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AFRICA: COMMUNITY LISTENERS' CLUBS. STEPPING STONES FOR ACTION IN RURAL AREAS

<http://www.fao.org/dimitra/dimitra-publications/publications/en/>

This publication recounts the unique experience of radio community listeners' clubs set up by FAO-Dimitra with its partners in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Niger. It details the origins,

establishment and modus operandi of this self-organised and action-focused information and communication mechanism. It also documents the remarkable results achieved since the listeners' clubs were set up, including: an increased flow of information, the economic and social empowerment of rural communities, their collaboration and consultation as well as their involvement in their own development, a contribution to gender equality, social mobilization, women's leadership, and the networking of isolated groups and individuals.

(...)To listen to programmes and their own and other's interventions, the clubs were given solar-powered and hand-crank radio sets. In some cases, the use of mobile phones is an important complement to the mechanism.

The first chapter of the publication offers a brief overview of the community listeners' clubs, their goals and internal functioning and the results achieved. The second chapter tells the story of the listeners' clubs in the words of the stakeholders, explaining how they were established in the two countries. The publication concludes with guidelines for the creation of community listeners' clubs that will be useful to anybody seeking to set up similar clubs while taking into account the specificities of their context. (Quoted from: Dimitra Newsletter No. 20, Brussels, June 2011).

The publication can be downloaded free from DIMITRA website: 3,9 Mb

Source: CAMECO Africa Radio Service, 2011/3, 20 Oct. 2011

AFRIQUE : LES CLUBS D'ÉCOUTE COMMUNAUTAIRES. UN TREMLIN POUR L'ACTION EN MILIEU RURAL

La version française de cette publication est aussi disponible et peut être téléchargée depuis le site de DIMITRA

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NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-05 [EN]

Kenya: Nyachae Faults Directive On Broadcast Licences

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201110051316.html>

The COMMISSION for the Implementation of Constitution has written to the government dismissing as unconstitutional a directive to all broadcasters to renew their licences by November 15. The Charles Nyachae-led commission wrote to state-controlled Communications Commission of Kenya on September 20 to "elaborate the regulatory framework envisaged under the constitution of Kenya 2010" on whose basis CCK issued the directive.

In issuing the directive on August 10, CCK had said that all broadcasters needed to migrate to the new licensing regime. It cited Kenya Communications Act (1998) as mandating it to license and regulate telecommunications, radio-communications, broadcasting and postal services.

Broadcasters who will not have renewed licences by November 15 will be shut down, according to the directive.

Media Owners Association through its chair SK Macharia has however opposed the directive saying it contravenes Article 34 of the constitution. "Under Article 34 (3), broadcasting and other electronic media have freedom of establishment subject only to licensing procedures that are necessary to regulate the airwaves and other forms of signal distribution and are independent control by government, political and commercial interests," Nyachae wrote.

In the letter addressed to acting CCK director general Francis Wangusi, CIC said Article 34 (3) read together with Article 34 (2), the latter which expressly prohibit state control of the media, "clearly rules out direct government regulation as well as self regulation."

Further, Article 34 (5) provides for establishment of a body which shall set media standards and regulate and monitor compliance with those standards. "On the face of it therefore, the direction and the requirement communicated by CCK to broadcasters as set out in you letter of August 10th, 2011 is in clear violation of the said provisions of the constitution," Nyachae's letter seen by the Star reads.

Nyachae sought the response of the CCK to enable his commission to initiate "suitable engagement and action" among the key players in the matter. Sources told the Star that CCK is yet to respond. Besides announcing the period for re-application for licenses, CCK's notice also set conditions upon which broadcasters may re-acquire their existing licenses. Among the conditions were requirements that the broadcasters be actively providing broadcasting services, that those who offering multiple broadcasting service apply separately for each service and that they not be in contravention of of any condition.

Source: Nairobi Star, 5 Oct. 2011; quoted and distributed by allAfrica. com

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-05 [EN]

Angola: National Radio to Train Staff in 2012

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201110051161.html>

The National Radio of Angola (RNA) in the southern Huíla province will prioritise training of staff in 2012.

This was said to Angop by the director of the local station, Celso Amaral, during the celebrations of the 35th founding anniversary of RNA, being marked this Wednesday (October 5).

The official said that this gesture is also aimed at empowering the staff with technical and professional knowledge, so as to better serve the listeners.

Source: Angola Press Agency (Luanda), 5 Oct. 2011; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-05 [EN]

South Africa: Proving Radio's Captivation

<http://allafrica.com/stories/printable/201110051126.html>

Radmark and Kagiso Media are bringing a new concept, Radio Blockbusters, to the market, which involves a substantial investment in delivering standout content to audiences for the benefit of advertisers.

In association with Jacaranda 94.2 and East Coast Radio, the concept shows the diversity of reality radio campaigns and, by combining different platforms, how these connect and captivate the audience.

Charlie Wannell, marketing manager of Radmark says that one would expect new media technologies to dampen radio's influence. "Instead, we are proving that, with a combination of different platforms and listener driven content, radio remains the top companion medium for the

benefit of our advertisers."

"Radmark has heard advertisers and their need for solutions that deliver return on investment and value from their budgets that doesn't simply reach more heads but touches more hearts."

A movie screening of reality radio ideas, followed by a panel discussion designed to demonstrate that radio still commands attention, will be screened in Johannesburg to a select audience during 4-6 October 2011, followed by Cape Town and Durban in November.

Source: Biz-Community (Cape Town), 5 Oct. 2011; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-05 [EN]

Mozambique: Radio Mozambique inaugurates new transmitter

Publicly owned Radio Mozambique has inaugurated a new transmitter in Catembe Nsime, in the southern district of Matutuine, Maputo province. The new transmitter will assist the radio broadcaster with its plans to migrate to digital transmission, according to the daily newspaper "Diario de Mocambique".

The transmitter is located at a site covering a hundred hectares, and will enable 60 hectares of land to be freed up in the city of Matola, where a now obsolete transmission site is located. The new transmission facility was built at a cost of a hundred million meticaís (about 3.7m dollars). Speaking after the facility was formally opened by Prime Minister Aires Ali, the head of Radio Mozambique, Ricardo Malate, said that the move was necessary due to signal interference in Matola coming from high buildings and telecommunications devices, and the need to utilise electronic devices that are not recommended for use in built up neighbourhoods. In the new location there will be no buildings constructed within a radius of about two kilometres. The prime minister also inaugurated a high-tech "radio car" that has the capacity to broadcast from any part of the country.

Speaking at the ceremony, the governor of Maputo province, Maria Jonas, said that the new transmission centre is an instrument to enable all Mozambicans to be heard and have access to information. She also pointed out that the new equipment will permit the broadcasting of information with a higher quality.

The inauguration of the new transmission facility and the radio car was part of the celebrations of the 36th anniversary of Radio Mozambique.

Source: Agencia Informacao Mocambique website (Maputo), 3 Oct. 2011; quoted by BBC Monitoring 5 Oct 2011

RESOURCE

FROM : 2011-10-05 [EN]

Health: PataPata Radio Programme

<http://www.comminit.com/malaria-africa/content/patapata-radio-programme>

Launched in April 2011, PataPata is a radio programme designed to inform and encourage children in Tanzania aged 6-12 to become involved in the fight against malaria. The radio drama, which follows the adventures of Kinara, Maua, and Annie Anopheles as they learn about malaria, comprises 44 10-minute episodes, which are being broadcast on 4 national and 6 regional radio stations across Tanzania. The goal of the programme is to change perceptions about malaria as an unpreventable fact of life with little reason for individuals to take preventative actions, and build a culture that supports the country's Malaria Haikubaliki (iMalaria is not acceptable) campaign. PataPata was developed as part of the Com! munication and Malaria Initiative in Tanzania (COMMIT), a United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and President's Malaria Initiative (PMI)-funded project that is led by Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health Center for Communication Programs (CCP).

Source: Soul Beat Malaria Extra, Issue 4, 04 Oct. 2011

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-06 [EN]

Liberia: CEMESP holds freedom of information forum for local authorities, community radio journalist

http://www.ifex.org/liberia/2011/09/15/foi_forum/

The Center for Media Studies and Peace Building (CEMESP) has concluded the final phase of its Freedom of Information (FOI) Literacy Stakeholders Forum in Gbarnga under the theme "Increasing Public Information Flow and Freedom of Expression in Liberia".

Unlike the Monrovia forum of 5 September 2011, which attracted participants from among lawmakers, media executives and civil society organisations, the Gbarnga forum targeted local authorities and community radio journalists from Lofa, Bong, Nimba and Margibi counties.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, CEMESP Executive Director Malcolm Joseph explained that the

stakeholders' forum was part of its FOI Literacy Research and Publication Project, funded by UNESCO. He spoke about the ongoing research component of the project, which holds test-case implication for MRU [Mano River Union] countries in the context of post-conflict electoral environments. While acknowledging the historic importance of Liberia's enactment of a freedom of information law - the first country in West Africa to do so - Joseph noted that there was much lacking in terms of implementation.

"This is why CEMESP has targeted stakeholders outside Monrovia to brainstorm issues that can push implementation forward under the facilitation and insight of one of the best FOI minds, in the person of Edet Ojo of Media Rights Agenda in Nigeria," Joseph pointed out. He urged participants to ask questions, adding that the FOI law was not only media-oriented but concerned the general welfare of all citizens.

Other speakers who registered goodwill to the process included the President of the Association of Liberia Community Radios William Quire; Paramount Chief and Chairman of Traditional Leaders of Bong County Flomo T. Barwrer; Mayor of Gbarnga City Esther C. Warbay; Chairman of the Bong Legislative Caucus Hon. George Mulbah, and the administrative assistant to the superintendent of Bong County.

The forum had three presentation sessions, covering historic and international perspectives of freedom of information, features of the Liberia FOI Act 2010, and effective implementation. A final communiqué was adopted, with participants pledging to expedite FOI implementation in Liberia, lobby government on the issue of instituting the Office of the Independent Information Commissioner and work to amend ambiguous and inconsistent areas of the law. Media and civil society organisations also pledged to raise awareness of the FOI law and encourage its public use, while stakeholders pledged to monitor implementation of the FOI law and parliamentarians to take leadership of its implementation.

Source: Center for Media Studies & Peace Building (Monrovia), 12 Sept. 2011; quoted by IFEX, 15 Sept. 2011

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-06 [EN]

Tunisia: IMS-AMARC to Support Setting up of Community Radios and Production Groups

The World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters (AMARC) and International Media Support (IMS) hold from September 24th to October 5th, 2011, a new mission to Tunisia to support the several community media initiatives such as Radio 6, Radio Chambi FM, Community TV (both based in Kasserine), Radio Sawt El Manajem (Gafsa), Radio Ibaksour (Al Dhamani near Le Kef) and, Jendouba Media Association (Internet radio). The mission aims specifically to encourage sustainable organisational structures, guidelines and codes of conduct, financial plans and plans of action towards the establishment and launching of the radio stations. The activities include workshops to improve capacities of Radio 6 volunteer broadcasters and production groups from Jendouba and Tunis. AMARC and IMS aim to encourage women's participation in all the activities and encourage women's organizations to actively participate in the establishment of the community radio stations.

The mission builds on the joint community media assessment mission by AMARC and IMS last July, and includes, first of all, a radio production training on September 26th and 27th at Radio 6 in Tunis including the basics of radio production for community radio, such as programme format, planning and standardization of a radio programme, writing for radio and interview techniques. The training is attended by 10 to 12 participants from Radio 6, the production group in Jendouba and ALT-MST-Sida in Tunis. Three features resulting of the workshop will be broadcast by Radio 6. Secondly, the mission includes a planning workshop on setting-up community radios from September 30th to October 2nd in Kasserine (Central Tunisia). This workshop includes drafts for community radio structures, guidelines and plans of action with clear steps, responsibilities and deadlines. The workshop will be attended by 30 to 35 participants from the above mentioned community radio projects. Finally, the trainings will also include guidelines for coverage of the October 23rd elections and further collaboration, such as technical and training needs assessment. Source: AMARC International Secretariat, Communiqué dated of 28 Sept. 2011

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-06 [EN]

South Sudan: AET tin Lakes Launches English Lessons Through the Radio

Africa Educational Trust (AET) in Lakes State is launching a radio program for its students, a series of English lessons through the radio that will also benefit the general public.

The 30-minute program is called "Speak up" and will be transmitted on Good News Radio every Tuesday and Thursday from 4 p.m.

Speaking to Good News Radio about the launch of the English language program, AET program Manager in Lakes State, Philip Mapuor Madit, announced to the students and teachers that the program is set to begin on Tuesday.

Mr. Mapuor urged the students and teachers to observe punctuality by reporting to their respective venues at 3 p.m., explaining that unlike ordinary lessons where teachers can wait for students and even restart a lesson, lessons through the radio require that participants are punctual if they have to profit from the lesson.

Mr. Mapuor went on to explain the beneficiaries of the radio program, saying that besides the students enrolled to the AET program, the English lessons through the radio will benefit school dropouts and members of the community who feel uncomfortable to be in school because of their age.

He further revealed that AET in Lakes State has organized 25 centres of learning where teachers will guide students through the radio program, adding that the Counties covered include Yirol East, Yirol West, Rumbek Centre and Cueibet.

Meanwhile, the founder of AET in South Sudan, Michael Brofy, who arrived in Rumbek from London on Monday, told Good News Radio that AET has been in existence for more than 50 years, taking initiatives in supporting education in Africa.

Mr. Brofy also said that he founded AET in South Sudan some 15 years ago, adding that the NGO has helped realize the education of children in primary schools, secondary school teachers, and programs through distant learning in higher education, all this benefiting mainly four States of South Sudan, namely, Lakes, Jonglei, Central Equatoria and Western Equatoria.

The agreement to broadcast Speak Up radio program for a period of 50 weeks was signed between Good News Radio and Free Voice Foundation.

Source: Radio Good News (Rumbek), Communique, 20 Sept. 2011

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-06 [EN]

South Sudan: Good news Radio Launches a Training Program for Local Candidates

Good News Radio last Saturday launched a training program targeting local candidates who have expressed interest in radio broadcasting.

In an interview conducted by one of the reporters taking part in the training on the day of the launching, the Director of Good News Radio, Fr. Don Bosco Ochieng said that the training focuses on the various aspects of radio broadcasting, targeting 12 candidates drawn from the various counties of Lakes State.

Fr. Ochieng described the program as a practical and hands-on in-house training which aims at building the capacity of the local candidates, expressing hope that Good News Radio grows into a media house that empowers the local populations through regular and systematic capacity building programs of local motivated staff.

Fr. Ochieng further said that the training has the objective of having the Rumbek-based Catholic Radio realize its full identity as a community-based media house, arguing that the training of the local staff is a necessary prerequisite for community rootedness of the radio.

He also reiterated that the training will help the local staff serve their community better, explaining that the trainees will, over time, receive skills to be able to produce quality programs.

One of the local candidates taking part in the training, Rachael Ayen Mayor, expressed gratitude to the four resident mentors, thanking them for accepting to be at the service of this local community away from their native country, Kenya.

Ms. Ayen also implored God to bless the trainers who are making a sacrifice to be in a different context, mentioning the weather as one of the challenges they have to face.

The training is being realized through the financial support of the Spanish Organization, Manos Unidas and DKA Austria.

The latter has supported the equipping of the station's music recording studio.

Source: Radio Good News (Rumbek), 4 Oct. 2011

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-07 [EN]

Zimbabwe: Zimbabwe broadcasting body to begin public hearings for radio licenses

Public hearings to scrutinize candidates who applied for commercial radio licenses from the Broadcasting Authority of Zimbabwe (BAZ) are scheduled to begin this month, amid concerns by media groups and the MDC-T that real reforms have not yet been implemented.

BAZ called for applications five months ago offering two commercial radio licences, and an

estimated 15 applications were received from aspiring broadcasters. No progress was made until two days ago, when BAZ announced the public hearings would begin on October 18th. Several applicants have reportedly been short-listed and results will be announced in the next few weeks. The public hearings will give ordinary Zimbabweans and media groups an opportunity to challenge the suitability of applicants and their background.

However concerns remain that the hearings are just window dressing, timed to give the impression the unity government is tackling media reforms required by the Global Political Agreement (GPA), ahead of elections due in the country. A report that says licenses have already been issued is due to be presented to the United Nations by the Ministry of Justice this week.

Murisi Zwizwai, Deputy Minister of Media, Information and Publicity, told SW Radio Africa that the inclusive government is "very concerned" about the lack of seriousness in ZANU PF regarding media reforms.

Zwizwai explained that the BAZ board has not been reconstituted as agreed to by the political parties. He also pointed to the existence of repressive legislation such as the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy (AIPPA), saying it shows a lack of political will to make real changes.

"We are saddened by this smokescreen to deceive the general populace that reforms are being implemented, using this piecemeal approach to fulfil the GPA," the deputy minister said.

He added: "There is a total blackout of the MDC on public media, negative reporting and hate language against the person of the Prime Minister and officials in the MDC formations."

Zwizwai accused the public broadcaster ZBC of "exulting" Robert Mugabe and ZANU PF. He also criticized the Information Minister Webster Shamu, for threats he has made to foreign media, accusing them of a regime change agenda.

"But that agenda (regime change) is breeding within ZANU PF as well and WikiLeaks showed that most senior officials in the party want Mugabe to go," he explained.

Meanwhile The Daily News newspaper has exposed an alleged plot to award the two commercial radio licences to the state print media and to a company owned by a top Affirmative Action Group (AAG) official.

The paper quotes "government sources", who said the move to award radio licences to ZANU PF allies "is a ploy to convince SADC" that Zimbabwe was fulfilling the GPA requirement for tangible media reforms.

Source: SW Radio Africa (London), 5 Oct. 2011; quoted by BBC Monitoring 07 Oct. 2011

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-07 [EN]

Lesotho: Radio stations go off-air in Lesotho elections

<http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/radio-stations-go-off-air-in-lesotho-elections>

Three main private radio stations lost their signal during local elections in Lesotho on Saturday as first results were about to be released, an editor said. "This is going to hinder us from broadcasting the results from the ground," said Ratabane Ramainoane, chief editor of MoAfrika FM radio station. "The only suspicion is that we were intentionally cut off air by the LNBS [Lesotho National Broadcasting Service]."

Private stations MoAfrika FM, People's Choice FM and Harvest FM, all of which broadcast through state transmitters, went off air in the afternoon without explanation from the LNBS. Its two state-owned radio stations kept transmitting. "The silencing of the people's media is tantamount to the rigging of elections," Ramainoane told AFP.

In July, private radio broadcasts were also interrupted during a factory workers' strike in the impoverished country ringed by South Africa. A communications ministry official called it a "bad coincidence" at the time.

Full election results are expected later today.

Source: SAPA via news24.com, quoted by Media network Blog Radio Netherlands, 02 Oct. 2011

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-07 [EN]

Zimbabwe: Zimbabwe regulator to hold hearings on commercial radio licences

Zimbabwe's broadcast licensing authority will hold public hearings beginning 18 October to determine the suitability of applicants for the two commercial radio licences the authority has promised to issue.

But some are worried that the issuance of licenses might not happen until late 2012 based on earlier regulator statements.

The Zimbabwe Broadcasting Authority placed a notice in the state-controlled Herald newspaper stating that it will hold its first public hearing on one of the 14 commercial radio license applicants, KISS-FM, a Hotmedia venture.

The hearing will take place at the Harare International Conference Centre. The authority called on members of the public to attend the inquiries which it says are intended to determine the suitability of applicants.

Nhlanhla Ngwenya, director for the Media Institute of Southern Africa's Zimbabwe Chapter, said his organization welcomes this forward step but continues to have reservations.

He added that the authority's failure to schedule hearings on the other applicants means the issuance process could stretch out.

Zimbabwe Union of Journalists Secretary General Foster Dongozi said he is worried by the delay in processing the applications, wondering why it has taken the authority three months to start processing applications, particularly when each applicant paid a 7,500 dollar fee.

Media expert Zenzele Ndebele told VOA's Chris Gande that BAZ seems to be dragging its feet on licensing new players in radio and he believes this is because of the elections on the horizon in 2012.

Elsewhere, the International Press Institute is calling for the government to repeal media laws they say are hindering the Zimbabwean press. The Institute says the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, among other laws, gives the government extensive control.

Institute officials say recent threats by Information Minister Webster Shamu to revoke licenses, and the Zimbabwe Media Commission's call for a ban on the circulation of foreign papers unless they pay a percentage of their earning to the commission, as well as delays issuing licenses to independent radio stations, impede information flows.

IPI press freedom officer for Africa Naomi Hunt says recent government actions do not look like the media reform advocates have been seeking.

Source: VOA News.com website (Washington D.C.), 4 Oct. 2011; quoted by BBC Monitoring 5 Oct. 2011

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-09 [EN]

Zambia: ZNBC Boss Sacked

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201110070284.html>

Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation (ZNBC) director general, Eddy Mupeso has been sacked and replaced with Hot FM station manager, Joseph Chilaizya.

Information, Broadcasting and Tourism Minister Given Lubinda said at a Press briefing in Lusaka yesterday that he had directed Mr Chilaizya to ensure that the national broadcaster operated professionally.

The minister has also appointed Radio Phoenix newscaster and presenter Kenneth Maduma as the new director of programmes, replacing Reuben Kajokoto.

He urged the new director general to re-organise ZNBC to ensure that it operated professionally.

"I want to urge the new director of ZNBC to ensure that it starts operating in a professional manner and ensure that it becomes a national broadcaster that will broadcast the aspirations of the Zambian people.

"You should also make the necessary shake-up at the institution so that it becomes the broadcaster that the people of Zambia expect it to be," Mr Lubinda said.

He said the changes being made were in the interest of Zambians, adding that they were being done within the confines of the law.

The minister said a number of changes would soon be made in other wings of Government to improve service delivery. He said a new board would be announced at the Times of Zambia and Zambia Daily Mail in a few weeks time.

Mr Lubinda said Mr Maduma, as new director of programmes at ZNBC, would help ensure that the national broadcaster delivered to the expectations of the Zambian people.

The minister said in the next few weeks, he would make a stand on the future of broadcasting in Zambia, saying the PF Government wanted to ensure professionalism in both the public and private media institutions.

Meanwhile, Mr Lubinda has said the Government was happy with the election of Judge Patrick Matibini as Speaker of the National Assembly.

He also said Defence Deputy Minister Panji Kaunda qualified to be nominated in his position because the issue of being bankrupt was addressed when former president Kenneth Kaunda paid Hybrid the amount Colonel Kaunda owed.

He said it was important that the media carried out research on the matter before publishing any story relating to Col Kaunda.

Source: The Times of Zambia (Lusaka), 7 Oct. 2011; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

ALERT FROM : 2011-10-09 [EN]

Liberia: Director of state-owned broadcaster suspendedhttp://www.ifex.org/liberia/2011/10/05/nmah_suspended/

The Liberian authorities on September 26, 2011 suspended Ambrose Nmah, the Director General of state-owned Liberia Broadcasting System (LBS), indefinitely over the broadcasting of a press conference in which George Oppong Weah, leader of the main opposition party, the Congress for Democratic Change (CDC), was alleged to have verbally assaulted President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf. According to the Ministry of Information, the suspension followed a recommendation by the LBS Board. The LBS board chairman, Alhaji Kromah, has been named as his replacement.

The Media Foundation for West Africa's (MFWA) correspondent reported that the opposition leader in a press conference on September 24 repeatedly told the media that "Ellen, that lady, she brought war, she is known for bringing war, not us."

Weah's comments, the correspondent said, angered President Sirleaf and her supporters.

MFWA adds its voice to the widespread condemnation of the suspension of the LBS boss and calls for his immediate reinstatement.

While MFWA does not condone the use of threatening, abusive, or insulting language against any person in the media or campaign platforms, it believes that it is wrong for the Ministry of Information to suspend or remove any of the heads of state-owned media in the country.

MFWA calls on the government of President Sirleaf to ensure that the state-owned media in Liberia becomes a truly public service broadcaster and that it is adequately funded in a way that protects it from arbitrary interference. Currently, the head of LBS is appointed by the President with the approval of the Senate.

Source: Media Foundation for West Africa (Accra), quoted by IFEX, 5 oct. 2011

NEWS FROM : 2011-10-12 [EN]

Sudan: Sudan state media broadcasting live opening session of parliament

At 0810 gmt on 10 October, both the state-owned Sudan TV and radio started broadcasting live the opening session of the fourth round of the National Assembly in Omdurman. President Al-Bashir is expected to address the opening session shortly.

Source: Sudan TV (Omdurman), in Arabic 10 Oct. 2011; translated and quoted by BBC Monitoring 11 Oct. 2011

ALERT FROM : 2011-10-12 [EN]

Mauritania: Mauritania journalists praise media law reformhttp://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/features/2011/10/11/feature-01

Members of Mauritanian media outlets uniformly approved of the changes made to press law.

The Mauritanian government decided to allow more freedom to the media sector as a way of strengthening democratic gains. Parliament approved a law on Wednesday (October 6th) abolishing prison sentences for journalists in cases related to insulting the president, foreign heads of state and diplomatic entities in Mauritania.

"The parliamentary step comes after a decision issued by the Mauritanian government last June to abolish prison sentences against journalists in most cases of publication and to do away with criminalisation of insulting the president, retaining a monetary fine only, while keeping prison sentences in cases of advocating hatred and abuse of human values," according to Houssein Ould Medou, head of the Mauritanian Journalists' Syndicate (SJM). [...]

Full report and source: Magharebia.com, 11 Oct. 2011

NEWS FROM : 2011-10-13 [EN]

DRCongo: Voice of America in DR Congo citizen journalism project

One hundred VOA-trained citizen journalists will fan out across the Democratic Republic of Congo in the coming weeks in a pioneering social media project that will enhance news coverage of the November presidential election and provide a grassroots forum for key issues facing the country.

The citizen journalists, who are being trained by VOA project coordinators working throughout the French-speaking country, will use inexpensive mobile phones to post photos, videos and stories directly to special Facebook and Twitter pages set up for the project.

The chief of VOA's French to Africa Service, Idrissa S. Dia, says the contributions of the citizen journalists, which are already being posted on the social media sites, will supplement the work of professional reporters to create a vibrant news-gathering and news-sharing community.

Dia says, "These reports and observations from around Congo's 11 provinces will create a true national conversation about topics that matter most to people, their families and their country, including the electoral campaign, the presidential election on November 28 and the issue of gender violence."

In addition to providing training and technical assistance to the citizen journalists, VOA's French to Africa Service will provide professional and editorial guidance and curate the social media sites. The 100 Citizen Journalists project is a partnership between VOA and the US State Department, which funded the programme.

VOA French to Africa can be heard on AM and FM affiliate stations around the Democratic Republic of Congo, on shortwave and on the internet.

Source: Voice of America (Washington), Press release, 11 Oct. 2011; quoted by BBC Monitoring 13 Oct. 2011

ALERT FROM : 2011-10-13 [EN]

Kenya: Report calls for reforms in Kenyan national broadcaster

National broadcaster KBC [Kenya Broadcasting Corporation] should be transformed into an independent public service broadcaster, a report has said.

The report "On air" by the Africa Governance and Monitoring and Advocacy Project and Open Society Initiative for Eastern Africa, calls for policy and political will to have new laws drafted that will change the broadcaster from serving government interests.

It states that the present governance model, the involvement of the minister of information in appointing the KBC MD [Managing Director] and entitlement to make decisions on how to run the corporation, have made the broadcaster lose its editorial independence in contravention of the country's constitution.

"Lack of political will across the spectrum, and lack of concern by private media houses due to self-serving interests, are largely to blame for the status quo and failure of reforms at KBC," the 126-page report notes in part.

"The report in some aspect is true, in some it has been overtaken by events, and some is just what literature is made of," Waitheka Waihenya, KBC MD, said in his reaction to the report.

"We have come from a far in [former President Daniel arap] Moi eras where it used to be a mouthpiece of the cabinet and used to sack people at 1 o'clock news and some people may have not forgiven us for that. I wish they started looking at us objectively as much has changed now," he said.

Source: The Star (Nairobi), 12 Oct. 2011; quoted by BBC Monitoring 13 Oct. 2011

TRAINING FROM : 2011-10-13 [EN]

Worldwide: Deutsche Welle fellowship accepting applications

<http://ijnet.org/opportunities/deutsche-welle-fellowship-accepting-applications>

Journalists with strong linguistic abilities can apply for a 18-month fellowship with a media organization in Bonn, Germany.

Deutsche Welle is hosting a fellowship program worth approximately EU€27,500 (about US\$37,500) for young journalists to receive professional editorial training for radio, television and online media.

Applicants must have native fluency in Arabic, Russian, Chinese, Kiswahili, Spanish, Portuguese for Brasil, Pashto, Dari, Urdu, English for Africa or English for Asia, as well as good working knowledge of German with language certification.

The program consists of seminars and hands-on training. Participants will also learn about German culture through lectures and excursions.

Applicants must have a university degree, vocational training or comparable qualification through training and professional experience.

The deadline is October 31.

Source: IJNet website

NEWS FROM : 2011-10-13 [EN]

Nigeria: FRCN Kaduna on reduced schedule due to disrupted power supply

<http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/frcn-kaduna-on-reduced-schedule-due-to-disrupted-power-supply>

Damage to the Power Holding Company's (PHCN) armoured cable that supplies electricity to the Jaji main station of the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN) Kaduna is the reason the station was off the air for about seven days.

Speaking to the Daily Trust yesterday, the Acting Zonal Director of the station, Alhaji Muhammad Sani Suleiman said, "I am telling you sincerely that the damage of that cable is the reason we are on and off. It is not that we are not operating completely, we reschedule our programmes since we cannot afford buying diesel to run our usual programmes. You know how diesel is now in Nigeria. This is why we transmit in the morning and go off for sometimes before we resume transmission to enable us manage the little diesel we can afford.

"Money for the repairs of the damaged cable has been released and the men of the PHCN are right now doing everything possible to fix it back. It is not surprising how the cable got spoiled now as it has been there for quite some time," Alhaji Suleiman said.

Source: Daily Trust (Nigeria) quoted by Media Network Blog Radio netherlands, 12 oct. 2011

ALERT FROM : 2011-10-13 [EN]

Somalia: Journalist killed in Mogadishu suicide bomb attack

http://www.ifex.org/somalia/2011/10/11/aden_killed/

The National Union of Somali Journalists (NUSOJ) condemns the ghastly suicide bomb attack in Mogadishu, Somalia, on 4 October 2011 that killed at least 100 people, and wounded more than 100 others. Among the dead is a radio journalist.

Abdiaziz Ahmed Aden, who worked as a reporter and newscaster for Radio Markabley, in the Gedo region's Bardhere district, in southwest Somalia, was killed in the suicide bomb attack. His whereabouts were initially unknown, until his family members arrived in Mogadishu and identified him, confirming his death.

Radio Markabley, a privately-owned media outlet and the only radio station in the Gedo region, said that the journalist was 24 years old and joined the station in February 2011. Aden was dispatched to the capital, Mogadishu, on 30 September to report on ongoing military operations against Al-Shabaab militants.

In the attack that killed Aden, a suicide bomber drove a truck loaded with bombs to an area occupied by government ministries and crashed into a security barrier. The attack represents the deadliest single bombing by Al-Shabaab since its insurgency began.

"We condemn this barbaric act by the militant group Al-Shabaab, which resulted in a needless loss of lives through the targeting of innocent civilians," said NUSOJ Secretary General Omar Faruk Osman.

"The loss of Abdiaziz Ahmed Aden is a tragedy for his family and friends as well as his colleagues. His death further underscores the great dangers facing Somali journalists who put their lives on the line to provide vital news about Somalia and its bloody conflict. Aden travelled from Bardhere town, which is 490 kilometres southwest of Mogadishu, to report in this dangerous city," added Osman.

Source: National Union of Somali Journalists quoted by IFEX, 11 Oct. 2011

NEWS FROM : 2011-10-15 [EN]

Lybia: US-backed Radio Sawa launches on FM in Benghazi

Today, residents of the Libyan city of Benghazi heard for the first time Radio Sawa [US-backed Arabic-language network] on their FM dials. Radio Sawa began broadcasting on 100.0 FM with its signature mixture of more than six hours of daily news combined with popular Arabic and Western music.

"Radio Sawa is a valuable media player, particularly during this fluid time in Libya, reporting on issues of importance to the Libyan people," said Brian Conniff, president of MBN [non-profit body Middle East Broadcasting Networks, which operates Radio Sawa with BBG funding]. "Benghazi residents now have convenient access to Radio Sawa's exceptional coverage of the clashes in Libya, as well as analysis from experts in Libya, the region and the US."

Correspondents for Radio Sawa and Alhurra Television reported on the wave of uprisings in Libya by travelling from the rebel stronghold in Benghazi to Tripoli. Their in-depth on-air and online reporting tackles the news from the front lines as well as the challenges facing Libya during the transition to a new government.

Reports also covered the recent US Senate delegation visit to Libya, interviews with the US officials, and a profile of Libyan blogger Ghaida Touati, who was jailed and tortured by the Al-Qadhafi regime for three months as a result of her online writings critical of the government.

Source: Broadcasting Board of Governors website (Washington), 13 Oct. 2011; quoted by BBC Monitoring 15 Oct. 2011

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-16 [EN]

Rwanda: Rwandan minister warns radio talk shows against "vulgarity"

Kigali radio stations are being cautioned over the growing vulgarity in their talk shows that are undermining Rwandan values and culture, RNA has established.

The call to media was made by the minister of youth, sports and culture, Protais Mitali, saying that media is a strong weapon to build the society but if used badly it destroys the society it meant to protect.

According to the culture minister, radio directors should stop broadcasting improper words on certain talk shows. "Talk shows don't have a problem but some "dirty" words used on certain shows undermine cultural values.

Some talk shows which have been blasted included "zirara zishya" commonly translated as "burning families at night" on Radio Flash and "ijoro ry'urukundo" meaning "love night" on City Radio.

The meeting with the ministry of culture, Media High Council and media practitioners mentioned some of those radio hosts and urged them on professionalism.

For some journalists, the complaints are that the Media High Council should provide trainings to upgrade skills and also put in place some guidelines in that category for appropriate words to help educate society.

The executive secretary of the Media High Council, Mr Patrice Mulama said media should know better how to use words, photos, and how to apply appropriate technology in a way not damaging culture.

Source: RNA news agency, Kigali, in English 14 Oct. 2011; quoted by BBC Monitoring 16 oct. 2011

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-16 [EN]

South Africa: Happy 15th Birthday East Coast Radio!

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201110121126.html>

This October East Coast Radio turns 15 years young. Like any popular teenager, the station has an abundance of Facebook friends, is super trendy, loves to have a good time with family and friends, plays music all day long and not only knows where all the happening parties are, but hosts them too.

The station is very proud and humbled by how far it's come. When East Coast Radio became independent in 1996 it had around 200 000, predominantly white listeners, compared to today's 1.8-million listeners that are representative of the province's population.

ECR's CEO Trish Taylor says, "The station has transformed quite dramatically over the last 15 years, including a name change, two logo changes and a completely new look DJ line up." She believes the station's strength has been its openness to understanding what the people of KwaZulu-Natal want.

So what are her 'birthday wishes' for the station for the coming years? Trish says, "We hope to continue to build and connect communities for good through our committed staff we call the East Coast family."

Here are some of the wishes from on-air personalities that form part of that 'family':

Damon Beard, the Drive DJ, says tongue-in-cheek, "Happy Birthday ECR! I'm still your older brother because I've been on-air longer than you've been around."

Our Workzone duo have also weighed in, "Happy Birthday East Coast Radio, you have become such a big part of my life" says Peter G. While Makhosi Khoza believes, "I'm privileged to have been part of the brand from inception to its ongoing quest for perfection."

Breakfast Stack news anchor Seema Diahnan says Funsunzi started at ECR long before the concept was shared with the rest of the East Coast. She says, "I've seen it all, from grown men on the then 'Breakfast Show' running in high heels along Sandile Thusi Road, to a live snake being brought into the Newswatch studio during a bulletin."

Weekend Breakfast DJ Jane Linley-Thomas is also nostalgic, "Since 2004 East Coast Radio has been an extension of my immediate family and been by my side through some of the happiest and saddest times of my life. Happy Birthday ECR, thank-you for being the backdrop to my extremely blessed life."

Sportswave's Dumi Kunene says, "The amount of growth during my time here has been immense, and I'm so glad to have been part of it. Happy Birthday ECR! Let's keep going from strength to strength!"

Source: Biz-Community (Cape Town), 12 Oct. 2011; quoted by allAfrica.com

NEWS FROM : 2011-10-16 [EN]

Angola: National Radio CEO Checks Broadcasting Station in Moxico

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201110121131.html>

The CEO of the National Radio of Angola (RNA), Pedro Afonso Cabral, will pay on 13 October to Luena city, eastern Moxico province, aimed at checking the functioning of the local broadcasting station.

According to a press note from the broadcasting station of "Rádio Moxico", which reached Angop on Wednesday, the CEO will be accompanied by two executive administrators and he will be received by the provincial governor, João Ernesto dos Santos "Liberdade".

Source: Angola Press Agency (Luanda), 12 Oct. 2011; quoted by allAfrica.com

NEWS FROM : 2011-10-16 [EN]

Southern Africa: Digital migration body wants region's radios, televisions interconnected

<http://fesmedia.org/african-media-news/detail/datum////southern-africa-digital-migration-body-wants-regions-radios-televisions-interconnected/>

The chairman of the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA), Stephen Mcube, said Tuesday in Luanda it is his institution's purpose to contribute to the creation, divulging and presentation of interconnected radio and television contents involving all countries of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC).

The official was speaking at the opening of the SADC meeting on "Digital Radio Broadcasting Migration."

He said it is the purpose of his institution and each and every member countries to listen and watch programmes of one another, especially those produced in regional or local languages.

According to Stephen Mcube the migration project is meant for the emergence of more radio and televisions stations to broadcast information in various languages in order for the populations to know what the brothers of the other countries of the community think about the main problems affecting the world at large, based on a digital platform.

He said a stronger interaction through the communication means and internet, the SADC countries will be more engaged in the fight against misery, diseases and outline more adequate strategies for the attainment of sustainable economic development in the region.

In his turn, the SADC director for infrastructures, Remigius Makumbe, said the institution's secretariat and governments are working for the region to have its dreams in terms of technology to come true.

He said digital TV is a reality in the continent, as most of the states of the region are using the technology.

The official said he hopes no mistakes will be made as the purpose is to serve the largest possible part of the population and secure everyone's access.

The three-day event is being attended by delegates from SADC member countries, representatives of the Angolan Government, technicians from the Ministry of Telecommunications and Information Technologies and managers of private companies.

Source: Angola Press (Luanda), 11 Oct. 2011, quoted by fesmedia.org, 12 Oct. 2011

NEWS FROM : 2011-10-16 [EN]

Lybia: Radio Sawa launches FM broadcasts in Benghazi

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Source: Broadcasting Board of Governors, quoted by Media Network Blog Radio Netherlands, 14 Oct. 2011

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-16 [EN]

Malawi: MACRA cautions radio stations for provocative programmes<http://www.bizcommunity.com/Article/129/59/65479.html>

The Malawi Communication Regulatory Authority (MACRA) has cautioned two local radio stations for broadcasting programmes, one where President Bingu wa Mutharika was insulted and the other one for airing programmes that could spark the country into religious strife.

The media institutions, Capital FM Radio station was cautioned for broadcasting a phone-in programme in April this year in which somebody called to insult President Bingu wa Mutharika while Radio Islam was warned for denigrating other religious beliefs.

The warnings, that have been sent to the two radio stations, have since been published in daily and weekly newspapers last week.

"In the said programme an anonymous caller castigated the state president of the Republic of Malawi calling him obscene and indecent names for the expulsion of the former British Ambassador to Malawi, Fergus Cochrane Dyet," said MACRA director general Charles Nsaliwa. [...]

Source: BizzCommunity.com (Johannesburh), 11 Oct. 2011

ALERT

FROM : 2011-10-16 [EN]

Uganda: RDC forces FM radio station to suspend show<http://www.bizcommunity.com/Article/220/59/65421.html>

Kitara FM, a Masindi based local FM station has reportedly suspended its political talk show and replaced it with a sports programme due to pressure from the Resident District Commissioner (RDC).

The station's director reportedly made the decision after he attended one of the district security meetings in which the issue was discussed. The suspended talk-show Kikukwasireho meaning 'what concerns you' has been airing every Sunday between 12pm and 3pm and hosted by Samuel Kajumba aka Lucky Sam.

The talk show has sparked controversy since September and Kajumba has since undergone questioning by various district security officials who demanded an apology from him.

Source of trouble

The problem stems from a September talk show which accused UPDF soldiers of having used brutal methods while arresting Roger Musinguzi, a proprietor of a bar in Masindi Town.

The Masindi RDC, Major David Matovu, has reportedly reiterated the need for Kajumba to apologise to him. Matovu accused Kajumba of misleading the public and "causing unnecessary confusion to discredit the good image of the army".

"When I went to the station for a talk show on 2 September 2011, my bosses asked me why I had not yet sent my apology to RDC Matovu. He told me not to tempt him to lose his patience," Kajumba said.

But Matovu denied playing any role in Kajumba's sacking, saying the decision was taken by the station managers.

"I am not the owner of the station. His bosses found out that he was indisciplined. But if he has reformed, you can plead for him and they reinstate him," he said.

Source: allAfrica.com, quoted by BizzCommunity.org 11 Oct. 2011

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-17 [EN]

South Sudan: Good News Radio Reporter Wins an Award for Excellent in Radio Journalism

The winner of the first ever Free Voice Prize for Excellence in Radio Journalism in South Sudan is Rumbek-based Good News Radio reporter, Veronica Awut Mabor Akot.

Free Voice is a Non-Governmental Organization established in the Netherlands with the objective of enhancing the capacity of media in developing countries.

Free Voice South Sudan launched its first ever competition for excellence in Radio Journalism in South Sudan, calling on South Sudanese journalists to produce short programs on Good Governance, gender issues among other human interest feature programs.

Free Voice on Friday announced Ms. Awut of Good News Radio as winner of the competition in recognition of her program on Good Governance entitled, 'Challenges of a Lady Minister', a program she developed following the controversy surrounding the dismissal of a civil servant in Lakes State.

The judges observed that Ms. Awut's program was balanced, clearly and engagingly presented with interviews from both parties concerned.

The other indicators of professionalism cited by Free Voice judges were Ms. Awut's ability to pose

appropriate questions and her success in shunning unwarranted judgments and speculation. In the message circulated via email, Free Voice applauded Ms. Awut for her efforts and congratulated Good News Radio, remarking however that many of the reports submitted for the prize competition showed a high degree of professionalism and that an even stronger field of contenders would be expected in the next competition slated for next year.

Ms. Awut's radio program was based on a real controversy between the then Lakes State Minister of Labor and Public Services and the Director General in the same Ministry.

The Minister has had to resign following the decision to reinstate the Director General she had controversially suspended.

Veronica Awut will receive a cash award of One Thousand South Sudanese Pounds and will join ten other selected journalists from each of the States of South Sudan for a workshop on professional reporting under the auspices of Free Voice.

Source: Good News Radio (Rumbek), Communique, 14 Oct 2011

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-17 [EN]

South Sudan: Award Winner Urged Journalists to Practice Fearless and Professional Journalism

The winner of the first ever Free Voice Prize for Excellence in Radio Journalism in South Sudan, Veronica Awut Mabor Akot has called on journalists to practice fearless and professional journalism. The Friday morning announcement of the winner by Free Voice through an email to media houses was received with appreciation and jubilation at Good News Radio after it emerged that Ms. Awut managed to beat the other competitors with her clearly written and engagingly presented radio program entitled "Challenges of a Lady Minister".

Speaking to Good News Radio on phone from Kampala, Uganda, a jubilant Ms. Awut welcomed the award, terming it as a source of encouragement and a reason for her to continue covering issues of human interest courageously.

She further appealed to fellow journalists to fearlessly and professionally continue using the power in their hands as reporters to expose evils in the society.

In an interview with a Good News Radio reporter moments after the announcement, one of Ms. Awut's colleagues, Daniel Juma Maidodo attributed the victory to the ongoing capacity building initiative at the radio, adding that the award raises the profile of Good News Radio locally, nationally and internationally.

Mr. Juma encouraged his colleagues to make good use of the opportunity offered by Good News Radio to grow in the field of radio broadcasting.

Meanwhile, Good News Radio Director, Fr. Don Bosco Ochieng, acknowledged with appreciation the selection of one of those being trained at the station as winner of the competition, describing the achievement as a great honor for this radio station than has been in operation for less than two years.

Fr. Ochieng further said that the recognition of Ms. Awut's program on Good Governance for its excellence comes with the responsibility to sustain the level of professionalism, calling on the staff of Good News Radio to continue the good work they are already doing.

Ms. Awut is one of the twelve local candidates receiving training at Rumbek-based Good News Radio.

Good News Radio started broadcasting in January 2010. It is one of the nine Community-based Catholic Radio stations of the Sudan Catholic Radio Network.

Source: Good News Radio (Rumbek), Communique, 15 Oct. 2011

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-18 [EN]

Algeria: Algerian paper says radio, television sector to be opened to private operators

Minister of communication Nacer Mahel yesterday announced that his department had started formulation of a draft law concerning the audiovisual sector. The draft law is meant to regulate the opening of the audiovisual domain to private and foreign initiatives in Algeria.

Presenting the draft organic law pertaining to information to the culture commission at the National Popular Council, the minister said that his department has started drafting the text of a law regulating the audiovisual sector. In this context, Algerian, foreign and Arab experts have been consulted about this project.

According to sources close to the culture commission in question, the minister did not give details of the government project which is meant to pave the ground for the opening of the audiovisual sector and put an end to the state monopoly of this sector since independence. In this connection,

the communication minister had already said that the opening of the audiovisual sector will occur next year.

It should be mentioned that several institutions and groups have declared that they intend to launch their own television and radio channels in our country. At the same meeting the minister presented the outlines of a draft law regulating the information sector, which "brings important improvements to organize the information sector, exercise liberties and protect the rights of media men. The improvements include the abolition of jail sentences for journalists."

The two-hour debates largely covered the "mediocrity" of [national] television programs, and the minister said he agrees to the criticism levelled at these programs. Moreover, Nacer Mahel reiterated his determination to reform the Algerian national television service. In fact, he has been given the green light by the president of the republic to do this. He said that he will soon present a project to improve television programs to the council of ministers for approval.

Speaking about the chaotic distribution of radio wavelengths in the country because of technical problems and the quality of transmission equipment, the minister said that measures will be introduced to limit this chaos. Moreover, he told the members of the commission that he has given instructions to print houses to the effect that newspapers that fail to collect their printed issues from print houses will be punished by being deprived of public advertisement offers.

According to parliamentary sources, specialists and men of law will be invited by the parliament culture commission next week to give their views before introducing any amendment to the draft law in question and submitting it for discussions next November.

Source: El-Khabar website (Algiers), in Arabic, 17 Oct. 2011; translated and quoted by BBC Monitoring, 18 Oct. 2011

ALERT

FROM : 2011-10-18 [EN]

Liberia: Arson attack on radio station close to Liberian candidate

The offices of a Liberian radio station were set ablaze on Monday [17 October] morning, a manager said, in the wake of an arson attack on the ruling party headquarters and opposition discontent over poll results.

"I was called at 3.00 a.m. this morning that some unknown people on board a red pick-up threw a petrol bomb in the building and before we got here the fire had already escalated," said Jallah Griefield of the company which owns Love FM and Love TV.

"Right now we do not know if we will be able to do broadcasts in the hours to come. The police have started investigations."

The motive for the attack was not clear.

The station is partly owned by a financier of the main opposition Congress for Democratic Change, which prompted fears of unrest over the weekend after accusing the elections commission of rigging results.

An office of President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf's Unity Party was set on fire over the weekend.

The CDC's presidential candidate Winston Tubman has said he will contest a second round of voting set down for November 8, after coming second to Sirleaf in the October 11 vote.

Sirleaf, a 2011 Nobel Peace Laureate, took 44 per cent of the vote, according to official results from 96.7 per cent of the ballots, with Tubman, a former diplomat, at 31 per cent. Turnout in the October 11 vote was 71.4 per cent.

In a joint statement Saturday, nine opposition parties claimed there was "a calculated and deliberate act by NEC (National Elections Commission) to rig these elections in favour of President Johnson Sirleaf and the Unity Party".

Source: AFP news agency (Paris), 17 Oct. 2011; quoted by BBC Monitoring, 18 Oct. 2011

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-20 [EN]

Zimbabwe: Zimbabwe regulator vets radio licence applicants

In the first public hearing by the Broadcasting Authority of Zimbabwe to vet applicants for the two commercial radio licences the regulator has promised to issue, representatives of shortlisted applicant Kiss FM said Tuesday [18 October] that it will initially rely on the state-controlled Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation [ZBC] for its news coverage.

In her presentation to the Broadcasting Authority, Kiss FM board member Musi Khumalo said the station will focus mainly on music and entertainment, targeting young people, and will initially rely on the Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation for news.

But some people in attendance questioned why Kiss FM would get news from ZBC which has often been accused of a bias in favour of the long-ruling ZANU-PF party of President Robert Mugabe and against the Movement for Democratic Change.

But Khumalo responded saying Kiss FM editors and managers will have the right to select what to

broadcast from ZBC, and that they will use news from the state broadcaster only while they putting together their own news operation.

Kiss FM chairman Douglas Munatsi told the regulator that his company has secured 5m US dollars financing and will be able to go on air five months after being licensed.

He said the station will have studios in Harare and Bulawayo, working with state signals company Transmedia to ensure its broadcasts can be heard nationwide.

A second applicant, state-controlled print media group Zimbabwe Newspapers, will come before the broadcast regulator. AB Communications and Voice of the People, which now broadcasts from Madagascar courtesy of Netherlands Radio [Radio Netherlands Worldwide], will appear next week. The BAZ promised in May to issue two commercial radio licences. Four companies were shortlisted out of the 14 which filed applications by a June deadline.

The Media Institute of Southern Africa said it welcomed the hearings by the broadcast regulator but said they were insufficiently publicized to bring out the public.

Misa-Zimbabwe Director Nhlanhla Ngwenya told VOA reporter Jonga Kandemiiri that his group was also concerned that the broadcasting authority was not able to function independently, casting doubt on the transparency of the licensing process.

Political analyst Pedzisai Ruhanya said he expected Kiss FM and Zimpapers would get licences because of their links to the government and state broadcasting.

In another public meeting on Tuesday, a hearing in Mutare, Manicaland province, on the Electoral Amendment Act now in Parliament, ZANU-PF activists disrupted proceedings as they did on Monday in Marondera, Mashonaland East province. But this time they locked in lawmakers running the meeting so that the hearing could not be abandoned, as VOA Studio 7 correspondent Loirdham Moyo reported.

Source: VOA News.com website (Washington D.C.), 18 Oct. 2011; quoted by BBC Monitoring 20 Oct. 2011

RESOURCE FROM : 2011-10-20 [EN]

World: The 16 Days Campaign Against Violence on Women 2011

http://www.amarc.org/index.php?p=16_Days_Against_Violence_on_Women

The 16 days campaign starts on November 25th with the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; it continues on November 29th with the International Women's Human Rights Defenders Day; followed by December 1: World AIDS Day; December 6: Commemoration day of the Montreal (Canada) Massacre in 1989 and ended with the commemoration of sixty years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on December 10th for the International Human rights Day.

Community radio producers from Asia- Pacific, Middle East, Africa, Europe, North America and Latin America and the Caribbean will dedicate these 16 days campaign to highlight the effort of women and men working to put an end to gender violence. The audio files of some of the participating community radios and production groups in the 16 Days AMARC-WIN will be available at www.amarc.org/16jours . The programs featured will include documentaries, interviews, debates, poetry, music and much more. This multilingual broadcast campaign mobilizes community radios around a global issue and encourages them to use new communication technologies such as the Internet to extend the reach of their voices.

Source: AMARC Africa Info, Issue 7, Sept. 2011

RESOURCE FROM : 2011-10-20 [EN]

Africa: A call for contributions to AMARC Africa Info Newsletter

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

AMARC Africa wants to build its quarterly publication into a source of reference on community radio in Africa and establish it as a link between community stations and networks throughout the Continent and between those and the rest of the world.

The contribution of all media stakeholders is indispensable to achieve this objective. This is why, AMARC Africa requests your regular contributions to their quarterly editions.

You could notably:

- Announce the creation of a community media
- Announce the launch of an important project or initiative involving your community radio, media or network: a new partnership, a broadcasting project, a disaster etc.
- Report on important events involving or concerning community radio/media: training or advocacy sessions, national or international conferences or seminars, elections coverage, national campaigns, participation in international events etc.
- Report threats or aggressions against community radio/media and journalists.

- Inform on developments on the media laws and regulations as they affect community radio/media in your or another country.
 - Interview community radio/media activists, practitioners, scholars and other stakeholders.
 - Review of a publication which is of interest to media and community radio stakeholders in Africa.
 - Inform on a success story concerning community media/radios in your country or another country, regarding notably the viability of the station/network, the participation of the community in the station/ network and the use of ICTs;
- Send your contributions along with photos by email to : alymanab@yahoo.fr
Source: AMARC Africa Info, Issue 7, Sept. 2011

World/Canada: The Community Radio Day Enjoyed Great Success at the FIESS

http://www.amarc.org/fiess/documents/DeclarationRC_FIESS_en.pdf

The World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters (AMARC) and the Québec Association of Community Radio Broadcasters (ARCQ) are happy of the resounding success of the Community Radio Day, which took place on October 17th during the International Forum of Social and Solidarity Economy (FIESS), from October 17th to 20th, 2011, in Montreal.

The day was dedicated to a seminar on community radio sustainability challenges and public policies during which several members of AMARC took the floor, among which the president Maria Pia Matta and the Secretary general Marcelo Solervicens, representatives of radios from around the globe as well as delegates from governmental bodies, such as Christine Saint-Pierre, Quebec's Minister of Culture, Communications and the Status of Women. This series of workshops permitted to put together the visions of the various actors involved in this sector to discuss the various financing and functioning models of community radios and the public politics in this realm. This seminar also permitted to agree on a declaration whose aim was to suggest recommendations to public bodies of Canada and elsewhere in order to favor the sustainability of community radio.

The participants stated in the declaration that: "States can play a vital role by adopting regulations and policies that enable the establishment and sustainability of community radios. By supporting the independence of their governance structures, of their contents' choices and of their financing mechanisms, states can allow them to reach their full potential in the democratization of the societies, on sustainable human development and cultural diversity promotion." To read the full declaration, please visits: http://www.amarc.org/fiess/documents/DeclarationRC_FIESS_en.pdf

This Community Radio Day ended up with the launch of the World House of Community Radio, this launch was a great success and several big names made speeches, such as Ms. Louise Beaudoin, who's an ambassador of the World House. The creation of the World House of Community Radio mainly aims at emphasizing at the international level, the expertise in community radio broadcasting that has been developed in Montréal over the last decades. Let's recall that Montreal was the cradle of AMARC almost thirty years ago. The setting up of AMARC's international secretariat, ARCQ's office and CIBL 101,5 Radio-Montréal's administrative office and studios in neighboring spaces will facilitate the development of innovative projects in the field of community radio broadcasting.

Source: AMARC Info (Montreal), 21 Oct. 2011

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-22 [EN]

Zimbabwe: Four Aspiring Radio Stations in Country Shortlisted

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201110220071.html>

Radio Voice of the People (VOP) is among the four out of the 14 aspiring radio stations in Zimbabwe that have been shortlisted for public hearings. The four applied in May for two broadcasting licences that were offered by the Broadcasting Authority of Zimbabwe (BAZ). [...]

Other aspirants

Other radio broadcasting aspirants are Zimbabwe Newspapers Talk Radio and AB Communications. Zimbabwe Newspapers are publishers of the daily Herald and the weekly Sunday Mail among other newspapers while former journalist and businessman Supa Mandiwanzira is behind AB Communications.

KISS FM comprises banker Douglas Munatsi (board chair), Musi Khumalo (company Chief executive) Sharon Mugabe (non-executive director) Oliver Mtukudzi (non-executive director), Joseph Zimuto (on-executive director), Phibion Gwatidzo (non-executive director), Tony Ndoro (head of programming), George Munetsi (programmings manager), Bertha Charuma (senior announcer and Chris Masikati (technical consultant).

Public enquiries for radio licence applicants commenced in Harare on Tuesday with Hot Media trading as KISS FM revealing that when licenced it will work with the state broadcaster, the

Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation (ZBC) for its news productions.

The ZimPapers Talk Radio (ZTR), one of the four prospective radio licence holders, says if granted a licence, it will break away from the patent bias towards President Robert Mugabe's Zanu (PF), something that has now been associated with its papers.

Next public hearing

The next public hearing is that of AB Communications on 25 October while Radio VOP will appear on October 27. BAZ demands to know from the aspirants shareholding structure, financiers, programming schedules as well as budget for transmission investment.

Currently the country has one state controlled Broadcaster the Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation and has no private broadcaster. The Broadcasting Authority of Zimbabwe (BAZ) on 26 May 2011 called for applications for free to air national commercial radio broadcasting services.

A national free to air national commercial licence refers to a profit making broadcasting entity that transmits an un-encoded signal throughout Zimbabwe. The two licenses will be valid for 10 years each when issued.

Application en licence fees

Application fees for the potential broadcasters are US\$9500 and include an initial fee of US\$2500 and a fee of US\$7500 for the public enquiry. On being granted a licence, prospective broadcasters will be expected to pay a licence fee of US\$15,000 plus per annum.

The licence fees include frequency fees of US \$30 per month, a 0.5% contribution of the audited annual gross turnover to the broadcasting fund and 1% annual turnover for the license period.

Ful report and source: Radio Netherlands Worldwide, 21 Oct. 2011; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-22 [EN]

South Africa: Kagiso Media Quietly Poised to Take Off in Gauteng RadioSouth Africa: Kagiso Media Qui

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201110201079.html>

Kagiso Media owns some of the top-performing radio stations in South Africa and has been growing in the digital arena with very successful companies such as Gloop Digital Design.

Yet the JSE-listed company that grew out of the Kagiso Trust is very quiet about its achievements. Omar Essack, Kagiso's CEO of broadcasting, tells Bizcommunity.com why is this is so, how the company is poised to really take off in the Gauteng radio market and that it is aiming ultimately to go into television. [...]

Full text of the interview and source: Biz Community (Capte Town), 19 Oct. 2011; quoted and distributed by allAfrica.com

ALERT

FROM : 2011-10-22 [EN]

Somalia: NUSOJ condemns bombing of radio station

http://www.ifex.org/somalia/2011/10/19/galkayo_bomb/

The National Union of Somali Journalists (NUSOJ) vehemently condemns a bomb attack on the privately owned radio station Radio Galkayo on 18 October 2011 by unknown assailants in Galkayo town, in the Puntland region of Somalia.

Journalists working for Radio Galkayo said the bomb, which frightened the staff, exploded at the gate of the station. They also stated that no one was hurt in the attack, but the building incurred damage.

The journalists said the culprits escaped from the scene after throwing the bomb at the radio station. Their motive is still unknown and no one has yet to claim responsibility for the attack. Security forces from the semi-autonomous region of Puntland conducted investigations in the area, but did not arrest anyone in relation to the incident.

Journalist Farhan J. Abdulle of Radio Galakyo told NUSOJ that the bombing has not affected the operations of the radio station. Violent attacks against journalists have been on the rise in Puntland for the last five months.

"We strongly condemn the bombing attack on Radio Galkayo. We reiterate our firm stance that there is no justification for such mindless violence against the media," said Omar Faruk Osman, NUSOJ Secretary General.

NUSOJ expresses its solidarity with Radio Galkayo and hopes that the perpetrators will be brought to justice.

Gangs attacked female journalist Ms. Horriya Abdulkadir, who works for the same radio station, on 14 September 2011. She is still in the hospital receiving treatment for gunshot wounds.

Journalist Hassan Mohamed Ali, also known as Hassan Antenna, a correspondent for the Voice of Peace Radio in Bossaso, was shot and severely wounded by unknown gunmen in Bossaso on 22

September 2011.

Journalist Abdiaziz Ahmed Aden, who worked for Radio Markabley in the Bardhere district of Gedo region in southwest Somalia, was also among the 100 people killed in a suicide attack in Mogadishu on 4 October 2011.

Source: National Union of Somali Journalists quoted by IFEX 19 Oct. 2011

ALERT FROM : 2011-10-22 [EN]

Liberia: Journalist attacked in Monrovia

http://www.ifex.org/liberia/2011/10/18/smith_toby_attacked/

Journalist Smith Toby of Truth FM has survived an armed attack by unknown persons at his home in Monrovia. The journalist is still contending with the trauma.

It is widely assumed that the perpetrators are political hirelings who targeted the journalist for perceived broadcasts complimentary to the ruling government and much to the displeasure of certain opposition parties.

Truth FM has consistently been accused by opposition political parties as having a pro-government bent.

Source: Center for Media Studies & Peace Building (Monrovia), quoted by IFEX 18 Oct. 2011

NOUVELLES

NEWS FROM : 2011-10-05 [FR]

Madagascar: RNM/TVM - 59 postes budgétaires créés

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201110041249.html>

La célébration du 80e anniversaire de la Radio nationale RNM dans tout Madagascar a été l'occasion pour le personnel temporaire, les employés de courte durée et les vacataires, du ministère de la Communication de revendiquer la régularisation de leur situation.

Ainsi, d'après le ministre Harry Rahajason 59 postes budgétaires viennent d'être créés. Les vacataires de plus de dix ans et des employés de courte durée seront les prioritaires. La liste de la première vague sortira bientôt.

« La politique du ministère est la promotion interne », a expliqué le ministre de la Communication. Source: L'Express de Madagascar (Antananarivo), 4 oct. 2011; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

NEWS FROM : 2011-10-05 [FR]

Madagascar: « RNM Show » à Mahajanga Festivités et séances de travail

<http://www.madagascar-tribune.com/Festivites-et-seances-de-travail,16494.html>

Les festivités de la célébration des 80 ans de la Radio nationale malagasy (RNM) ont également été l'occasion de séances de travail avec le ministre de la Communication, Harry Laurent Rahajason, à Mahajanga où la Radio Feon'i Boina a fêté également ses 40 ans. Après Antananarivo, Toamasina, Antsiranana et Ihosy, ce fut au tour de la région Boeny d'abriter les 1er et 2 octobre 2011, la cérémonie de célébration du 80ème anniversaire de la RNM. [...]

Le directeur général de l'ORTM, Johary Ravoajanahary, a exhorté le personnel de la RNM et de la TVM de la région de profiter de ces deux jours de retransmission en direct des émissions depuis Mahajanga pour faire valoir les potentialités et savoir-faire de cette région, non seulement sur le plan national mais aussi au niveau des îles voisines. Cependant, il n'a pas mâché ses mots en tirant au clair l'importance de certaines émissions de la RNM centrale, notamment le journal parlé et les émissions sur la situation politique du pays. « Les auditeurs et les téléspectateurs se plaignent de ne pas bénéficier du même niveau d'informations que dans d'autres régions car les responsables de la communication sur place se permettent de couper les émissions informationnelles au profit des dédicaces et d'autres émissions locales, qui, d'emblée, ne sont pas d'une importance capitale pour la plupart », a-t-il indiqué.

Quand on sait que prochainement, la couverture nationale sera accessible à toutes les stations radios et télévisions qui le souhaitent et qui en ont les moyens, on comprendra les soucis des responsables des chaînes publiques devant la concurrence, la qualité et la crédibilité des programmes et émissions proposés au public.

Johary Ravoajanahary a encore une fois exhorté ces employés des médias publics de scrupuleusement respecter les 6 heures de diffusion par jour pour la Radio et les 2 heures par jour pour la Télévision Nationale. Par ailleurs, le numéro Un de l'ORTM a également profité de cette occasion pour interpeller les autorités régionales qui seraient tentées, d'une manière ou d'une autre, de faire pression sur les agents de la communication dans l'exercice de leur métier. « Nous exprimons notre gratitude envers vous pour toute les collaboration que vous auriez apportées,

mais il faut que vous sachiez que la RNM et la TVM régionales ne sont pas vos propriétés privées pour faire reluire vos images. Laissez les journalistes de la TVM et RNM faire leur travail en toute indépendance », a-t-il souligné.

[...] Coté infrastructures, des dizaines de bureaux sont en cours de construction au niveau des districts pour la RNM et la TVM. L'équipement de ces bureaux fait l'objet d'un partenariat public-privé. Le directeur général de l'ORTM et le directeur de cabinet du ministère travaillent d'arrache-pied actuellement sur ce sujet. En outre, dans le cadre de l'application de la politique de promotion interne et le renforcement des capacités, par le truchement des formations dispensées par le ministère, l'intégration des employés non fonctionnaires au sein de la fonction publique promise par le ministre est déjà bouclée. La liste des bénéficiaires sera rendu publique la semaine prochaine.

Source: Madagascar-Tribune.com, 3 oct. 2011

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-05 [FR]

Tunisie: Des journalistes tunisiens débutent le projet de formation de l'UE

<http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/fr/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2011/10/04/newsbrief-08>

Un projet de l'Union européenne visant à soutenir les médias démocratiques en Tunisie a débuté le lundi 3 octobre à Tunis, a fait savoir l'agence TAP. Des journalistes de radio et de la télévision publique et privée, de la presse écrite et des médias en ligne participent à ce programme de formation de dix-huit mois.

Source: Magharebia.com, 4 oct. 2011

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-06 [FR]

Tunisie: IMS et l'AMARC appuient la création de radios communautaires et de groupes de production

L'Association mondiale des radiodiffuseurs communautaires (AMARC) et International Media Support (IMS) tiennent du 24 septembre au 5 octobre 2011 une nouvelle mission en Tunisie afin d'appuyer plusieurs initiatives de médias communautaires telles que Radio 6 à Tunis, de Radio Chambi FM et le projet de télévision communautaire (tous deux situés à Kasserine), Radio Sawt El Manajem (Gafsa), Radio Ibaksour (Al Dhamani près de Le Kef), et l'Association de médias de Jendouba (radio Internet). La mission vise spécifiquement à développer des structures organisationnelles durables, des lignes directrices et codes de conduites, des plans financiers et des plans d'action dans l'objectif d'établir et d'inaugurer des stations de radio. Les activités comprennent des ateliers afin d'améliorer les capacités de diffusion des diffuseurs bénévoles de Radio 6 et de groupes de production de Jendouba et Tunis. L'AMARC et IMS vise à encourager la participation des femmes dans toutes les activités et à encourager les organisations de femmes à participer activement à l'établissement des stations de radio communautaire.

La mission de soutien aux initiatives de médias communautaires suit la mission d'évaluation menée conjointement par l'AMARC et IMS en juillet dernier, et comprend en premier lieu une formation en production radiophonique les 26 et 27 septembre à Radio 6, à Tunis, sur les principes de la production radiophonique pour la radio communautaire, comme le format des programmes, la planification et la standardisation de la programmation, la rédaction radiophonique ainsi que les techniques d'entrevue. La formation sera suivie par 10 à 12 participants de Radio 6, du groupe de production de Jendouba et d'ALT-MST-Sida, situé à Tunis. Trois reportages produits pendant cet atelier seront diffusés sur les ondes de Radio 6.

Deuxièmement, l'AMARC et IMS faciliteront par la suite un atelier du 30 septembre au 2 octobre à Kasserine, au centre du territoire tunisien pour Radio Chambi FM et le projet de télévision communautaire de Kasserine sur la planification de la mise sur pied d'une station de radio communautaire. Les résultats de cet atelier seront des ébauches des structures, des lignes directrices et des plans d'action avec des étapes claires, des responsabilités attribuées et des échéanciers définis. 30 à 35 participants des projets susmentionnés assisteront à cet atelier. Les lignes directrices pour la couverture des élections du 23 octobre seront également discutées de même que la poursuite de la collaboration au niveau technique et en matière de formation.

Source: AMARC Secrétariat International, Communiqué daté du 28 Sept. 2011

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-08 [FR]

Côte d'Ivoire: Dimbokro/hommage - le Colonel du micro n'est plus !<http://www.avenue225.com/dimbokrohommage-le-colonel-du-micro-n%E2%80%99est-plus>

Les battants métalliques de l'entrée principale de la Voix du N'Zi sont restés fermés cette journée du dimanche 25 et pour cause l'une des voix les plus représentatives de la station s'est éteinte. Gon Coulibaly Hamed, plus connu sous le pseudonyme de Colonel Djo s'en est allé ce samedi 24 septembre 2011 des suites d'une courte maladie laissant derrière lui 4 orphelins.

On le savait véritablement affecté par le chagrin et le poids de la solitude depuis le décès de sa compagne Anne, mais jamais le Colonel du micro n'a cessé de rendre service à la population en présentant chaque jour ses émissions. Il a tenu pendant près de 14 ans le rôle qui est le sien, à savoir donner de la joie aux habitants de Dimbokro.

Source : www.avenue225.com, 28 sept. 2011; information transmise à TRRAACE par Serge Adam's Diakité (journaliste à Atlantique FM 107.2 Abidjan)

RESOURCE

FROM : 2011-10-09 [FR]

RDC: Le Rendez-Vous du Citoyenwww.lesmediasducitoyen.cd/lrdc/emissions

A l'approche du scrutin présidentiel du 28 novembre 2011, le magazine "Le Rendez-Vous du Citoyen" (LRDC) va consacrer une série d'émissions au processus électoral, afin de dresser un bilan de la législature en cours et évoquer les défis de l'avenir.

Cette émission en est déjà à son 23ème numéro en date du 19 sept. 2011. Au sommaire de ce 23ème numéro:

- L'implication de la femme dans le processus électoral
- Le bilan de la législature en cours dans le Bas Congo
- L'engouement des candidats déposant leur candidature à la CENI

Enfin, le reportage d'investigation s'intéresse à un problème écologique de plus en plus inquiétant en RDC: la prolifération des sachets en plastique. A Lubumbashi, l'opération 'Ville sans sachet' est lancée.

Cette émission a été réalisée par le REMACOB, le réseau des radios de proximité du Bas Congo. L'écoute de LRDC est possible sur le portail d'informations congolaises "Les Médias du Citoyen" ou, en RDC, sur les ondes de votre radio de proximité à Kinshasa, au Katanga, en Province orientale, dans le Bas Congo, dans le Kasai oriental et dans le Nord et Sud Kivu.

Source: Lettre d'information Les Médias du Citoyen (Kinshasa), 7 oct. 2011

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-09 [FR]

Angola: La radio communautaire de Caála sera inaugurée en novembre<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201110061089.html>

La Radio communautaire de la municipalité de Caála, qui va émettre ses émissions sur la fréquence de 94.8, une initiative du ministère de la Communication Sociale, sera inaugurée en novembre, a annoncé mercredi, le directeur de la Radio Huambo, João Pedro.

Dans une déclaration à l'Angop, João Pedro a affirmé que la première émission sera réalisée le 11 novembre, lors des commémorations du 36è anniversaire de l'indépendance nationale, ce qui va améliorer le niveau d'information et formation des habitants de cette région.

Selon la source, la Radio communautaire de Caála possède des équipements modernes, deux studios, dont un pour l'émission et l'autre pour les enregistrements, deux bureaux d'appui, un émetteur de 250 mégawats et une antenne de 240 mètres pour la couverture de 400 mètres carrés.

Source: Angola Press Agency (Luanda), 6 Oct. 2011; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-09 [FR]

Angola: Conquête de la paix permet le développement de la radio dans la région<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201110060852.html>

Le directeur de l'émission locale de la Radio Nationale d'Angola à Uíge, João Isaac Nazaré de Miranda, a considéré, mercredi, dans cette ville, la conquête de la paix comme principal ressort qui a impulsé le développement de la radio dans le pays et dans la province en particulier.

João Isaac, qui parlait en exclusivité à l'Angop, dans le cadre du 35ème anniversaire de la station de radio, a indiqué que grâce à la conquête de la paix, il a été possible de réhabiliter, équiper avec des moyens et équipements modernes l'émetteur local et ses représentations municipales détruites

durant le conflit armé qu'a connu le pays.

Selon le journaliste, la RNA est actuellement implantée dans toutes municipalités de la province, donnant la possibilité aux auditeurs d'accompagner la réalité du pays et du monde au moyen des antennes de l'émetteur local.

Cent un travailleurs, dont journalistes, techniciens, administratifs et entre autres garantissent l'opération de l'émetteur de la Radio Nationale d'Angola à Uíge.

Source: Angola Press Agency (Luanda), 5 oct. 2011; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-09 [FR]

Angola: Radio nationale commémore ses 35 ans

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201110060841.html>

La Radio Nationale d'Angola (RNA) célèbre le 5 octobre son 35ème anniversaire depuis sa création en 1976 par le Président angolais, António Agostinho Neto.

Comme entreprise publique, la RNA a comme objectifs contribuer à l'information publique, garantissant aux citoyens le droit de s'informer.

La promotion de la citoyenneté, des us et coutumes, de la solidarité humaine, des valeurs culturelles nationales, ainsi que de l'étude et de la découverte permanente et promotion du travail figurent aussi parmi les objectifs de la RNA.

Source: Angola Press Agency (Luanda), 5 oct. 2011; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-09 [FR]

Madagascar: Commission d'éthique du journalisme - Les noms sont connus

<http://www.madagascar-tribune.com/Les-noms-sont-connus,16508.html>

La Commission d'éthique du journalisme est maintenant debout. Le ministre de la Communication, Harry Laurent Rahajason, a publié les noms de ceux qui composent cette Commission qui aura du pain sur la planche devant les abus ou dérives de certaine radio privée.

Selon les textes qui fondent l'institution de cette commission, ils sont issus des patrons de presse, des journalistes du secteur privé et du monde de la presse publique. Ils sont :

- Mireille Ranaivoharison, Freddy Rajaofera Andriambelo, Naina Andriantsitohaina, Nicolas Rabemananjara, issus du patronat

- Sylvain Ranjalahy, Michel Ralibera, Rianasoa Renaud Raharijaona, Salomon Ravelontsalama, de la presse privée

- Johariniaina Fanomezantsoa Ravoajanahary, Ruffin Rakotomaharo, Guy Laurent Ramanankamonjy, du secteur public.

Le ministre de la Communication préside cette Commission.

Source: Madagascar-Tribune.com (Antananarivo), 7 oct. 2011

ALERT

FROM : 2011-10-09 [FR]

Liberia: Le directeur-général de Liberia Broadcasting system, un média d'État, suspendu

http://www.ifex.org/liberia/2011/10/05/nmah_suspended/fr/

Les autorités libériennes ont suspendu, le 26 septembre 2011, M. Ambrose Nmah, Directeur-Général de l'organe d'État le Liberia Broadcasting system (LBS) à cause de la transmission d'une conférence de presse du parti de l'opposition Congress for Democratic Change (CDC), lors de laquelle M. George Oppong-Weah, leader du parti en question, aurait tenu des propos injurieux envers la Présidente Ellen Johnson Sirleaf.

Selon le Ministère de l'Information, la suspension a été effectuée suite à une recommandation par le conseil d'administration du LBS. Le président dudit conseil, El-Hajj Kromah, vient d'être nommé comme remplaçant.

Le correspondant de la Media Foundation for West Africa (MFWA) rapporte que lors de la conférence de presse tenue le 24 septembre et transmise sur les ondes du LBS, le leader de l'opposition disait à plusieurs reprises au media qu'"Ellen, cette dame là, elle a amené la guerre, tout le monde sait qu'elle engendre la guerre, pas nous".

D'après le correspondant, ce commentaire de Weah avait énervé la Présidente Sirleaf et ses partisans.

La MFWA joint sa voix à tous ceux qui dénoncent la suspension du chef du LBS et revendique qu'il soit rétabli dans ses fonctions sans délai.

Bien que la MFWA n'excuse pas l'emploi de paroles menaçantes, injurieuses ou abusives par qui

que ce soit dans les médias ou lors des campagnes politiques, nonobstant ceci, nous estimons que ce serait une erreur pour le Ministère de l'Information de suspendre ou de démettre un chef de média d'État de ses fonctions.

Source: Fondation pour les Médias en Afrique de l'Ouest (Accra), repris par IFEX, 5 oct. 2011

ALERT FROM : 2011-10-12 [FR]

Mauritanie: Les journalistes mauritaniens saluent la réforme du code des médias

<http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/fr/features/awi/features/2011/10/11/feature-01>
Les médias mauritaniens ont approuvé à l'unanimité les changements apportés au code de la presse.

Le gouvernement mauritanien a décidé d'accorder plus de liberté au secteur des médias pour renforcer les acquis démocratiques. Le parlement a approuvé mercredi 6 octobre un projet de loi prévoyant la suppression des peines de prison pour les journalistes dans les affaires concernant des insultes envers le Président, des chefs d'Etat étrangers et des membres du corps diplomatique présents en Mauritanie.

"Cette décision du parlement intervient après une décision rendue publique en juin dernier par le gouvernement mauritanien visant à abolir les peines de prison à l'encontre de journalistes dans la plupart des affaires de publication et de supprimer la pénalisation des insultes envers la Présidence, maintenant seulement une amende financière, mais conservant les peines de prison dans les affaires d'incitation à la haine et d'atteinte aux valeurs humaines", selon Houssein Ould Medou, le président du Syndicat des journalistes mauritaniens (SJM). [...]

Texte complet et source: Magharebia Daily News, 11 oct. 2011

NEWS FROM : 2011-10-13 [FR]

RDC : Au Bas-Congo, médias et Eglises divisés sur la promotion des langues locales

En net recul par rapport au lingala, la "langue des stars parlée à Kinshasa et dans armée, le kikongo et ses variantes locales connaissent un timide retour dans la province du Bas-Congo, où certains médias, Églises et écoles tentent de les promouvoir. Mais l'influence du lingala, très forte partout dans le pays, rend leur tâche difficile.

Depuis 2010, le Réseau des médias associatifs et communautaires du Bas-Congo (Remacob), qui regroupé 27 radios, se bat pour que ses membres produisent l'essentiel de leurs programmes en kikongo. Ces radios diffusent deux fois par semaine dans cette langue, les émissions "Elections et radios" de proximité et "Route sans sida", produites par le réseau. Président du Remacob, Lewis Nzita explique pourquoi ils se sont investis dans cette lutte:

"Nos populations sont quasi analphabètes, dit-il. Et pour faire passer nos messages, il faut utiliser les langues locales."

Journaliste à la radio Ntemo de Mbanza-Ngungu (215 km de Matadi), Jean-Luc Kissakanda ajoute que cette initiative rencontre les exigences de bailleurs de fonds des radios communautaires, qui "veulent que l'information atteigne tout le monde." Outre le kikongo, ces médias font usage des variantes du kikongo, comme le kitandu, le kiyombe, le kindibu, le kimboma ou le kimanianga. Ce qui est bien accueilli par certains auditeurs, qui créent des clubs d'écoute et interviennent lors des émissions à téléphone ouvert. "Vous ne pouvez pas vous imaginer le plaisir que je ressens lorsque j'écoute une émission dans laquelle les gens réagissent en kiyombe, ma langue maternelle", s'exclame Baise Malonda, un habitant de Kimpese. [...]

Texte complet et source : Journal Uhuru ; repris et diffusé par Google Groupes Médias catholiques de la RD Congo (CECOS-CODICOS-RDCONGO), 12 oct. 2011

NEWS FROM : 2011-10-13 [FR]

Sénégal: Média - La radio catholique Espérance Fm émettra en janvier

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201110131054.html>

Espérance Fm émettra en janvier prochain au plus tard. C'est le souhait d'Aimé Sène, président de l'Association des dirigeants-entrepreneurs et cadres catholiques (Adeccs), initiateurs du projet.

Annoncée depuis plusieurs mois, la radio d'obédience catholique, Espérance Fm prend forme. Les initiateurs du projet, l'Association des dirigeants-entrepreneurs et cadres catholiques (Adeccs) ont convié à cet effet les communicateurs catholiques samedi à la Centrale des oeuvres pour partager sur le projet.

Pilotée par l'ancienne directrice du Cesti, Mme Eugénie Rokhaya Aw Ndiaye, la radio Espérance FM

émettra sur la 95.2 et sera basée au Plateau, à l'ex-immeuble d' « Afrique Nouvelle », un ancien journal édité par l'Eglise du Sénégal. Le bâtiment, en construction, se situe derrière la Procure diocésaine.

Avec un statut de Société anonyme au capital de 200 millions de nos francs, Espérance Fm a pour vocation de faire un « maillage du territoire national », selon Mme Ndiaye. L'actionnariat est composé de 33% de l'Archidiocèse de Dakar, les membres de l'Adeccs ont 40%, les membres de la communauté chrétienne 17% et l'Adeccs (association) 10%.

La commande de matériel se fera dans une dizaine de jours, car 100 millions de Cfa sont déjà disponibles, fruit de l'engagement de quelques cadres catholiques. Ce qui fait dire à la directrice que « tout est sur les rails avec un démarrage imminent des programmes ».

Pour le développement et l'expression de la diversité

Un démarrage que le président de l'Adeccs, Aimé Sène « veut pour Noël ou le Nouvel An ». Tout est fin prêt pour le respect du délai, croit-il, car « c'est la première fois que nous sommes aussi proches de réaliser ce vœux si cher au cardinal ».

Plus qu'un outil au service de la communauté chrétienne, Espérance Fm sera un outil au service du développement d'un « climat social propice à l'expression de la diversité, au développement de l'ensemble des communautés et des groupes qui partagent nos valeurs », précise-t-elle. D'ailleurs, la radio a pour objectif, « la participation à la prise de parole » qui ne laisse aucune entité, mais aussi à la « visibilité des différents segments de l'Eglise et du travail remarquable qu'abattent les laïcs dans leurs champs d'apostolat ».

L'échange qui s'en est suivi avec les communicateurs catholiques a permis aux uns et autres d'exprimer leurs opinions sur ce projet que « les Catholiques doivent s'approprier ». Différents points ont été abordés, allant de la technique au programme, en passant par la projection dans le futur. Les inquiétudes ont été aplanies par les réponses de Mme Ndiaye qui a fait savoir que les aspects techniques sont gérés par de hauts cadres bien qualifiés et que nul ne devrait s'inquiéter à ce sujet.

Quant au programme, une commission de réflexion est mise en place. Elle livrera ses travaux dans quelques semaines. Pour ce qui est de l'avenir, une place de choix a été accordée aux Tic, car Eugénie Rokhaya Aw Ndiaye songe déjà à une web-radio.

Source: Le Soleil (Dakar), 13 oct. 2011; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-13 [FR]

Afrique de l'Ouest: Médias - Panos lance la plateforme panafricaine des radios

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201110110834.html>

Après une semaine de formation de leurs professionnels, l'Institut Panos Afrique de l'Ouest (Ipao) a remis, vendredi dernier, un lot de matériel informatique à des organes de presse radiophonique dont plusieurs radios communautaires. C'est dans le cadre d'un programme dénommé Plateforme panafricaine des radios. Outre le Sénégal, ce programme concerne la Zambie, l'Ouganda et le Ghana.

La Zambie, l'Ouganda, le Ghana et le Sénégal sont les quatre pays africains concernés par le projet « Plateforme panafricaine des radios ». Selon son chef, le gambien Ebrima Syllah, ce projet est lancé par l'Institut Panos et regroupe, outre l'Institut Panos Afrique de l'ouest (Ipao), des pays d'instituts Panos d'Afrique australe et de l'est.

« La plateforme panafricaine des radios va permettre aux radios communautaires africaines de livrer aux populations des informations de qualité sur le développement. Elle va aussi, en même temps, assurer l'intégration par le canal des médias », a souligné M. Syllah. Le projet va durer trois ans.

Le Sénégal, soutient le chargé de projet radio à l'Ipao Hyppolite Dossouyovo, est le premier pays à bénéficier de cette formation. Ainsi, l'Ipao a formé des professionnels sénégalais de radios, comme Convergence Fm, Jokko Fm, Oxy jeunes, Pecc Mi, Jegueem Fm.

Après la formation de leurs employés, les radios ont aussi reçu du matériel informatique pour mieux accompagner le projet. Rappelons que ces professionnels sont formés principalement sur deux thèmes à savoir : le suivi et l'élaboration du budget participatif et la sécurité alimentaire durable. Selon Dossouyovo, il s'agit également de renforcer la capacité des radios en management afin qu'elles soient beaucoup plus autonomes.

Pour sa part, le représentant des radios, le directeur de Jokko Fm Boubacar Khalil Ndiaye, a estimé qu'à travers la plateforme panafricaine des radios, Panos ouvre l'ère du travail collaboratif. En effet, soutient Dossouyovo, il s'agit de faire partager des programmes communs aux radios concernées.

Ces programmes vont porter sur les thématiques qui intéressent à la fois les auditeurs de ces médias. Au Sénégal, précise Dossouyovo, la radio Convergence Fm, « compte tenu de son

envergure et de sa vocation», sera le hub.

Source: Le Soleil (Dakar), 11 oct. 2011; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-13 [FR]

RDC: Racodo, la radio de réconciliation communautaire

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/printable/201110101506.html><http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/printable/201110101506.html> A Dongo, dans le nord-ouest de la RDC, une nouvelle radio sensibilise au vivre-ensemble pour favoriser le retour de milliers de réfugiés partis fin 2009, quand un violent conflit inter-communautaire a éclaté. Le média a été officiellement inauguré ce samedi 8 octobre 2011. La Radio communautaire de Dongo ne badine pas avec la neutralité. «Au départ, on devait s'appeler RCD, mais comme c'est le nom d'un parti politique et qu'on craignait que les auditeurs fassent la confusion, on a changé», explique la journaliste et assistante de production Rosette Bunketi. Nom de baptême : Racodo.

Derrière ses murs blancs et bleus -rappelant les couleurs des agences de l'ONU qui la soutiennent- on découvre un étroit studio insonorisé et une mini-régie alimentés en journée par huit panneaux solaires. Petits moyens pour grande mission. «L'objectif de la radio est de promouvoir la réconciliation pour permettre le retour des déplacés et des réfugiés», explique Céline Schmitt, porte-parole du Haut-commissariat aux réfugiés (HCR) de l'ONU.

Fin octobre 2009 à Dongo, dans la province de l'Equateur (nord-ouest), des membres de la communauté enyele ont attaqué celle des munzaya au sujet d'étangs poissonneux. Le conflit s'est étendu dans une partie de la province, avant de s'achever en avril 2010. Bilan : plus de 270 morts, dont une centaine à Dongo, et quelque 200 000 exilés -dont 130 000 au Congo-Brazzaville, 20 000 en Centrafrique et les autres en Equateur.

La création de la Racodo entre dans le cadre d'un accord pour le rapatriement volontaire des réfugiés signé en juin 2010 par le HCR et les deux Congos. Guyvech, 26 ans, est l'une des animatrices de la radio, gérée par l'ONG de résolution des conflits Search for common ground. Elle aussi avait fui les violences. Mais si elle a pardonné aux assaillants, «certains demandent une punition pour les auteurs, d'autres disent qu'il faut laisser tomber pour faire avancer le milieu», confie-t-elle.

C'est notamment à ces derniers que la Racodo s'adresse au travers de ses émissions, comme «To Sangana» (réunissons-nous, en lingala). Le message atteint des ex-réfugiés et des déplacés mais aussi certains exilés au Congo-Brazzaville voisin, qui entendent que la sécurité est revenue, que la vie reprend... Ce qui pourrait leur donner envie de rentrer avant ou pendant le rapatriement que prévoient le HCR et les deux Congo.

«Des gens appellent pour dire que le contexte est très fragile et qu'il ne faut pas que des extrémistes puissent s'exprimer, et ils ont raison ! On réduit donc tout ce qui est libre antenne», commente Gervais Koffi, responsable à Dongo de Search for common ground. Autre mesure : «Maintenant je filtre les communiqués. S'ils ne contredisent pas la cohésion sociale, ils passent», dit-il, confiant qu'en trois mois de diffusion un seul texte «assez violent» a été censuré.

La radio a été inaugurée samedi en présence de responsables locaux et de représentants des humanitaires. Et à peine lancée, la petite équipe songe déjà à l'avenir. «Bientôt, avec l'accalmie, on pourrait vraiment être un outil de développement communautaire, estime Gervais Koffi. Mais il faut trouver un mécanisme de durabilité communautaire qui permettra à la radio de survivre quand les partenaires laisseront la population la gérer».

Source: Radio France Internationale (Paris), 10 oct. 2011; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-15 [FR]

Côte d'Ivoire: La deuxième chaîne de la radio nationale de retour à Man

http://www.aip.ci/indexL.php?idl=21736&Kt_Lecture=1

La deuxième chaîne de la radio nationale est de retour dans les foyers de Man après de longs mois d'interruption dûs à des défaillances techniques, a constaté l'AIP.

Selon le responsable du centre émetteur de Man, les "ennuis sont maintenant un lointain souvenir" après que le centre de Man a pu disposer d'un émetteur de rechange.

"C'est donc un retour qui s'inscrit dans la durée", a rassuré Jacques Riboux "Fantôme".

Pour permettre l'accès des sons et images de la radio et de la télévision à tous les Ivoiriens, un programme d'urgence a été mis en route pour remettre en état de marche sur l'ensemble du territoire les centres émetteurs dont la plupart sont hors d'usage du fait de la crise armée qu'a connue le pays, rappelle-t-on.

Source: Agence Ivoirienne de Presse (Abidjan), 14 oct. 2011; information transmise à TRRAACE par Serge Adam's Diakité (journaliste à Atlantique FM 107.2 Abidjan)

NEWS FROM : 2011-10-17 [FR]

Benin/Afrique: Séminaire clôture Plan Radio Afrique

RFI Formation internationale organise du 10 au 20 octobre, à Possotomé au Bénin le séminaire de clôture du Plan Radio Afrique radios privées.

Financé par le Ministère français des Affaires étrangères, ce projet démarré en 2006 avait pour objectif de renforcer le management général et la gestion technique de 49 radios du Bénin, du Burkina Faso, du Burundi, du Cameroun, du Mali, du Niger, de la RDC et du Sénégal. Le séminaire réunit tous les coachs en management et en gestion technique formés et confirmés par le Plan Radio Afrique, soit 17 personnes de 8 pays, et vise quatre objectifs : faire une évaluation bilan des actions de Plan radio Afrique et de leur impact ; émettre des recommandations en matière d'appui aux radios de proximité africaines ; renforcer les capacités des coachs par une série de micro formations ; finaliser la constitution du réseau des coachs africains en radios de proximité.

L'organisation logistique de ce séminaire initié par Radio France Internationale a été confiée à l'Institut Kilimandjaro de Cotonou.

Source: RFI Formation internationale (Paris), 17 oct. 2011

NEWS FROM : 2011-10-17 [FR]

Bénin/Afrique: 49 radios renforcées en management et en gestion technique

<http://yesouikend.com/fraternite/spip.php?article3714>

Avec un management pointu et une gestion technique efficiente, les radios de proximité africaines pourront mieux s'inscrire dans la dynamique d'information et d'éducation de la population. A cet effet, et à l'initiative du service de formation internationale de Rfi, il a été élaboré un projet d'appui à la structuration des radios privées et communautaires. Dénommé Plan Radio Afrique, le projet a démarré depuis 2007 et prend en compte 49 radios africaines dont 5 béninoises. Il s'agit des radios Tokpa Fm de Cotonou, Voix du Mono de Lokossa, Radio Trait d'Union de Bohicon, Dinaba Fm de Boukoubé, Nato Fm de Natitingou. Le séminaire de clôture de ce projet a démarré hier à l'hôtel "Chez Théo" de Possotomé. Il réunit tous les coachs en management et en gestion technique confirmés par le Plan, soit 17 personnes. A en croire Bernard Chenuaud, le chef de projet, ce séminaire vise à renforcer les capacités locales d'expertise de ces coachs. Il s'agira donc de faire une évaluation bilan des actions de Plan radio Afrique et de leur impact. Cette évaluation sera formalisée par un rapport incluant des recommandations en matière d'appui aux radios de proximité africaines. Les conclusions de l'enquête de suivi réalisée par téléphone fin 2010 auprès de tous les directeurs de stations de radios seront utilisées à cet effet. Tout ceci à travers une série de micro formations. Pendant 10 jours, ces coachs seront outillés sur comment préparer et animer une mission de diagnostic et coaching en radio de proximité, comment concevoir des outils pédagogiques et administratifs qui pourront être utilisés par les stations radios. Les travaux de ce séminaire sont assurés par des experts venus d'horizons divers et dont les profils et les expériences sont variés. Par ailleurs, la mise en œuvre des actions a fait apparaître des besoins de renforcement spécifiques selon les profils d'origine. A l'initiative d'un des coachs superviseurs, une démarche de formalisation du réseau d'experts africains en management de radios de proximité viendra clore les travaux. Il faut préciser que l'organisation logistique de ce séminaire initié par Radio France Internationale est assurée par l'Institut Kilimandjaro.

Source: Quotidien Fraternité (Cotonou), 13 oct. 2011

ALERT FROM : 2011-10-18 [FR]

Côte d'Ivoire: «Radio, Paix et Réconciliation en Côte d'Ivoire»

<http://news.abidjan.net/h/413953.html>

« Radio, Paix et Réconciliation en Côte d'Ivoire », ce sont des ateliers de formation, de recherche, de rédaction, de conception et de production, pour une quinzaine de participants: Journalistes, producteurs et animateurs radio, issus des différentes radios émettant à partir d'Abidjan. Les radios nationales, les radios communales, les radios communautaires, les radios commerciales et les radios confessionnelles (religieuses)

Cette opération, à comme contenu, la recherche, la conception, la rédaction et la production de programmes radiophoniques, mettant la société civile, au centre du processus de réconciliation nationale en cours en Côte d'Ivoire.

« Radio, Paix et Réconciliation en Côte d'Ivoire » est organisé en partenariat avec Peace Counts, une initiative des journalistes allemandes et internationaux, qui se dédie à la recherche et à la présentation des solutions pour différents types de Conflits, ainsi qu'aux renforcement des capacités des journalistes à contribuer à leur résolution. De ce fait l'organisation place au centre de

son action, le travail et les méthodes de consolidation de la paix, qui servent de base à la rédaction des articles, chroniques, synopses et autres textes destinés aux médias.

Peace Counts, a fait ses preuves dans le monde entier, à travers l'animation des séminaires et ateliers pour les journalistes que l'organisation accompagne, en travaillant de pair avec leurs collègues, originaires des pays ou régions cibles. [...]

« Radio, Paix et Réconciliation en Côte d'Ivoire », se déroulera sur 10 jours, du 24-10 au 03-11-2011, au Goethe-Institut, Côte d'Ivoire, à Abidjan, Cocody. [...]

LISTE DES RADIOS INVITEES

- LA NATIONALE (RTI)
- RADIO FREQUENCE 2 (RTI)
- RADIO NOSTALGIE
- JAM FM
- ONU CI FM
- FRATERNITE YOPOUGON
- AMITIE YOPOUGON
- RADIO FEMME SOLIDARITE
- RADIO ARC EN CIEL ABOBO
- RADIO ELITE MARCORY
- ABIDJAN 1
- COCODY FM
- RADIO TREICHVILLE
- RADIO ADJAME
- RADIO ATTECOUBE
- ATM PORT BOUET
- NGOWA KOUMASSI
- IVOIRE FM
- RADIO BINGERVILLE
- AL BAYAN
- RADIO ESPOIR
- FREQUENCE VIE

Texte complet et source: Autre Presse, 17 octobre 2011, repris par www.abidjan.net ; information transmise à TRRAACE par Serge Adam's Diakitè (journaliste à Atlantique FM 107.2 Abidjan)

RESOURCE FROM : 2011-10-19 [FR]

Monde : Campagne 2011 de 16 jours contre la violence à l'endroit des femmes

<http://win.amarc.org/index.php?p=home&l=FR>

Du 25 novembre au 10 décembre, le réseau international des femmes de l'Association mondiale des radiodiffuseurs communautaire (AMARC-RIF) participera activement dans la campagne de 16 jours contre la violence faite aux femmes avec une campagne de radiodiffusion sur l'Internet en dénonciation de la représentation de la violence de genre dans les médias et pour que ceux-ci deviennent des agents de changement pour en finir avec la violence faite aux femmes. Les documents audio de la campagne et autres informations seront disponibles sur l'Internet à l'adresse suivante : www.amarc.org/16jours.

Les 16 jours d'activisme contre la violence faite aux femmes commencent le 25 novembre : la journée internationale pour l'élimination de la violence faite aux femmes; suivi le 29 novembre avec la journée internationale des femmes défenseures des droits humains des femmes; le 1er décembre avec la journée mondiale du SIDA; le 6 décembre, la commémoration du massacre de Montréal (Canada) en 1989 et terminent avec la célébration du 60ème anniversaire de la Déclaration universelle des droits humains, le 10 décembre, la journée internationale des droits humains.

Les producteurs de radio communautaire d'Asie-Pacifique, du Moyen-Orient, d'Afrique, d'Europe, d'Amérique du Nord et d'Amérique latine et des Caraïbes consacreront ces 16 jours pour accentuer l'effort des femmes et des hommes qui travaillent pour mettre fin à la violence faite aux femmes. Les documents audio des radios communautaires et des groupes de production qui participeront dans la campagne de l'AMARC-RIF cette année seront sur l'Internet à l'adresse suivante : www.amarc.org/16jours . Les programmes inclueront des documentaires, des entrevues, des discussions, de la poésie, de la musique et beaucoup plus. Cette campagne radiophonique multilingue mobilise des radios communautaires de partout à travers le monde autour d'un thème précis et les encourage à employer les nouvelles technologies de communication telles que l'Internet pour prolonger l'extension de leurs voix.

Source : AMARC AfricInfo, Bulletin trimestriel de l'AMARC Afrique, n° 7, Sept. 2011

RESOURCE

FROM : 2011-10-19 [FR]

Afrique: Vos contributions au Bulletin de l'AMARC Afrique<http://africa.amarc.org/index.php?p=home&l=FR>

Le Comité de Rédaction de AMARC Afrique Info en appelle à tous ses lecteurs pour une contribution régulière.

Vos contributions pourraient notamment concerner :

- L'annonce de la création d'une radio communautaire.
- Lancement d'un projet particulièrement important impliquant votre radio ou le réseau national de radios communautaires.
- Changements importants survenus au sein de votre radio communautaire : établissement d'un partenariat, mise en place d'une nouvelle grille de programme, manifestation importante, sinistre, etc.
- Événement particulier important : session de formation ou de plaidoyer initiée par le réseau national des radios communautaires, couverture d'un événement national ou international (élections, conférence ou campagne internationale, voyage d'études ou de participation à une manifestation à l'étranger, agression contre une radio ou un journaliste, etc.
- Succès de votre radio ou d'une radio que vous connaissez par exemple en matière de couverture d'un événement particulier ou en matière de viabilité financière, en matière de participation de la communauté, etc.
- Changement dans la législation et la réglementation concernant la radiodiffusion et les médias sociaux dans votre pays ou un autre pays dont vous êtes au courant.
- Compte rendu d'une étude ou d'une publication que vous estimez importante pour les acteurs de la radio communautaire et des médias sociaux.

Adressez vos contributions qui ne devraient pas dépasser 1 page (1000 mots) accompagnées d'une photo numérique au Rédacteur en Chef à l'adresse : alymanab@yahoo.fr.

Source : AMARC Afrique Info, Bulletin de l'AMARC Afrique, n°7, septembre 2011

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-21 [FR]

Monde/Canada: La Journée de la radio communautaire a rencontré un vif succès dans le cadre du FIESShttp://www.amarc.org/fiess/documents/DeclarationRC_FIESS_fr.pdf

L'Association mondiale des radiodiffuseurs communautaires (AMARC) et l'Association des radiodiffuseurs communautaires du Québec (ARCQ) sont heureux du succès rencontré par la Journée de la radio communautaire, qui a lieu lundi le 17 octobre dans le cadre du Forum international de l'économie sociale et solidaire (FIESS) qui se déroule du 17 au 20 octobre prochain à Montréal.

La journée a été consacrée à la tenue d'un séminaire sur la radio communautaire et les politiques publiques, lors duquel ont notamment pris la parole plusieurs membres de l'AMARC, dont la présidente Maria Pia Matta et le Secrétaire général Marcelo Solervicens, des représentants de radios d'ici et d'ailleurs ainsi que des membres des instances gouvernementales, par exemple Christine Saint-Pierre, ministre de la Culture, des Communications et de la Condition féminine du Québec. Cette série d'ateliers interactifs aura permis une mise en commun des visions des différents acteurs impliqués dans ce secteur sur les différents modèles en matière de fonctionnement et de financement de la radio communautaire ainsi que sur les politiques publiques dans ce domaine. Le séminaire aura aussi permis de s'entendre sur une déclaration visant à suggérer des recommandations aux pouvoirs publics du Canada et d'ailleurs dans le monde afin de favoriser la pérennisation de la radio communautaire.

Les participants ont souligné dans la déclaration que : « Les États peuvent jouer un rôle essentiel par l'adoption de mesures et politiques publiques qui créent un environnement favorable à la mise sur pied et la pérennisation des radios communautaires. En favorisant l'indépendance de leurs structures de gouvernance, de leur choix de contenus et de leur financement, les États peuvent contribuer à actualiser leur potentiel de démocratisation des sociétés, de développement humain durable et de promotion de la diversité culturelle ». Pour lire la déclaration dans son intégralité, visitez : http://www.amarc.org/fiess/documents/DeclarationRC_FIESS_fr.pdf

La Journée s'est conclue par le lancement de la Maison mondiale de la radio communautaire. Cette inauguration a rencontré un vif succès et a vu défilé plusieurs grands noms discourir, dont Mme. Louise Beaudoin, ambassadrice de la Maison. La création d'une Maison mondiale de la radio communautaire vise principalement à contribuer au rayonnement au niveau international l'expertise en radiodiffusion communautaire qui s'est développée à Montréal au cours des dernières décennies. Rappelons que Montréal a vu naître l'Association mondiale de la radio communautaire il

y a près de 30 ans de cela. L'implantation du secrétariat international de l'AMARC, des bureaux de l'ARCO, ainsi que des locaux administratifs et des studios de CIBL 101,5 Radio-Montréal dans des espaces voisins facilitera le développement de projets novateurs dans le domaine de la radiodiffusion communautaire.

Source: AMARC Info (Montréal), 21 oct. 2011

RESOURCE FROM : 2011-10-22 [FR]

RDC: Appel à candidatures de formateurs pour le REMACOB

Dans le cadre du programme Franco-britannique-Suédois «Médias pour le Démocratie et la Transparence en RDC» l'ONG Néerlandaise Free Press Unlimited a reçu une subvention d'une année pour améliorer l'accès de la société civile aux médias. Le projet, qui sera implémenté en partenariat avec le Réseau des Medias Associatifs et Communautaires du Bas Congo (REMACOB), prévoit une série des formations pour 20 radios communautaires et une trentaine des ONG dans la province du Bas-Congo. Le but est que les ONG sachent mieux s'adresser aux médias et que les médias (et par conséquence leurs auditeurs) comprennent mieux ce que les ONG font. Le projet sera situé à Mbanza- Ngungu.

Recrutenebt de 6 (six) formateurs:

Le formateur est responsable de la conception, développement, planification, mise en œuvre et évaluation des formations en faveur des radios communautaire et les ONG du Bas Congo. Les formations auront lieu dans 9 localités dans la province du Bas Congo. Il ou elle travaillera directement sous la supervision du coordinateur du programme.

Profil :

- Licence en sciences sociales ou éducation, de préférence communication de masse ou équivalent
- 3 ans d'expérience probante au minimum en tant que formateur au sein de programmes pédagogiques de développement ou dans le secteur des médias
- Grande expérience des méthodes de formation participatives et d'exercices pratiques
- Une expérience dans la coopération internationale ou dans un contexte multiculturel est un avantage
- Disposé à se déplacer fréquemment à l'intérieur du Bas Congo pour donner des formations sur place
- Compétences avancées en informatique, dont Word, Outlook et applications Internet
- Connaissances techniques suffisantes du montage numérique (Adobe Audition), studio audio et équipement (électronique) de reportage, tel qu'enregistreur MP3

Responsabilité : Conception, développement, préparation, mise en place et évaluation de modules de formation pratique pour la formation journalistique, tels que techniques d'interview, magazine, émission-débat, la gestion des RH ; rôle et taches des membres du Conseil d'admin. ; Sur la participation de la communauté ; étude d'audience et programmation

Date d'entrée : le 1er Décembre 2011.

Merci d'adresser par courrier ou par courriel votre lettre de motivation et curriculum vitae avant le 13 novembre 2011 à Mr. Innocent BULAMBEMBE (bukinno@yahoo.fr), ou appelez le 0999802999. Nous encourageons vivement les femmes à postuler.

Seuls les candidats retenus seront convoqués pour une interview au lieu qui sera indiqué à cet effet.

Source: REMACOB (Mbanza-Ngungu), 21 oct. 2011

RESOURCE FROM : 2011-10-22 [FR]

RDC: Recrutement de l'équipe INFORMORAC Bandundu

L'Union des Radios de Proximité de Bandundu (URPB) en collaboration avec l'ONG Néerlandaise Free Press Unlimited (l'ancien RNTC) ont lancé en 2011 le programme Initiative de Formation Mobile des Radios Communautaires dans le Bandundu (Informorac-Bandundu). L'objectif du programme est de renforcer les capacités des radios communautaires de cette province Le programme est axé sur la formation journalistique, technique et de gestion, le soutien logistique et la réalisation de coproductions. Le centre de formation de l'INFORMORAC sera situé à Kikwit.

Pour son équipe Free Press Unlimited et le URPB cherchent:

- 1 coordinateur
- 2 formateurs dans le domaine journalistique
- 1 formateur technique studio / opérateur de son / NTIC
- 1 Office Manager/ administrateur financier / secrétaire.

La **Date d'entrée** en fonction est le 1er janvier 2012. Nous offrons un contrat d'un an, avec possibilité de le prolonger jusqu'à décembre 2014. Nous offrons des possibilités de formation et un coaching individuel. Etre disponible pour s'installer à Kikwit.

Merci d'adresser par courriel votre lettre de motivation et curriculum vitae **avant le 11 novembre 2011 à Fr. Narcisse Mungeye**.. Pour plus d'informations, appelez le 998596694 ou 817630787. Nous encourageons vivement les femmes à postuler.

Source: Free Press Unlimited (Hilversum, Pays-Bas), 21 oct. 2011

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-22 [FR]

Madagascar: Une chaîne de prière retransmise par Radio Haja prépare la Journée missionnaire mondiale au sein du Diocèse d'Antsirabé

<http://www.fides.org/aree/news/newsdet.php?idnews=31468&lan=fra>

Le diocèse d'Antsirabé à Madagascar célèbre la Journée missionnaire mondiale en la faisant précéder d'une semaine de préparation marquée par des moments de prière et d'animation missionnaire. Selon ce que communique à l'Agence Fides le Père Serge Faraklin Andrialalainarivo, Directeur diocésain des Œuvres pontificales missionnaires d'Antsirabé et Directeur de la radio diocésaine Haja, chaque Paroisse du Diocèse participe à une chaîne de prière retransmise par radio Haja. Le 21 octobre, S.Exc. Mgr Philippe Ranaivomanana, Evêque d'Antsirabé, a une messe pendant laquelle il y a eu une profession des vœux chez les Sœurs Trinitaire de Valencia à Ambohipeno. La Messe solennelle de la Journée missionnaire mondiale sera transmise en direct par Radio Haja. Au cours du rite, une jeune religieuse malgache de la congrégation de l'Œuvre de Saint Paul de Fribourg prononcera ses vœux perpétuels.

Source: Agence Fides (Rome), 22 oct. 2011

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-22 [FR]

Sénégal: Radio-Sénégal bénéficiera d'un investissement de 700 millions (direction)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201110210812.html>

Les services de Radio-Sénégal vont bénéficier en décembre prochain d'un investissement d'au moins 700 millions de francs CFA, annonce la Direction générale de la Radiodiffusion télévision sénégalaise (RTS, publique).

"Le fait patent est que la Radiodiffusion nationale n'a pas eu d'investissement depuis 1998. A la date du 31 Décembre 2011, il y aura un total investissement d'au moins sept cent millions", indique la direction dans un communiqué transmis à l'APS.

Mercredi dernier, les syndicats de travailleurs de la RTS ont organisé une assemblée générale au cours de laquelle les syndicalistes ont déploré la situation de la radio, qu'ils considèrent comme "le parent pauvre" de l'audiovisuel public.

"Le bureau de l'Intersyndicale de la RTS refuse de voir la réalité des faits (...). C'est le lieu de rappeler que depuis quatre mois, (elle) évite tout contact formel avec la Direction générale", poursuit le communiqué.

Le Directeur général de la RTS, Babacar Diagne, se pose des questions sur ce qu'il assimile à un "refus systématique" des membres du bureau de l'Intersyndicale d'engager le dialogue social avec le management.

Source: Agence de Presse Sénégalaise (Dakar), 21 oct. 2011; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

NEWS

FROM : 2011-10-22 [FR]

Tunisie: Snjt - Protestation - Soutien à radio 6

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201110201109.html>

Le Syndicat national des journalistes tunisiens (Snjt) a exprimé dans un communiqué dont une copie a été reçue par l'Agence TAP hier «sa solidarité avec les collègues de Radio 6 et son soutien à leur sit-in de protestation d'autant que Radio 6 avait lutté contre les restrictions de l'ancien régime et combattu pour la liberté de la presse».

Ce communiqué a été publié par le Snjt en signe de protestation contre ce qu'il appelle «la politique de monopole de fréquence de la part de l'Office national de télédiffusion (ONT) et les coûts exorbitants pratiqués qui empêchent la création de radios libres à vocation associative». Le Snjt souligne la nécessité de réviser le statut de l'ONT et de renoncer au monopole exercé par cette institution. Il met l'accent sur l'importance d'appliquer les recommandations de l'Instance nationale pour la réforme de l'information et de la communication (Inric) invitant à pratiquer des prix symboliques en faveur des radios à vocation associative.

Par ailleurs, le Snjt réaffirme la nécessité d'accélérer la mise en place du fonds de soutien aux nouveaux projets médiatiques et d'alléger l'imposition en la matière.

Source: La Presse (Tunis), 20 oct. 2011; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

ALERT

FROM : 2011-10-22 [FR]

Sénégal: L'Intersyndicale de la Rts poursuit son combat<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201110190816.html>

Le bras de fer entre l'Intersyndicale Cnts/Synpics de la Rts et le directeur général Babacar Diagne se poursuit. Les travailleurs, en assemblée générale hier, ont décidé de continuer la lutte pour le respect des engagements pris par le Dg devant les autorités.

L'Intersyndicale Cnts/Synpics de la Radiodiffusion télévision sénégalaise (Rts) est toujours sur le pied de guerre. Il déroulera bientôt la seconde phase de son plan d'action pour le respect des engagements pris par le directeur général de la Rts, Babacar Diagne.

Le mandat lui a été donné par les travailleurs de la boîte à l'issue de l'assemblée générale, tenue hier dans l'après-midi, au Triangle Sud. Car, soutient Moustapha Diop, membre de l'Intersyndicale joint par téléphone, 'rien n'a été fait sur les engagements pris'.

Selon lui, Babacar Diagne n'a pas respecté les promesses engagées devant les ministères du Travail et de la Communication. 'Il avait promis de rénover toutes les stations radios de Dakar : Dakar Fm, Radio Sénégal internationale (Rsi), etc., et les Centres de diffusion et de modulation (Cdm) au mois d'août et septembre', énumère le syndicaliste Diop.

Selon l'Intersyndicale, Babacar Diagne avait aussi dit qu'avant le 1er octobre dernier, tous les travaux d'extension et de rénovation des stations régionales et les Centres émetteurs seront prêts. 'Aujourd'hui, on est le 18 octobre (l'Assemblée générale a eu lieu hier : Ndlr) et rien de tout cela n'a été réalisé', dénoncent les travailleurs.

Pour eux, il n'est pas question d'être les complices de la mise à mort programmée de la radio nationale. 'Nous disons non à la mort de la radio, nous n'accepterons jamais cela', soutiennent les syndicalistes qui crient leur ras-le-bol. Ils comptent dévoiler les actions de leur lutte, malgré les nombreux émissaires envoyés par la direction générale.

L'Intersyndicale Cnts/Synpics de la Rts avait arrêté son plan d'action après l'intervention des ministres du Travail et de la Communication. Les travailleurs de la Rts avaient organisé un sit-in avec port de brassards rouges le 20 juillet dernier devant les grilles de l'entreprise de presse pour exiger le départ de Babacar Diagne maintenu à la tête de la Radiodiffusion télévision sénégalaise. Ils demandaient aussi l'audit de la boîte, minée par 'une gestion gabégique' du Dg.

Source: Wal Fadji (Dakar), 19 oct. 2011; repris et distribué par allAfrica.com

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