusion en FM en Côte d'Ivoire. Une délégation de la direction de France Médias Monde est dans la capitale économique ivoirienne cette semaine, où des émissions interactives de RFI vont être enregistrées en public, mardi et mercredi.

A l'occasion de cet anniversaire, RFI a mis en service, ce lundi 5 mai, deux nouveaux émetteurs dans le pays.

Nous sommes heureux que le groupe France Médias Monde arrive pour fêter les 20 ans de diffusion de RFI sur le territoire de la Côte d'Ivoire.

Source: RFI (Paris), 6 mai 2014; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 20/05/2014 [FR]

Burundi: Etude d'auditoire des médias burundais

<http://tinyurl.com/q3pn687>

Quelles sont les médias préférés des Burundais ? Quels sont leurs habitudes d'écoute ? Quels sont les programmes les plus appréciés ? Dans un souci de guider la famille des médias (radio, presse écrite et TV) vers plus de professionnalisme et dans l'espoir qu'ils prennent davantage en compte leur public dans la conception de leurs programmes ou dans la valorisation de leur média, l'Institut Panos a sollicité l'expertise du bureau IMMAR pour mener une étude d'auditoire qualitative et quantitative. Réalisée en décembre 2013, la présentation des conclusions a été diffusée le 19 mai 2014 à Bujumbura. La synthèse de l'étude, financée par le Ministère belge des affaires étrangères, l'Unicef, DW Akademie, France Médias Monde et l'Ambassade de France au Burundi, est disponible sur le site de Panos Grands Lacs.

Source: Panos Europe, 19 mai 2014

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