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New circulation processing for TRRAACE news and e-newsletter

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NEWS

Malawi: Malawian radio to offer 24-hour election news coverage; rebroadcast poll results

Malawian voters go to the polls on 19 May to elect the next president and 193 parliamentarians. Privately-owned independent Capital FM radio is among a host of electronic media houses that has been accredited to rebroadcast poll results to be announced by the Malawi Elections Commission. The station will, from 19 May, provide 24 hours special live coverage of the elections with live news, reports, interviews and commentaries. The coverage on the general elections will begin at 8 p.m. local time [1800 gmt] on the day.

Source: Capital Radio, Blantyre, 15 May 2009; quoted by BBC Monitoring Global Newsline Media File, 17 May 2009

NEWS

Malawi: Zodiak Radio appointed Malawi's elections broadcaster

<http://www.bizcommunity.com/Article/415/59/36017.html>

The Electoral Commission (EC) of Malawi has appointed Zodiak Broadcasting Station (ZBS) as the country's official independent broadcaster for the 19 May, 2009 elections.

In the past, the state-owned Malawi Broadcasting Corporation (MBC) has been the official broadcaster for the elections, but in this year's elections political parties vehemently refused EC to allow MBC take up this task and, after endless meetings between the opposition, electoral stakeholders and government, ZBS was chosen.

Although there are seven presidential candidates, there is a tight two-horse race between opposition leader John Tembo who is contesting on the Malawi Congress Party (MCP) and incumbent President Dr. Bingu wa Mutharika who is running for the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP).

Mutharika will be riding on the back of his economic success where he has achieved economic growth rates of over 7% per annum for the past three years. On the other hand, Tembo has been trying to use the 13 years he was Reserve Bank governor in the single party government of the late Dr. Hastings Kamuzu Banda when Malawi kwacha was equivalent to US\$2.

Source: Bizzcommunity.com, 18 May 2009

ALERT

Nigeria: Regulator keeps Adaba FM off-air despite court ruling

The National Broadcasting Commission (NBC), at the weekend, told the management of the suspended Adaba FM radio station in Akure, Ondo State that the station cannot be reopened. The commission, in a statement, said that the ex parte order of the court secured by the radio station states that both parties should maintain the status quo. The statement which was signed NBC's head of public affairs, Mr. Awwalu Salihu, explained that since the Federal High Court Akure's ex parte order stated that both parties should maintain the status quo, the station cannot be reopened.

The ex parte order, which was issued on Tuesday, 12 May, 2009, according to the NBC, indicated that the status quo as at the time the order was given must be maintained. "The Commission drew the attention of the Adaba FM to the fact that the portion of the ruling directing the "status" as at the date the ruling was delivered, and not "ante", i.e. before the ruling".

The commission had fined the radio station, asking it to pay N500, 000 for contravening the rules of election coverage in the Ekiti State governorship rerun election. On Monday, 11 May, 2009, the

station's license was suspended upon its failure to pay the stipulated fine.

Source: Vanguard website, Lagos, 17 May 2009, quoted by BBC Monitoring 19 May 2009

ALERT

Malawi: Radio Shut Down And Staff Arrested for Election Coverage

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200905200762.html>

Reporters Without Borders expressed its concern after the closure yesterday of privately owned opposition Joy Radio and the arrest of four staff, two of them journalists, accused of breaking election rules.

The director of the Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority (MACRA), James Chimera, ruled that satirical programme, Chilungamo Chili Kuti? (Is there any justice?), broadcast at 2am after the closure of the official election campaign, had violated the law banning endorsement or ridicule of a candidate.

Some 15 police officers raided the studios at around 4am and arrested the two journalist presenters Aubrey Nazombe and Mary Chande Mhone, technician, Abdulazagv Telera, and a driver, Yusuf Yasin, accusing them of "violating electoral law". They also seized the tape of the programme.

Although the radio apologised and admitted making a mistake, the authorities initially banned all live programmes and ordered it to only play music. During the evening they decided to shut down the radio completely. "Police are watching the studios of Joy Radio and preventing anyone from entering" said Lloyd Zawansa, the station's editor. The four staff are still being held by police and are undergoing interrogation.

"The authorities who already disliked Joy Radio for its political coverage are now openly hounding it, the worldwide press freedom organisation said. "This incident shows the lack of respect for diversity of opinion and raises serious doubts about objective and balanced news coverage."

"Even if the radio did not obey the rules, the arrest of four of its staff and its closure are disproportionate. We urge the authorities to immediately release these four and to allow Joy Radio to resume its normal programmes."

Source: Reporters sans Frontières, Press release and site, 20 May 2009; quoted by allAfrica.com

ALERT

Malawi: Police questions three pro-opposition radio journalists over broadcasts

The Malawi Police Service has picked up for questioning three broadcasters working with privately-owned Joy Radio, which owns to the family of ex-President Bakili Muluzi, following allegations they continued to camping for the opposition United Democratic Front-Malawi Congress Party alliance even after the close of the campaign period at 0400 gmt on 17 May.

According to privately-owned Capital Radio, the journalists are Aubrey Nazombe, Abdul Razak Terera [phonetic] and Mercy Mhone.

On 18 May, the chair of the Malawi Elections Commission, Justice Anastasia Msosa, told political parties to respect the constitutionally established 48-hour campaign free period preceding the 19 May general elections and remove all campaign materials within a radius of 100 meters from polling stations failure to which they would face the law.

Source: Capital Radio, Blantyre, 19 May 2009; quoted by BBC Monitoring, 20 May 2009

NEWS

Angola: Angola national radio RNA increasing reach, modernizing

The expansion of the radio signal around the country and modernization with high technology is the priority of the Managing Board of the State-run "Radio Nacional de Angola" (RNA) broadcasting station.

This was said on Wednesday in Luanda by RNA's director general, Eduardo Magalhaes.

The official said so during the visit to the premises of the RNA of the Mozambican media delegation, led by that country's Information Office director, Felisberto Tinga.

Eduardo Magalhaes said that the project, which is an Angolan Government's initiative, is estimated at Euros 70 million and has been implemented by 60 percent.

According to him, the money was used in the purchase of high technical and technological equipment, cars equipped with satellite systems, news reporting motorbikes and generators. He also said that the project comprises the rehabilitation and equipping of the provincial broadcasting centers and training of the staff.

Source: Angop news agency, Luanda, in English 21 May 2009, quoted by BBC Monitoring 23 May 2009

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<http://allafrica.com/stories/200905210423.html>

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Source: Angola Press Agency, 21 May 2009; quoted by allAfrica.com

TRAINING

Ghana: Regional foundation to launch training for journalists in Ghana

The Media Foundation for West Africa (MFWA) and the Ghana Journalist Association (GJA) are collaborating to launch a special training programme for journalists, known as the "Ghana Media Standards Improvement Project" (GMSIP).

The two-year pilot project, sponsored by the Royal Danish Embassy in Accra, will principally involve selected newspapers and rural-based radio stations.

A statement issued by the MFWA in Accra yesterday [20 May] said the date of the launch would be announced soon.

Among other objectives, the GMSIP conduct a research to assess public attitudes to, and perceptions of Ghanaian media. It will also organize training to improve standards and to support the media's capacity for sustainability in a difficult market environment.

The project hopes to help achieve great improvement in the media's performance, notably in the areas of investigative journalism, the analysis of critical issues, and also promote its sustainability.

[Passage omitted]

Source: Daily Graphic, Accra, 21 May 2009, quoted by BBC Monitoring 24 May 2009

ALERT

Somalia: Journalist Killed in Fighting Between Government Forces And Islamist Militants

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200905220832.html>

Reporters Without Borders expressed dismay at the death today of journalist Abdirisak Warsameh Mohamed, of Radio Shabelle, who was shot as the Somali army launched a major offensive against Islamist "al-Shabab" insurgents in the heart of the capital Mogadishu. [...]

"This latest tragic death underlines the extent to which civilians are exposed to an extremely volatile and alarming situation. Even when not deliberately targeted, Somali journalists have no protection from the ferocity of the fighting in the country".

Warsameh Mohamed was shot several times in the chest close to Bakara market in the south of the capital, which is the fiefdom of al-Shabab. Head of Radio Shabelle, Mukhtar Mohamed Hirabe, said he was shot while on his way to the station, as he crossed a road near Wardhigley police station. His body was left lying where it fell for almost an hour because nobody dared approach due to the intensity of the fighting.

Somali government forces have launched an offensive against three districts of the capital held by al-Shahab fighters - Tarbunka, Bakara and Howlwadag. There is nothing so far to suggest that the journalist was targeted because of his work. He may well have simply been hit by stray bullets as has happened to many civilians during these clashes.

Reporters sans Frontières, Communiqué and site, 22 May 2009, quoted by allAfrica.com

NEWS

Somali HornAfrik radio back on air via satellite

BBC Monitoring normally receives HornAfrik radio via satellite. After being off air via satellite for a few days now, HornAfrik radio resumed on 25 May. However, when it was off air via satellite, it could still be heard locally on FM in Mogadishu.

Meanwhile, the station's web site, which had been experiencing technical problems for several days, is now back up, but with a new address, ww.hornafriknews.com, instead of its previous one, www.hornafrik.com.

The web site's been updated with news on the current situation in Somalia, including the situation of the capital, Mogadishu, where clashes between government forces and insurgents have intensified.

Source: Media observation by BBC Monitoring, 25 May 2009

NEWS

Zimbabwe: Children's Radio Discussion Programme Launched

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200905260336.html>

The voiceless seems to have finally found a voice following the launch of an interactive 52-week radio programme by the National Action Plan for Orphans and other vulnerable children.

The programme series, entitled "Inzwi Redu/Ilizwi Lethu/Our Voice", would be aired every Thursday on Radio Zimbabwe.

The nation-wide radio series, which would be aired between 1630 and 1700hrs, aims to reach at least 200 000 orphans and other vulnerable children in Zimbabwe with comprehensive, life-saving and life-enhancing information and skills that will contribute towards their development.

The programme will be a studio-based discussion between a grandmother, "Gogo", and children which will see two children every week read a story after which "Gogo" will ask them questions on what they would have learnt.

Issues that the producers will look at would include those around HIV and Aids, life skills, access to basic services and psycho-social support, among others.

Information on the programmes would be tailored towards the general development of the children, breaking the vicious cycle of vulnerability and HIV transmission at the same time enhancing the children's personal survival.

Children at home will also have an opportunity to participate in the programme through letter writing, phone-ins, and competition prizes.

On different programmes technical experts would be called in every four weeks to discuss issues raised in previous programmes so as to encourage young listeners as well as caregivers, programmers, and other adults, to share what they would have learnt in previous weeks.

The interactive series will be broadcast in Shona and Ndebele and will run for a year.

Source: The Herald (Harare), 26 May 2009, quoted by allAfrica.com

ALERT

Malawi: Malawi's privately-owned Joy Radio's future still uncertain

Joy Radio remains off air but its two presenters Aubrey Nazombe and Mary Chande were released on bail on Friday [22 May] last week.

The two were charged with campaigning outside the official campaign period.

The Presidential and Parliamentary Elections Act prohibits [broadcasting of campaign material] after the official campaign period.

The two were arrested on Tuesday [19 May] following the airing of a programme called Chilungamo chili kuti on the eve of the elections [18 May].

Meanwhile, staff members are still being denied entry into the station premises, an action police said it is aimed at preventing interference with their investigations.

Head of News and Current Affairs Lloyd Zawanda said in an interview on Monday [25 May] that it was only him and the acting station manager, Mabvuto Chapuma, who were allowed entry into the yard.

Chief Elections Officer David Bandawe said the commission has not been communicated on any development but said it is illegal for anyone to campaign after the official period.

Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority (Macra) spokesperson said they have asked Joy Radio to put their concerns in writing and they will act on the same.

Source: The Nation website (Blantyre), 26 May 2009, quoted by BBC Monitoring 27 May 2009

NEWS

Malawi: Malawi's broadcasting regulator advertises for TV, radio applications

The Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority -MACRA- has published an advertisement in the local press calling on eligible and suitably qualified persons and companies to apply for broadcasting licenses.

This is the second time MACRA is calling for applications for broadcasting licenses, after it did so on 2 February 2009.

According to the advertisement, the following types of broadcasting licenses shall be issued to eligible applicants: Private national sound broadcasting service licence, private national television broadcasting service licence, community sound broadcasting service licence in respect of any district in Malawi and private regional television broadcasting service licence in respect of any region in Malawi

The advertisement further said application forms can be obtained at MACRA offices at a fee of 2,000 Kwacha (14 US dollars). [...]

Meanwhile, MISA Malawi has commended MACRA for showing interest and trying to promote media diversity and pluralism by calling for applications from individuals and institutions to apply for broadcasting licenses.

MISA Malawi acting national director Sangwani Mwafulirwa says the move taken by MACRA will ensure that people are given an opportunity to make informed decisions by listening to various radio stations and watching TV stations of their choice.

Source: MIJ FM, Blantyre, 29 May 2009, quoted by BBC Monitoring 30 May 2009

NEWS

Namibia: DTA Vexed With Inequitable Political Coverage On NBC

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200906010722.html>

The DTA [opposition party] is accusing the Namibian Broadcasting Corporation of "unfair treatment and poor journalism ethics" because of its coverage of opposition parties.

In an open letter addressed to Matthew Gowaseb, the new acting Director General of NBC, DTA Secretary General McHenry Venaani complained that despite several calls over the past six years for more equitable news coverage of opposition party rallies, the NBC has failed to make any improvement.

He blasted the national broadcaster for taking almost a month to air news on the party's commemoration of the assassination of Chief Clemens Kapuuo at Okakarara; failing to cover a rally at Katima Mulilo on May 9, with the excuse that the comments of the party's president, Kaura, "must be further investigated"; and showing up an hour and a half late to cover a rally at Okandjenedi on Sunday, therefore having to do an interview instead of covering the event itself. [...]

He also called on the Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) "to closely monitor this sour state of events" at NBC.

Full report and source: The Namibian (Windhoek), 28 May 2009, quoted by allAfrica.com

NEWS

Kenya: Kenya Broadcasting Corporation faces massive debt

<http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/kenya-broadcasting-corporation-faces-massive-debt>

The Kenyan Government has been accused of defaulting payment to the state broadcaster, the Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC), forcing it into a Sh22 billion (\$29m) deficit, writes Dennis Itumbi for journalism.co.za. According to a forensic audit report tabled in parliament, the treasury owes KBC Sh3.3 billion in arrears, having defaulted in funding the state broadcaster since the 2004 introduction of performance contracts in 2004. These contracts encourage self-sustainability.

Information and Communication Assistant Minister George Kahaniri however says: "KBC is not insolvent yet." The government is itself grappling with a Sh38 billion budget deficit. [...]

Full report and source: journalism.co.za, quoted by Media Network Blog Radio Netherlands, 28 May 2009

NEWS

Gambia: Public Radio and Television Services launch on satellite

<http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/gambia-radio-and-television-services-launch-on-satellite>

The Gambian President, His Excellency Professor Alhaji Dr Yahya Jammeh, has lauded a US\$9.5 million project that saw the national broadcasting services, the Gambia Radio and Television Services (GRTS), go on satellite. The ceremony was held at GRTS' head office in Kanifing.

In a statement read on behalf of President Jammeh, Haja Dr Isatou Njie-Saidy, Vice President and Secretary of State for Women's Affairs, described it as an important milestone project in the journey to develop The Gambia.

"The digitalization of GRTS and the introduction of satellite broadcasting has always been my personal ambition which has finally come to fruition today. My passion in this project lies not only in the immeasurable and diverse opportunities it provides to The Gambia in its drive to be reckoned with among the comity of nations, but also in the opportunities it provides for Gambians in the Diaspora and non-Gambians alike to get direct access to accurate information on The Gambia," President Jammeh noted.

For many people, he went on, such projects are considered ideal and possible only for the rich and more powerful economies. Bigger and more robust economies have not been able to achieve digitalization even though their national TVs have been in existence longer than GRTS which came into being in December 1995."

President Jammeh spoke at length on the potentials of satellite broadcasting and the opportunities it would offer The Gambia. He further observed that the signals from the satellite that would be received throughout Africa, Europe, the Middle East and most parts of the Americas, will place The Gambia on the international super-highway for enhanced news and information broadcasting.

"For GRTS, the sky will continue to be the limit. The next phase of the project which is currently ongoing will complete the switch-over process from the current analogue to the new and advanced digitalized broadcasting technology and expanding this to the terrestrial transmission network," Professor Jammeh revealed.

Source: The Patrotic Vanguard (Sierra Leone), quoted by Media Network Blog Radio Netherlands, 31 May 2009

ALERT

DRCongo: Report says 20 radio stations operating "illegally" in eastern DRCongo

Over 20 private radio stations are broadcasting illegally in Nord-Kivu [eastern DRCongo], according to findings from public institutions in Goma. As a result, the Treasury is short of more than 600,000 dollars, but also, a dangerous product for consumption (information) is available to the public, radiokapi.net said.

The broadcasting stations in Nord-Kivu are exactly 35 in number. Some of them have been broadcasting for over 10 years, others for only a few months. However, besides the official radio, the RTNC [Congolese National Radio and Television], only seven among them have official documents or 20 per cent only, said official sources.

For Florent Babi, a journalist in Goma, it is the government which has not implemented rigorously the media law in DRCongo.

On its part, the officials in charge of private media have recognized its lack of order, but they have showed eagerness to redress the situation. They have said however, that the government should support them, considering particularly, the services they render to the population.

Magloire Paluku, head of Radio Kivu One, which has set up in Goma for only six months said: "I have to pay more or less 60,000 dollars and we do not make 60,000 dollars in six months.

Normally I should have a subsidy from government. I am not justifying the non-payment but I am stating what is happening".

Regardless, the private radio sector of has to be improved in Nord-Kivu, said Roger Kahindo Muhasa, former head of provincial division for information and media.

On their side, the media officials in the province are said to have sent already the list of radios broadcasting illegally to DGRAD [General Directorate for Administrative, Judicial, Property and Share Revenues], which has a right to take coercive measures.

Source: Radio Okapi website, Kinshasa, in French 30 May 2009, quoted by BBC Monitoring 31 May 2009

NEWS

Angola: Angolan government replaces state radio, TV boards appoints commissions

The Ministry of Social Communications has replaced the board of directors of the Angolan state-owned television (TPA) and the radio broadcast stations (RNA) by two technical restructuring commissions, under its restructuring and financial cleansing programme for the public media organs.

According to a press note that reached Angop today [30 May], the ministry has also appointed interim executive commissions to run the current affairs of the two media stations.

The commissions integrate officials and technicians of the ministries of social communication and economy and consultants to draft the functional, administrative, financial and news production restructuring.

The RNA executive commission is chaired by Filipe Diatezwa and includes Perpetua Cabral and Candido Rocha Pinto, while Bartolomeu Sacramento chairs the technical restructuring commission with Filipe Diatezwa and Laizaro Paulo.

The TPA executive commission is chaired by Helder Barber and includes Gil de Almeida and Susana Mata and the technical restructuring commission, chaired by Sergio Neto, includes Helder Barber and Welwitchia dos Santos.

The restructuring takes place under the Government's general programme for 2009/12 and the 2009 national plan which schedule of the main measures of macro-economic and structural management were approved by the Council of Ministers.

Source: Angop news agency (Luanda), 30 May 2009 quoted by BBC Monitoring 2 June 2009

NEWS

Nigeria: Commercialization of Nigerian state broadcasters, news agency "being sabotaged"- paper

Passage omitted: privatization of petrochemical companies]

Anichebe [head of public communications for the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE)] said that the commercialisation of four government-owned organisations were being sabotaged by their managements. They include Nigeria Television Authority (NTA), Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN), News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) and Nigeria Film Corporation.

"Our investigations clearly showed that the managements were reluctant in providing the consultant information that would enable BPE formulate policies on management and financial capacity," Anichebe said.

NAN recalls that the National Council on Privatisation (NCP), had at its 55th meeting on September 2008, approved BPE plans to divest Federal Government holdings from about 105 business concerns.

Source: The Guardian website (Lagos), 1 Jun 2009, quoted by BBC Monitoring 2 June 2009

NEWS

Burundi: State Broadcaster to Begin Live Coverage of Parliamentary Debates

By promising yesterday that national radio and television will from now on broadcast live the debates at the National Assembly, the minister of information [Venerand Bakevyumusaya], who is responsible for relations with parliament has unquestionably brought more to our democracy, which was very much needed.

From now on, the elected [MPs] will be monitored closely, even though it will not be by the whole population, since those in possession of radios and televisions are in the minority. However, their numbers will be enough in order for the public to be well-informed. [Passage omitted: Experience of Western countries with live coverage of parliament].

Henceforth, we can hope that the permanent shoving of microphones and cameras to record and film our legislators, will make them diligent in the work we have elected them for. [Passage omitted]

Source: Net Press news agency (Bujumbura), in French, 2 Jun 2009, translated and quoted by BBC Monitoring 03 June 2009

RESOURCE

Sudan: Internews - Program Director - Rumbek, Sudan

<http://www.comminit.com/en/node/294326/ads>

Internews Network is seeking an experienced media development professional to take up the position of Program Director on a USAID funded project that builds community radio stations in Southern Sudan, provides capacity building training and support for managers and journalists on those stations, and works closely with other USAID implementing partners to ensure significant interface between community-based organizations and the community radio network.

The successful candidate will be a media professional with substantial experience in development work. He/she will also have significant knowledge of and experience working in Africa, well-honed grant management skills and down-to-earth community partnerships building capabilities.

The project environment is politically complex, logistically difficult and physically challenging, requiring field experience in Africa, preferably in conflict/post conflict scenarios. The successful candidate will be mature, resilient and patient with excellent people-management skills.

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

Source: Drum Beat, Communication Initiative, 3 June 2009

NEWS

South Africa: Now Showing - Fear And Loathing in Auckland Park

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200906030009.html>

It is business as usual at the SABC yesterday — or at least, business as it has become over the past few months. Faces were solemn. Employees refused point-blank to talk to a journalist about life in Auckland Park — and who can blame them when the climate of fear is so palpable?

The SABC board had just received a tongue-lashing from Communications Minister Simphiwe Nyanda, who said he was concerned about the "negative public perception" of the board and management.

Tomorrow, chairwoman Khanyi Mkonza is expected to face a call for her dismissal, and a protest march to the SABC's offices by contractors, trade unions and employees is planned. It seems these are the last days for an SABC board which has been in crisis since it first took office in January last year.

In the canteen at Radio Park, the situation was somewhat tense when this journalist visited during lunch yesterday.

And the same story is repeated, over and over: "Sorry, I can't talk to you. It's too dicey." [...]

The SABC has a multiyear agreement with its unions -- the Broadcast, Electronic Media and Allied Workers' Union, the Communication Workers' Union, and the Media Workers' Association of SA -- under which it is supposed to provide a 12,1% annual increase from April 1. The problem is, it can't afford to implement the increase all at once, although it is legally obliged to do so. The unions are determined to get their increase -- even if it means court action, or the threat of a strike.

The SABC's cash flow problems have meant that staff are uncertain whether they will receive their increase, or even whether they'll keep their jobs -- regardless of the official pronouncements, which now hold little water for the employees. [...]

Freedom of speech has become a luxury in an organisation which has a mandate to speak for the voiceless and dispossessed.

Full report and source: Business Day, 3 June 2009

NEWS

South Africa: Aganang FM joins the radio sector

Aganang community radio was granted a broadcasting licence by ICASA (Independent communications authority of South Africa) in 2007. On the 13th of April 2009 Aganang FM started to broadcast. It is a youth-driven initiative that seeks to address the socio-economic challenges facing the community of Potchefstroom and surrounding areas.

Source: ABC Ulwazi Newsletter, May 2009

NOUVELLES EN FRANCAIS

TRAINING

RDC: 8 opérateurs de son formés en production audionumérique par le REMACOB

Du 11 au 14 mai, à Mbanza-Ngungu, le Réseau des Médias Associatifs et Communautaires du Bas-Congo, REMACOB, a formé 8 techniciens opérateurs de son. Ces techniciens prestent tous au sein des radios membres du REMACOB.

Animée par Felly Nsungu, la formation était basée sur la production audionumérique.

Cette formation groupée entre dans le cadre de l'appui de Radio Nederland Training Centre, dans son programme dénommé : Initiative de Formation Mobile des Radios Communautaires, Informorac/RDC

Source: P. Michel Aveledi, REMACOB, communiqué à TRRAACE, 18 mai 2009

NEWS

Côte d'Ivoire: Radio Kavoétchiva est de retour

La radio communale de Zuénoula (370 Kms au Nord-Ouest d'Abidjan) émet à nouveau. Les populations de cette localité de près de 70 000 habitants et celles de bien d'autres zones du même département ont reçu le premier signal sonore, sur la Fréquence 89.00 FM, le mercredi 29 avril dernier. Selon nos sources, elles étaient toutes heureuses de ce nouveau départ, après un an d'arrêt, en raison d'une panne technique de l'émetteur qui avait subi plus d'une fois des coups de foudre. La joie se lisait également, dit-on, sur le visage du maire Zan-Bi Goï Ferdinand, le premier responsable de cette radio. D'ailleurs, son message de la fête du travail aux travailleurs de sa circonscription administrative a été diffusé sur les ondes de Radio Kavoétchiva. Pour l'heure, ce sont la musique et des messages humanitaires et de paix qui sont proposés aux auditeurs.

Source : Serge Adam's Diakité (journaliste à Radio Arc-en-ciel Abidjan) pour TRRAACE, 20 mai 2009

ALERT

Malawi: Une radio suspendue et quatre de ses employés arrêtés en marge des élections

<http://www.rsf.org>

Reporters sans frontières exprime sa consternation suite à la suspension de la radio privée d'opposition Joy Radio et à l'arrestation de quatre employés dont deux journalistes, le 19 mai 2009.

Source: Reporters sans frontières, Communiqué et site, 20 mai 2009

ALERT

RDC: Un journaliste interpellé à Mbuji-Mayi

Jean-Pierre Katende, journaliste à la RTEELDA (Radio Télévision de l'Eglise Evangélique Libre d'Afrique), radiotélévision confessionnelle émettant à Mbuji-Mayi, capitale de la province du Kasai-Oriental, au centre de la RDC, a été brièvement interpellé, samedi 4 avril 2009, par l'antenne locale de l'Agence Nationale des Renseignements (ANR).

Source: IFEX, site, 23 mai 2009

NEWS

RDC: L'Ambassade des Etats-Unis lance le Prix Benjamin Franklin

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905280227.html>

Après le Prix Littéraire, l'Ambassade des Etats-Unis en RD Congo vient encore de poser un geste d'amitiés envers le peuple congolais en lançant, mardi 26 mai 2009, le Prix du Journalisme Benjamin Franklin. Il récompense les journalistes congolais qui se seront distingués dans l'exercice de leur profession par les valeurs de responsabilité, de vérité et d'indépendance, vertus propres à l'illustre homme de presse et homme d'Etat américain prêtant son nom à cette initiative, a indiqué Stephen Weeks, directeur adjoint du Centre culturel Américain. Toutefois, ce dernier a précisé que les participants devront essentiellement assurer une couverture originale et en français de l'actualité ayant trait aux Etats-Unis, c'est-à-dire les sujets ayant trait à la politique, la société, la

culture, l'économie ainsi qu'aux relations des Etats-Unis avec la RDC et avec le monde. [...] Texte complet et source: Le Phare (Kinshasa), 26 mai 2009, repris par allAfrica.com

NEWS

Sénégal: Bientôt un mécanisme d'évaluation des journalistes chargés de couvrir des élections en Afrique

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905290317.html>

L'Union des journalistes de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (UJAO) va mettre en place un mécanisme d'évaluation des journalistes qui sera chargé de suivre la couverture par les médias des élections dans les différents pays, a annoncé jeudi à Bamako Ibrahim Famakan Coulibaly, son président. Il s'agira, au cours d'élections dans un pays de l'espace UJAO (les 15 pays de la CEDEAO et la Mauritanie) de charger des journalistes connus et respectés pour leurs qualités professionnelles, leur probité morale et diverses autres qualités de suivre, évaluer et apprécier la couverture des élections et faire des observations à l'intention des confrères, a appris l'APS auprès de l'UJAO. Cette évaluation permettra de mettre à jour les manquements professionnels relevés et de les notifier aux journalistes, le but visé par l'exercice étant d'améliorer la couverture des élections dans les pays de l'espace UJAO, souligne la même source.

"Ces journalistes auront l'avantage de la connaissance du terrain, du milieu et des réalités, ainsi que toute l'autorité morale pour dire, au besoin, leurs quatre vérités aux confrères", a expliqué Alpha Abdallah Sall, coordonnateur du Projet de renforcement des capacités (PRC-UJAO), rappelant quelques expériences décrites dans le passé en la matière.

L'idée de ce mécanisme d'évaluation des journalistes a été adoptée à l'issue de l'atelier sous-régional "médias, élections et transitions en Afrique de l'Ouest organisé du 13 au 15 mai 2009 à Kpalimé au Togo par le PRC-UJAO, l'UNESCO et l'Union des journalistes indépendants du Togo (UJIT), avec l'appui de la Fondation pour le renforcement des capacités en Afrique (ACBF).

L'atelier avait pour objectifs de contribuer à améliorer le niveau des journalistes en matière de couverture des élections dans l'espace UJAO, de réfléchir sur les situations de transition et d'interruption des processus démocratiques et leurs impacts sur les médias.

Il vise aussi les membres des équipes d'encadrement des rédactions. Ceux-ci pourront mettre en oeuvre les résultats des travaux dans leurs rédactions d'une part, et assurer la formation au niveau national, d'autre part.

L'UJAO envisage, en outre, de publier un guide sur la couverture des élections en Afrique de l'Ouest.

Source: Agence de Presse Sénégalaise (Dakar), 28 mai 2009, repris par allAfrica.com

NEWS

Tunisie: 2e édition du festival de la Radio tunisienne

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905280331.html>

La Radio tunisienne, fondée en octobre 1938, organise cette année la 2e édition de son festival. Un festival de la Radio tunisienne qui aura pour tâche et grand mérite de réunir les professionnels du secteur, les intervenants de tous bords, en plus des représentants des médias. Se déployant sur deux jours, les 4 et 5 juin prochains, le programme tant thématique que festif s'y annonce chargé. Premier volet : une exposition sur le théâtre radiophonique se tiendra à la Galerie de l'Information au centre de Tunis. [...]

Pour l'occasion, la Radio tunisienne éditera un livre sur le théâtre radiophonique tunisien, après avoir publié l'année dernière un ouvrage sur l'histoire de la radio tunisienne. [...]

Texte complet et source: La Presse (Tunis), 28 mai 2009, repris par allAfrica.com

NEWS

Sénégal: Radiodiffusion - Un réseau de partage de programme sur l'environnement

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905290350.html>

Le Bureau du Programme Marin pour l'Afrique de l'Ouest du WWF (WWF WAMER) en partenariat avec les radios opérant sur ses sites d'intervention, entend mettre sur pied une plateforme en ligne. Le but est de favoriser le partage de programmes dans le réseau des radios sur des questions relatives aux aires marines protégées, à la gestion des ressources halieutiques et à l'environnement.

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Pour atteindre cet objectif, le WWF organise un atelier de partage et d'information du 28 au 30 mai 2009 à Joal fadiouth, à l'intention des journalistes radio.

Cet atelier va permettre aux journalistes de mieux comprendre le sens de nos interventions, de les amener à davantage s'intéresser aux questions touchant la gestion des ressources halieutiques et de l'environnement marin et d'assurer un traitement adéquat de celles-ci.

La radio constitue par excellence le médium de masse le plus approprié pour une meilleure gestion de nos ressources naturelles et la préservation de notre environnement. En outre, pour favoriser l'échange d'expériences et d'informations entre acteurs de différentes localités notamment en matière d'AMP et de gestion des pêcheries, la radio pourrait jouer un rôle majeur dans la circulation de l'information.

C'est le sens de la plateforme en ligne qui va accueillir les productions des radios comme une banque de sons que les radios partenaires pourraient utiliser. Ces informations seront aussi accessibles à tous les partenaires du WWF WAMER.

Source: Le Soleil (Dakar), 29 mai 2009, repris par allAfrica.com

RESOURCE

RDC/Afrique: Afrique: « Le monitoring des médias » - Regard sur les observatoires en Afrique

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/printable/200906020379.html>

Marie-Soleil Frère, experte associée à l'Institut Panos Paris et chercheur au Fonds national de la recherche scientifique à l'Université Libre de Bruxelles, a présenté samedi au Centre Wallonie-Bruxelles, l'ouvrage intitulé « Le monitoring des Médias, manuel pratique », dont elle est co-auteur avec Jean-Claude Guyot, Vice-président du Conseil Supérieur de l'audiovisuel de la communauté française de Belgique et chargé d'enseignement à l'École de journalisme et au Département de communication de l'Université catholique de Louvain.

Cette oeuvre commune a connu la participation de Gérard Derèze, professeur à l'École de journalisme et au Département de communication de l'Université catholique de Louvain ainsi que de quelques responsables des centres de monitoring en Afrique, notamment Banza Tiefolo (RDC), William Bird (Afrique du Sud), Samba Koné (Côte d'Ivoire), François Laibi (Burkina Fasso), Nonceba Mtwana (Afrique du Sud), Innocent Nsabimana (Burundi) et Adolphe Tiao (Burkina Fasso). [...]

Azira Baguene, Représentante de l'Institut Panos Paris a indiqué que le manuel réalisé par Marie-Soleil Frère et compagnie s'inscrit dans le cadre du suivi des projets de monitoring en Afrique. Elle a souhaité que les enseignements et expériences rassemblés dans cet ouvrage participent à plus de professionnalisme chez les journalistes congolais, permettent une meilleure analyse des produits médiatiques et consolident la liberté de presse, l'indépendance mais aussi la responsabilité.

Déléguée de Wallonie-Bruxelles, Kathryn Bahy s'est signalée par d'aimables mots de bienvenue à tous. Pendant deux heures, soit de 11 à 13 heures, Marie Soleil Frère a passé en revue les principales matières de l'ouvrage avec les observateurs de la Ham et de l'OMEC, notamment la raison d'être d'un monitoring, les conditions essentielles de sa réalisation, les différents types de monitoring, les étapes de mise en oeuvre d'un monitoring ponctuel ou permanent, le traitement des données, la rédaction des rapports, etc.

Au cours du débat, les deux parties ont relevé comme obstacles au travail de monitoring en RDC la modicité des moyens financiers, les difficultés d'archivage, les interférences des décideurs politiques, la méfiance de certains professionnels des médias et du public à l'égard des structures de régulation et d'autorégulation, etc. Les observateurs de la Ham et de l'OMEC ont été contents de s'entendre dire que le monitoring de l'ensemble des médias congolais était impossible. Une sélection d'organes à observer et une définition temporelle des thématiques de travail étaient la meilleure manière de procéder. Il leur a été recommandé aussi des campagnes régulières d'explication de leurs méthodes de travail et des contenus de leurs rapports d'observation en direction des médias et journalistes, surtout ceux réfractaires à la loi, à l'éthique et à la déontologie, mais aussi à l'intention du public.

Texte complet et source: Le Phare (Kinshasa), 1 juin 2009, repris par allAfrica.com

NEWS

RDC: La Fédération des Radios de Proximité du Congo (FRPC) renforcée par l'IPP/RDC

Pour redynamiser les activités de la Fédération et renforcer ses capacités d'action, l'Institut Panos Paris (IPP) a associé la FRPC au séminaire de formation sur l'Auto Renforcement Accompagné (AURA) que dispensent Pierre Martinot et Franck Mbumba au comité directeur du REMACOB à Mbanza Ngungu (Bas Congo).

Il faut noter qu'après la participation du Secrétaire Exécutif National à la conférence panafricaine de l'AMARC qui a vu la refondation de AMARC Afrique, la FRPC dont les activités sont en veilleuse, est en pleine réflexion sur la manière de rendre plus efficace, plus visible la Fédération tant à l'intérieur qu'à l'extérieur du pays.

L'IPP est un des partenaires qui a vu naître la Fédération, l'a accompagnée, l'a même dotée d'un local et du matériel informatique. Cet appui l'IPP a voulu le poursuivre en assurant la présence de deux membres du Secrétariat Exécutif National de la FRPC à cet atelier du REMACOB à Mbanza Ngungu.

La FRPC se voit outillée pour assurer sa mission, celle d'être un cadre fédérateur des réseaux provinciaux des radios communautaires de la RD Congo.

Source: FRPC Communiqué, 2 juin 2009

NEWS

Centrafrique: Lancement du programme de renforcement des capacités des organisations des médias

Neuf délégués des trois Organisations des Professionnels des Médias Centrafricains membres de la Maison de la Presse et de Journalistes (MPJ), ont participé du 27 au 28 mai 2009 à Bangui, à un atelier de restructuration de la MPJ.

Cette rencontre avait pour objectifs d'établir un état des lieux organisationnels de la Maison de la Presse et des Journalistes de Centrafrique (MPJ) et des organisations des professionnels des médias qui en sont membres, de doter la MPJ de statuts validés par ses membres afin d'en obtenir un agrément juridique, de la doter aussi d'un comité de gestion et de lancer le processus de recrutement d'un gestionnaire de la MPJ et enfin de démarrer le programme de renforcement des capacités des organisations des professionnels des médias prévu dans le cadre du «Projet d'appui aux médias centrafricains» (PAMCA) développé par l'Institut Panos Paris avec le soutien de l'Union Européenne et Cordaid.

Au cours de cette séance animée par le Coordinateur de l'Institut Panos Paris en RCA, Monsieur Pascal Chirhalwirwa, les participants ont développé des échanges qui les ont initiés à la méthodologie d'Auto-Renforcement Accompagné (AURA). Ils ont effectué également des exercices qui ont permis d'évaluer les forces, les faiblesses, les opportunités et les menaces de deux des organisations participantes à savoir l'Association des Femmes Professionnelles de la Communication (AFPC) et l'Union des Journalistes Centrafricains (UJCA). Des amendements ont été apportés au texte des statuts de la MPJ en attendant la tenue d'une Assemblée Générale électorale prévue pour le vendredi 05 juin 2009. Les associations concernées sont l'UJCA, l'OMCA et l'AFPC. [...] Les participants à cette assemblée électorale devront également définir le profil du candidat gestionnaire de la MPJ et fixer les modalités pour le processus de son recrutement. [...]

Source: Pascal Chirhalwirwa N., Institut Panos Paris/RDC, Communiqué, 03 juin 2009

NEWS

Centrafrique: 4 journées pour créer une fédération des radios privées de Centrafrique

Dans le cadre du projet « Démocratie sur les ondes » financé par la délégation de la Commission européenne en RCA, RFI Planète radio organise à Bangui, du 8 au 11 juin, 4 journées d'appui à la création d'une fédération des radios privées de Centrafrique. Ces journées réuniront les présidents des comités de gestion et les directeurs des radios de Bangui, Bambari, Bouar, Berberati, Nola et Mbaïki.

Ces journées font suite à un cycle d'interventions in situ pour le renforcement des capacités en management de ces mêmes radios conduit, depuis le premier mars, par notre expert Oumar Seck Ndiaye et l'Abbé Jean Ignace Manengou. Il s'agissait d'aider les stations bénéficiaires dans leur démarche de remplacement ou d'assainissement des instances de gestions communautaires et de renforcement de l'équipe de direction.

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Pour toute information complémentaire : planeteradio@rfi.fr

Source: Bernard Chenuaud, RFI Planète Radio (Paris), 03 juin 2009

NEWS

Centrafrique: Atelier de perfectionnement à l'animation radiophonique

Dans le cadre du projet « Démocratie sur les ondes » financé par la délégation de la Commission européenne en RCA, RFI Planète radio organise à Bangui, un atelier de perfectionnement à l'animation radiophonique sera animé à Bangui par Bernard Chenuaud, responsable d'actions de formation de RFI formation internationale, du 26 juin au 9 juillet, pour les animateurs des 12 stations bénéficiaires du projet.

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Source: RFI Planète Radio (Paris), 3 juin 2009

NEWS

Burkina/Afrique de l'Ouest: Atelier-Bilan du programme « Centre Audio numérique (CAN) »

A l'initiative de l'OIF et de JADE Productions, du 30 mars au 3 avril 2009 s'est déroulé à Ouagadougou un atelier-bilan du programme du Centre Audio Numérique.

Cette rencontre a regroupé les coordonnateurs nationaux des radios rurales locales, les chefs de stations, les animateurs des réseaux nationaux, les présidents des Comités locaux de développement membres du réseau venus de onze pays de la sous région (Bénin, Burkina-Faso, Cameroun, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinée, Mali, Niger, RCA, Sénégal, Tchad, Togo).

L'objectif principal était d'améliorer les stratégies et actions du programme des Radios Rurales Locales (ReR).

L'objet de la rencontre portait essentiellement sur :

- L'avenir des radios rurales locales et communautaires dans la perspective du numérique, dont l'échéance a été fixée par l'UIT (L'union Internationale des télécommunications) à 2015.
- Comment les réseaux africains pourraient-ils mieux communiquer dans une synergie d'actions dans le cadre de la recherche de partenariat ?
- Comment rendre plus visibles les actions du CAN à travers les radios membres du ReR ?

Source: Communiqué final de l'atelier

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