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APPEL À CANDIDATURES

Nouvelle formation en ligne – PLANSTRA1

FORMATION A LA PLANIFICATION STRATEGIQUE

Africalia et Mediafrica.Net lancent un appel à candidatures pour une formation à distance (eLearning) sur la planification stratégique d'organisations culturelles.

Durée de formation :	10 semaines
Date :	d'août 2007 à novembre 2007
Méthode pédagogique :	Formation à distance (via Internet)
Public cible :	Opérateurs culturels en Afrique francophone
Pays cibles :	Burkina Faso, Mali, Sénégal
Nombre de places disponibles :	15 personnes
Date limite d'inscription	17/06/2007

OBJECTIFS DE LA FORMATION

La planification stratégique est au cœur du travail de toute organisation. Sans cadre stratégique une organisation ne peut savoir ni où elle va ni pourquoi. Ce cours introduira et indiquera la marche à suivre par une organisation culturelle pour développer un plan stratégique adapté à son environnement et à sa situation. C'est ce cadre stratégique qui donne aux activités une cohérence et une orientation conforme à la mission, à la vision et aux objectifs de l'organisation.

Par ailleurs, de plus en plus de bailleurs de fonds exigent que leurs partenaires du Sud s'inscrivent dans une telle approche pour solliciter leur appui. C'est le cas notamment d'Africalia, qui a mandaté Mediafrica.Net de développer ce cours pour ses partenaires.

Ce cours offrira une vue générale de la planification stratégique pour des organisations et opérateurs culturels. Les participants comprendront ce que signifie la « planification stratégique », son importance et ses différentes étapes, et ils seront capables d'appliquer cette approche pour leur propre organisation.

PUBLIC VISÉ

- La formation PLANSTRA1 sur la plateforme de Mediafrica.Net est à destination des **opérateurs culturels en Afrique francophone**.
- Pays cibles : Burkina Faso, Mali, Sénégal.

Par **opérateur culturel**, il faut entendre les personnes morales (associations, festivals ou autres structures culturelles), disposant d'un statut juridique et pouvant justifier une expérience effective dans le domaine culturel.

Ces opérateurs doivent agir dans l'une des disciplines suivantes :

- **arts visuels** (arts plastiques, photographie et design) ;
- **arts de la scène** (théâtre, conte, danse, musique, spectacles de rue et de marionnettes) ;
- **littérature** (générale, de jeunesse et B.D.) ;
- **audio-visuel et médias culturels** (radio, documentaire, cinéma d'animation, court métrage) traitant de manière créative et originale de la culture dans sa dimension contemporaine ;
- **architecture**.

Dossier de candidatures

Le dossier de candidature sera préférablement introduit en utilisant le formulaire de candidature ad hoc disponible sur le site (www.mediafrica.net) ou qui peut être demandé à editor@mediafrica.net. Consultez le site de Mediafrica.Net pour disposer de la présentation complète de cette formation.

Pour être considéré recevable, le dossier contiendra les informations et documents suivants :

- **Formulaire d'inscription** (disponible sur la page d'accueil du « campus virtuel » de Mediafrica.Net.
- **CV des candidats.**
Lettre de motivation du candidat
- **Attestation du directeur du centre ou du président du CA**
- **Description des possibilités d'accès à l'Internet**

Date limite de dépôt des dossiers :

Les dossiers de candidature doivent être envoyés par courrier électronique (un accusé de réception vous sera envoyé) avant le 17 juin 2007 à l'adresse électronique suivante :

editor@mediafrica.net

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NEWS FROM : 2007-05-18

Somalie - Deux journalistes tués dans une embuscade tendue contre le convoi d'un gouverneur

<http://www.ifex.org/fr/content/view/full/83443>

Deux journalistes somaliens de la station privée Radio Jowhar ont été tués par des hommes armés dans une embuscade tendue, le 15 mai 2007, contre le convoi du gouverneur de la province du Moyen-Shabelle (Centre-Sud) dans lequel ils circulaient, a appris Reporters sans frontières auprès de son organisation partenaire en Somalie, l'Union nationale des journalistes somaliens (NUSOJ).
Source: Reporters sans frontières, website, 17/05/2007

NEWS FROM : 2007-05-18

Uganda: Ugandan Radio Online

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200705180149.html>

UGANDAN recording artists have reason to smile. A new UK-based online radio station called Pearl radio.net is out to promote Ugandan musicians in the Diaspora by playing their music exclusively.
Source : New Vision, quoted by All Africa, 18/05/2007

TRAINING FROM : 2007-05-19

North Africa: American University of Beirut to launch journalism training program

<http://www.ijnet.org/Director.aspx?P=Article&ID=306300&LID=1>

The American University of Beirut, Lebanon, is to launch a new journalism training program targeting print, broadcast and online reporters in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.
Source: IJNET, 17/05/2007

NEWS FROM : 2007-05-19

Sudan: Private radio station back on air in southern Sudan

The privately owned radio station, Liberty FM, that was closed down last year is back on air broadcasting on a new frequency of 95, not their former frequency of 105.
The radio station was closed down last year by the state government due to its contentious legal

status. Before re-opening, there were only two privately owned stations: Radio Bakhita and Capital FM. Liberty FM has come back in new premises with a new slogan. It is temporarily situated in Atlabara B at New Tokyo Bar with the slogan "The Power to Drive Juba". So far it is unknown how far it will drive Juba and to which destination; this will be for the listeners to decide. The reopening received mixed reactions from some listeners. Herbert Ohide a resident of Atlabara said he is happy because it gives him the meaning of true entertainment and he is also proud the station is in his village. Ali Salim, however, wants a radio station that "broadcasts in our local languages and as well as playing our Sudanese songs." Ali referred to Liberty FM as "the station for returnees and foreigners" due to the kind of songs played and the language of presentation. Liberty FM has continually broadcasted since last year in Yei where it has its greatest number of listeners. Source: Juba Post, Khartoum, 17/05/2007, quoted by BBC Monitoring Global Newline Media File, 18/05/2007

NEWS FROM : 2007-05-19

Zimbabwe: ZBH to Launch New Short Wave Radio Station

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200705190053.html>

Zimbabwe Broadcasting Holdings is next Friday -- on Africa Unity Day -- expected to launch a new short wave radio station, The Voice of Zimbabwe, a Zimbabwean news and news analysis station that will broadcast internationally.

"The station will be Zimbabwe's first world station. It will broadcast initially for just two hours a day and gradually increase its broadcast time until it becomes a 24 hours a day news and talk station," ZBH said in a statement.

"Although aimed predominantly at a world audience, the station may be of interest locally too because of its focus on news, news analysis and discussion programmes."

It said the station would broadcast from well-equipped studios in Gweru, adding world television broadcasts would be added to the station during the course of the year.

The new station is headed by Happison Muchechetere, who is the station's general manager, and has more than 20 years experience in broadcasting.

He joined the Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation as a reporter in 1984 and has held a number of senior positions with ZBH, having at different times been head of Television Productions, Head of Current Affairs Productions and Assignments Editor.

He trained in radio and television production in Tunisia, Holland and at Stanford University in the United States. [...]

He was head of Electronic Services at New Ziana for the past five years.

The new station will give Zimbabweans living abroad and anyone abroad with an interest in Zimbabwe the opportunity to hear reports on what is happening in Zimbabwe and news analyses from a Zimbabwean perspective.

Source : AllAfrica.com - 19/05/2007

NEWS FROM : 2007-05-19

Senegal: Les radios FM de Saint-Louis au rythme de la campagne

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200705190053.html>

Pour relever le défi de la communication dans le cadre de la couverture médiatique de la campagne électorale, les radios Fm installées dans la capitale du Nord ont largement modifié leurs grilles de programmes. Ce qui leur permet d'animer des missions et autres débats politiques croisés, de dresser les portraits des candidats la députation et de donner l'occasion aux partis et coalitions en lice de s'exprimer librement dans l'équité.

[... texte complet sur TRRAACE]

Source : Le Soleil, distribué par AllAfrica - 18/05/2007

NEWS FROM : 2007-05-24

Gambia: MFWA and NAFEO Launch Campaign

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200705231025.html>

The Media Foundation for West Africa (MFWA) and the Network of African Freedom of Expression Organizations (NAFEO) launched on May 21, 2007 in Accra a campaign for an end to the impunity and violent attacks on media freedoms and freedom of expression generally in the Gambia by the government of President Yahya Jammeh.

The campaign also demands the release of Chief Ebrima Manneh, a journalist arrested without

charge or trial by the political police, the National Intelligence Agency (NIA), since July 2006 but whose whereabouts the government and its security deny knowledge of.

The campaign plans to target African leaders, African and international human rights organizations, the UN human rights agencies, governments that have relations with The Gambia, to put pressure on the government of President Jammeh to end his violent repression of free expression.

As part of the campaign a dossier of press freedom violations by the government since President Jammeh came to power in 1994 has been published and is being distributed as documentary evidence of the violations of free expression.

The 63-page booklet catalogues arrests, detentions and repressive media laws. It also includes record of media houses that have been closed down, journalists forced into exile, and media houses attacked by arson. It also includes the uninvestigated murder of prominent editor Deyda Hydera in 2005. [...]

Source : Media Foundation for West Africa (Accra), quoted by AllAfrica.com, 23/05/2007

NEWS FROM : 2007-05-24

Nigeria: Hoodlums Attack BCOS Office, Radio Station

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200705240166.html>

Suspected hoodlums yesterday attacked the Broadcasting Corporation of Oyo State (BCOS) and its radio FM station at Mapo Hall injuring more than ten staff of the corporation. The attack was to prevent Governor Rashidi Ladoja of Oyo State from making a broadcast on the local government elections slated for today.

The attackers were said to have inflicted machete cuts on the people who are now in critical condition at a private hospital in Ibadan. Dissatisfied with the decision of the OYSIEC to conduct the election, they proceeded angrily to the annex of the station at Old Ife Road and started destroying the equipment met on ground.

The decision to go ahead with the elections today was contained in a statement issued and signed by the Chairman of Oyo State Independent Electoral Commission (OYSIEC), Mr. Oye Okunlola in Ibadan yesterday. But, Adedibu's camp speaking through Chief Layiwola Olakojo, Chairman of Oyo State Joint Transition Committee said the decision of the government was tantamount to foisting disorder on the state. [...]

Source : AllAfrica.com, 24/05/2007

NEWS FROM : 2007-05-25

RDC: Private Broadcaster Suspended for Seven Days

<http://allafrica.com/stories/printable/200705240459.html>

JED expresses its profound indignation over the 20 May 2007 decision by the local section of the media regulatory agency (Haute Autorité des Médias, HAM) in Mbuji-Mayi to suspend for seven days all broadcasts by the privately-owned network, Radiotélévision Débout Kasai (RTDK).

JED believes this measure is not only disproportionate, but also clearly dictated by provincial authorities who are using the media regulatory body to settle a personal dispute.

The HAM has officially accused RTDK of broadcasting two "defamatory" programmes on 15 and 16 May and of uttering threats against Ngoyi Kasanji, governor of East Kasai province.

When asked by JED about the nature of these threats, Faustin Mutombo Hanshi Hatupu, HAM's provincial representative, admitted to not having heard the alleged threats himself, but justified the suspension on the basis of RTDK's refusal to deliver audio and video tapes of the incriminating programmes to him.

According to other sources contacted by JED, during the programme "Espace ABC", broadcast on 15 May 2006, Auguy Ilunga, RTDK's owner, complained of being insulted by journalists from Radiotélévision Océan Pacifique (RTOP), which belongs to Governor Kasanji. In addition, during another call-in programme, "Vibration matinale", on 16 May, a television viewer commenting on the shortage of clean drinking water in that part of the country criticised Kasanji for not fulfilling promises made during the last election campaign to provide the city of Mbuji-Mayi with water and electricity. [...]

Source : AllAfrica.com, 24/05/2007

NEWS FROM : 2007-05-25

Somalie: L'UNESCO condamne l'assassinat de deux journalistes de radio somaliens<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200705240713.html>

Le directeur général de l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'éducation, la science et la culture (UNESCO), Koïchiro Matsuura, a condamné aujourd'hui l'assassinat de deux journalistes de radio, Abshir Ali Gabre et Ahmed Hassan Mahad.

« J'appelle tous les responsables somaliens à prêter attention à la sécurité des journalistes dont l'activité professionnelle est essentielle au dialogue et à la résolution des conflits. Les journalistes doivent pouvoir exercer leur profession dans de bonnes conditions de sécurité, car la liberté de la presse est une extension du droit de l'homme fondamental qu'est la liberté d'expression et c'est l'un des piliers de la démocratie et de la bonne gouvernance », a dit Koïchiro Matsuura.

Abshir Ali Gabre et Ahmed Mahad - respectivement présentateur et reporter à Radio Jowhar, une station privée de Jowhar, à 90 km au nord de la capitale Mogadiscio - ont été tués le 16 mai quand des tireurs ont ouvert le feu sur le cortège où se trouvait le gouverneur de la province du Shabeellaha Dhexe, Mohammed Omar Deelee. Au moins six personnes auraient trouvé la mort dans les échanges de tirs qui ont suivi.

Source : AllAfrica.com, 24/05/2007

NEWS FROM : 2007-05-25

RDC: Une radio privée suspendue pour sept jours<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200705240211.html>

Journaliste en danger (JED) exprime sa profonde indignation à la suite de la décision prise, depuis dimanche 20 mai 2007, par la section locale de la Haute Autorité des médias (HAM), à Mbuji-Mayi, de suspendre, pour une durée de sept jours, toutes les émissions de la chaîne privée Radiotélévision Débout Kasai (RTDK). [...]

Officiellement la HAM accuse la RTDK d'avoir diffusé, mardi 15 mai 2007 et mercredi 16 mai 2007, deux émissions qualifiées de "diffamatoires", et d'avoir proféré des menaces à l'endroit de M. Ngoyi Kasanji, gouverneur de la province du Kasai Oriental. [...]

Selon d'autres sources contactées par JED, au cours de l'émission "Espace ABC", diffusée mardi 15 mai 2006, M. Auguy Ilunga, propriétaire de la chaîne RTDK, s'est plaint des injures proférées à son endroit par des journalistes de la Radiotélévision Océan Pacifique (RTOP), appartenant à M.

Kasanji. Par ailleurs, dans une autre émission à téléphone ouvert intitulée "Vibration matinale", diffusée mercredi 16 mai 2007, et parlant de la pénurie d'eau potable dans cette partie du pays, un téléspectateur avait au cours de son intervention critiqué M. Ngoyi Kasanji qui n'a pas tenu les promesses faites lors de sa campagne électorale de doter la ville de Mbuji-Mayi d'eau et d'électricité.

Au regard de tout ce qui précède, JED demande que soit retirés, sans délai, les éléments armés qui occupent actuellement le siège de la RTDK et demande au Parlement que soit accéléré le processus de la mise sur pied de la nouvelle instance de régulation des médias, à savoir le CAP: Conseil supérieur de l'audiovisuel et de la communication (CSAC).

Source : Journaliste En Danger, Kinshasa, repris par AllAfrica.com, 24/05/2007

NEWS FROM : 2007-05-25

Tunisie: Bientôt le coup d'envoi de la 13e session du Festival arabe de la radio et de la télévision<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/printable/200705230913.html>

L'ASBU diffuse déjà des spots de promotion pour la 13e session de son Festival arabe de la radio et de la télévision qui se tiendra du 2 au 7 juin 2007.

L'effervescence est visible dans les bureaux de l'ASBU. On visionne les programmes de la compétition et l'on s'occupe de la logistique, des invitations et des dernières confirmations des participants. [... texte complet sur TRRAACE]

Source : AllAfrica.com, 23/05/2007

ALERT FROM : 2007-05-25

Nigeria : Une radio saccagée par une centaine de partisans d'un homme politique<http://www.ifex.org/fr/content/view/full/83607>

Reporters sans frontières est scandalisée par le saccage de la radio publique Broadcasting Corporation of Oyo State (BCOS) et l'agression physique dont ont été victimes une dizaine de journalistes, le 23 mai 2007, de la part d'une centaine de partisans de Christopher Alao Akala, un homme politique d'Ibadan (Sud-Ouest).

"La lutte pour le pouvoir de deux barons du parti présidentiel a atteint un sommet du scandale. Les journalistes de la BCOS ont été les victimes des haines exacerbées au nom de l'ambition de deux hommes puissants. Cet acte d'une brutalité inégalée dans le pays doit appeler des sanctions claires et fermes", a déclaré l'organisation. [...]

Selon des sources locales, cette descente est la conséquence de la diffusion, sur les ondes de la BCOS, de l'annonce de la décision de la commission électorale de l'Etat de maintenir les élections provinciales au 24 mai. La tenue de ce scrutin à cette date est contestée par l'ancien vice-gouverneur Christopher Alao Akala, candidat du People's Democratic Party (PDP, au pouvoir). Une coalition de onze partis, alliés au parti présidentiel, avait contesté la décision du gouverneur sortant, Rasheed Ladoja, d'organiser le scrutin avant le terme officiel de son mandat, le 29 mai. Christopher Alao Akala et Rasheed Ladoja sont engagés depuis plusieurs années dans une lutte fratricide pour le contrôle du gouvernement.

Source : IFEX, 24/05/2007

NEWS FROM : 2007-05-25

South African radio station in hot water over Islam<http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/?p=8041>

South Africa's Muslim Judicial Council (MJC) has filed a complaint against Talk Radio 702 and CapeTalk after a recent broadcast in which a guest allegedly linked contemporary Islam with Nazism. The topic of discussion was both the anti-Nazi movement known as "White Rose" and religious extremism in general.

Nabeweya Malick of the MJC contends that the comments completely contradicted what was supposed to be the spirit of the show and that the host failed to intervene when appropriate. "They should have been a lot more careful," she said. "We believe Nazism was a crime." Malick also said that when a caller referred to Muslims as anti-democratic and anti-South Africa, the host did not question the statements.

According to 702's station manager, Phladi Gyan, part of the problem was that there was a stand-in host for the show on that day, who is used to her own programme where intervention on the part of the host was not as crucial. She said it was only after the show that the radio station realised that there wasn't enough balance to the programme.

The Broadcasting Complaint Commission of South Africa, which handles complaints such as those lodged by the MJC, said that until it receives a copy of the programme it will not take any action. Source : Cape Times, Quoted by Media Network Weblog, 24/05/2007

ALERT FROM : 2007-05-27

RDC: DRC Broadcaster Closed After Drawing Governor's Ire<http://allafrica.com/stories/200705260022.html>

Authorities in the central diamond mining town of Mbuji-Mayi closed down a private broadcaster on Sunday in connection with comments critical of the provincial governor that aired on two programs last week, according to local journalists and press freedom group Journaliste en Danger (JED).

Police sealed the studios of Radiotélévision Debout Kasai (RTDK), based in the Eastern Kasai province, 585 miles (940 kilometers) southeast of the capital Kinshasa, on orders of Gov. Ngoyi Kasanji and DRC's High Authority on Media (HAM), according to the same sources. In its ruling, HAM suspended the station for seven days on charges of "contempt, threats, and bullying toward the authorities," according to a press release obtained by CPJ. The station denied the allegations, and CPJ research did not find any basis to support them.

HAM's own status is uncertain. [...]

The suspension was linked to a May 15 radio program and a May 16 television news show, RTDK reporter Boniface Beya told CPJ. In the radio program, RTDK owner and influential diamond trader Auguy Ilunga complained that he had been the target of personal insults by Kasanji, a rival

diamond trader and owner of local broadcaster Radiotélévision Océan Pacifique, according to JED and local journalists. Ilunga lost to Kasanji in last January's gubernatorial election, journalists said. In the television program, an anonymous caller criticized unspecified officials for not delivering on a campaign promise of providing drinking water, according to Beya.

HAM also accused the station of refusing to provide tape recordings of the programs. HAM had requested the tapes in an undated letter obtained by CPJ, but the correspondence did not reach the station until nearly three hours after its stated deadline on Saturday, according to Beya.

Source : Committee to Protect Journalists, quoted by AllAfrica.com, 25/05/2007

NEWS FROM : 2007-05-27

Côte d'Ivoire: Médias, rfi négocie le retour de ses correspondants

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200705250167.html>

Le Premier ministre Soro Guillaume a accordé, hier, une audience au directeur de l'antenne Afrique de la radio mondiale RFI, M. Henri Perillhou. A sa sortie d'audience, l'hôte du chef du gouvernement a indiqué que la pérennité du signal de RFI est assurée.

Il a dit avoir reçu l'assurance que RFI peut travailler dans la confiance souhaitée et partagée pour toutes les parties.

Il a, par ailleurs, déclaré avoir soumis aux autorités ivoiriennes leurs modalités pour le retour physique de leurs différents correspondants. Modalités dont il a tenu à garder la teneur aux autorités ivoiriennes.

Sur la question de leur présence sur l'ensemble du continent, Henri Perillhou a indiqué être en pleine « refondation de la totalité du réseau des correspondants d'une part mais également du bureau Rfi sur la totalité du continent ». Pour lui, la Côte d'Ivoire reste au premier plan de cette préoccupation étant entendu qu'elle est un point chaud au niveau des informations.

Source : AllAfrica.com, 24/05/2007

NEWS FROM : 2007-05-27

Mise en cause du statut de la HAM suite à la suspension de la RTDK

<http://www.ifex.org/fr/content/view/full/83678>

Les autorités de la ville d'exploitation diamantaire de Mbuji-Mayi, au centre de la République Démocratique du Congo (RDC), ont fermé dimanche une radio privée suite à des commentaires critiques visant le gouverneur de province. Ces propos avaient été diffusés sur deux émissions la semaine dernière, selon des journalistes locaux et l'organisation de défense de la liberté de la presse, Journaliste en Danger (JED).

La police a scellé les studios de la Radio-Télévision Debout Kasai (RTDK), basée dans la province est du Kasai, à 940 kilomètres au sud-est de la capitale Kinshasa, sur ordre du gouverneur Ngovi Kasanji et de la Haute Autorité des médias (HAM), selon les mêmes sources. La HAM a suspendu la station pour sept jours pour "outrages, menaces, et intimidations" envers les autorités, selon un communiqué de presse obtenu par le CPJ. La radio a rejeté ces allégations, et l'enquête du CPJ n'a trouvé aucun fondement pour les soutenir. [...]

La RTDK est le cinquième média congolais à être censuré cette année pour ces reportages, après les stations du média public Radio-Télévision Nationale Congolaise (RTNC) à Goma et à Butembo, et les stations privées Radio Liberté et Radio ODL, selon le CPJ.

Source et texte complet: Ifex Website

NEWS FROM : 2007-05-27

Zimbabwe radio station begins test transmissions

<http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/?p=8070>

The new radio station Voice of Zimbabwe has started a test run and will run for a few weeks before the station's programming is launched.

Speaking to ZBC [Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation] news the station's general manager, Mr Happison Muचेचेtere said Voice of Zimbabwe would be heard on the following frequencies: 5975 kHz on the 49 meter band from 0730 a.m.-0630 p.m.[local time = 0530-1630 UTC]. It would also be available on 4828 kHz on the 60 meter band.

He said Voice of Zimbabwe would provide in its programming news, music, sports, Zimbabwe's cultural heritage, political and economic debates. Mr Muचेचेtere said the station would cater for all Zimbabweans within the country and abroad would give the Zimbabwean story as it is.

Source: ZTV1, Harare, in English 1800 gmt 26 May 07 via BBC Monitoring, quoted by Media Network Weblog

NEWS FROM : 2007-05-27

Zimbabwe: Launch of 24-hour news station "postponed indefinitely"

<http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/?p=8066>

The launch by the Zimbabwean government of a new shortwave radio service has once again been "postponed indefinitely", according to The Zimbabwe Times, a US-based internet news service. The new station had been due to launch on 25 May, Africa Day.

The Zimbabwe Times said on 25 May that sources at the Ministry of Information and Publicity could not explain the postponement. "The launch of the radio station which was expected to take place tomorrow [25 May] has been cancelled," said a source who requested anonymity. The source also said the launch could have been postponed because of the technical problems currently being encountered by the Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation (ZBC). [...]

Voice of Zimbabwe will be run by Zimbabwe Broadcasting Holdings (ZBH), the state-owned umbrella that holds a monopoly on broadcasting within the country. ZBH - still widely referred to by its former name, the Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation (ZBC) - already operates four FM radio networks and one TV channel.

One of these networks, Radio Zimbabwe, is relayed on a single shortwave transmitter (currently 6045 kHz during the daytime and 3396 kHz at night). Despite the operation of these relays, Zimbabwean officials have stated on a number of occasions that the new Voice of Zimbabwe will be revitalizing the use of shortwave, implying that shortwave is not at present used by ZBH and that the station will be operating from new transmitters.

Source: BBC Monitoring research 25 May 07, quoted by Media Network Weblog

NEWS FROM : 2007-05-28

Uganda: Besigye Blocked From Kitgum Radio Show

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200705280018.html>

A Kitgum-based private radio station, Kitti FM, was switched off for several hours on Saturday evening - 30 minutes after FDC President Kizza Besigye had started talking.

Drama started at 9:00 p.m. when Lucy Omona, the wife of station director Johnson Omona, arrived barefoot half an hour into the two-hour programme and switched off the generator leaving the studio in darkness.

Ms Omona said Kitgum RDC Nahaman Ojwe had allegedly called her husband threatening to close the station permanently and arrest him if Dr Besigye continued with the show.

She said the RDC declared the talk-show illegal and could, therefore, not go on.

"There was nothing illegal," said Lucy Acci, the station manager. "The clients [read FDC] bought airtime for two hours. For anybody to disrupt a legal process was unfortunate."

Kitgum LC5 Chairman John Ogwok, said: "We were shocked after Ms Acci told us that the RDC had called her husband Mr Omona, who was in Kampala, demanding that the talk-show be stopped immediately. In any case, there was nothing wrong with hosting a party president and other leaders to address the people." [... full report on TRRAACE]

The Kitti FM episode is not the first involving Dr Besigye. During the last campaigns, he was barred from speaking on private FM stations at different times in Rukungiri and in Soroti.

Source : AllAfrica.com, 28/05/2007

NEWS FROM : 2007-05-28

Zimbabwe: Presumed test broadcast for new radio station observed

<http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/?p=8074> A station playing continuous African music without identification or other announcements was observed on shortwave 4828 kHz from tune-in at 2345 gmt on 27 May 2007 until fade-out around 0400 gmt the following day.

This shortwave frequency of 4828 kHz has been used sporadically in the past by ZBC for relays of its domestic networks.

Presumably this was a test transmission for ZBC's new external service, Voice of Zimbabwe.

The government's Sunday Mail website (www.sundaymail.co.zw) cites the following schedule for the tests: 4828 kHz at 1630-0530 gmt; 5975 kHz at 0530-1630 gmt.

At the same time ZBC's second domestic network, Radio Zimbabwe, was heard on shortwave 3396

KHz.

Source: BBC Monitoring research, quoted by Media Network Weblog, 28/05/2007

NEWS FROM : 2007-05-30

Uganda: Catholic Radio Named Among the Best in Africa

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200705291000.html>

A Catholic radio station in rural Uganda has won the admiration of an international panel of judges for contributing "significantly to knowledge and development in the area."

Radio Pacis, based in Arua in West Nile District, was named Africa's New Radio Station of the Year in a competition celebrating radio excellence in the continent, organised by the British Broadcasting Corporation.

The awards were presented at a ceremony in Nairobi on Saturday.

The judges described Radio Pacis as "a fine example of what a community radio station based outside the capital can do."

With a small staff and modest resources, the station "still addresses challenging local issues, including providing advice on medical and health problems and debating matters of local interest alongside local and national news.

"It has some problems with sound quality but the judges are convinced Pacis contributes significantly to knowledge and development in the area." Besides a trophy, the station will also receive USD5,000 worth of equipment from the BBC.

An ecstatic Sherry Meyer, the station manager, told CISA the win was a moment of joy for not just the station but also for all Catholic media initiatives in Africa.

Radio Pacis was started with the assistance of Comboni Missionaries in 2004, following "a cry from the people that they wanted a radio station," the programme manager, Anecho Sam, said.

He said the focus of the station is development of the human person, and does not target Catholics only. "It is the station that the people asked for."

Radio Pacis can be heard not only in West Nile but also in parts of South Sudan and eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.

The grand prize, the Radio Station of the Year award, went to South Africa's 702 Talk Radio. Two Kenyans, Esther Mbondo of Kenya Broadcasting Corporation, and James Wokabi of Capital FM, were named Africa's best radio news and sports journalists.

Ghana's Joy FM and Citi FM won awards for the best on-air campaign and talk show of the year respectively. Ms Qaanitaah Dramat was crowned Young Broadcaster of the Year.

Source : Catholic Information Service for Africa (Nairobi), quoted by AllAfrica.com, 29/05/2007

NEWS FROM : 2007-05-30

Chad/Sudan: US-funded radio offers new voice on Darfur border

<http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/?p=8089>

Radio Sila, based in the village of Goz Beida in Chad, is funded mostly by US taxpayers broadcasts into a violence-region suffering the spillover from the Darfur conflict next door. "People follow our car in the streets, shouting 'radio, radio,'" said Fiacre Munezero, the station's supervisor. "It's a good start."

Broadcast from a metal cargo container converted into a studio, the station is run by Internews, a California-based aid group spreading news and music to crisis zones.

Source : Media Network Weblog

NEWS FROM : 2007-05-30

Guinea widens media freedom with more radio stations

<http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/?p=8082>

Guinea will grant broadcasting licences to more than a dozen private radio stations this year in a widening of media freedom in the West African country, the government said yesterday. The move follows the ending of a state broadcasting monopoly last year. It was taken at a four-day government seminar held by Prime Minister Lansana Kouyate to chart policies to haul Guinea out of political and economic crisis.

"To reinforce freedom of expression in a positive spirit of inclusive participatory democracy, the government has decided to grant between now and the end of 2007 frequencies and licences to more than a dozen private radios," an official statement released on Monday said.

Since the end of the broadcasting monopoly last year, at least four private radios had been granted

licences. But several of these were forced to temporarily go off the air or halt live news broadcasts in February, when martial law declared by Conte allowed the armed forces to control the media. At least one station, Liberty FM, was ransacked by soldiers, who briefly detained two staff members. Media freedoms were restored when martial law ended under the consensus deal that allowed Kouyate's appointment. Even before the February crackdown, Guinea ranked 109 in the 168-nation 2006 Press Freedom Index published by press freedom watchdog Reporters Without Borders. Source : Reuteurs, quoted by Media Network Weblog, 29/05/2007

NEWS FROM : 2007-05-31

Uganda: MPs Want Tax Waiver On Radios

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200705310100.html>

Members of Parliament want a tax waiver on transmitter radios so that they can become more affordable.

MPs Erasmus Magulumali (Kooki) and Stephen Tashobya (Kajara)- made the proposal to Uganda Revenue Authority Commissioner General Allen Kagina who was recently briefing parliamentarians about reforms the tax body has been implementing since 2000.

Quoting the 2002 census which showed that only 49 per cent households in Uganda had access to radio, Mr Magulumali said it was high time URA waived taxes on transmitter radios and dry cell batteries so that more people could acquire them.

Mobilising people for government programmes like immunisation, he said, has always been hard because very few have radios yet it is a cost-effective channel through which governments communicate to their peoples.

Mr Tashobya said increased access to radios would increase people's participation in economic activities and greatly boost the economy in which case URA would be able to collect more money.

Source : The Monitor (Kampala), quoted by AllAfrica.com, 31/05/2007

NEWS FROM : 2007-05-31

Uganda: UBC Closes Kitti FM in Kitgum Over Money

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200705310129.html>

Uganda Broadcasting Council on Tuesday evening closed Kitti FM in Kitgum over non-payment of operational license fees, Johnson Omona, the radio's director has said.

The Kitgum-based private radio went off air on Tuesday evening at around 5 p.m just three days after Forum for Democratic Change President Kizza Besigye was blocked from speaking on it.

However, controversy still surrounds the radio's closure as the Broadcasting Council yesterday denied knowledge of the matter.

The radio was switched off for several hours on Saturday evening-30 minutes into Dr Besigye's two-hour talk show. Reports indicated that the radio was switched off on orders of Kitgum RDC Nahaman Ojwee, who also denied the allegations.

Source : The Monitor, quoted by AllAfrica.com, 31/05/2007

NEWS FROM : 2007-05-31

RDC : Neno La Uzima diffuse ses propres journaux

<http://www.panosparis.org/fr/newsletter.php#nouveaute3>

La radio professionnelle Neno la uzima (Pain de vie, en français) de Bukavu diffuse depuis le 25 avril ses propres journaux parlés d'informations générales, de 15 minutes chacun, en swahili à 6 H et 18 H, en français à 6 H 45 et 18 H 45. Auparavant, la radio, qui diffuse sur le 100.2 Mhz, relayait uniquement les informations de la RTNC locale et de Radio Okapi. Cette évolution fait suite aux désirs des journalistes et des auditeurs, de voir les radios communautaires locales réaliser leurs propres journaux parlés, quelle qu'en soit la qualité. Le personnel de la radio, qui suit deux séances de formation par semaine, espère également améliorer ses compétences professionnelles dans le domaine journalistique. Les auditeurs, parmi lesquels des leaders politiques, pensent quant à eux trouver une tribune où commenter l'actualité et faire passer leurs points de vue.

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NEWS FROM : 2007-05-31

Rwanda : Un nouveau programme de dramatiques radio, « Umurage urukwiye »<http://www.panosparis.org/fr/newsletter.php#nouveaute7>

Dans le cadre de sa politique intitulée « Développer le monde à l'aide des médias », l'Ong internationale Population Media Center, en collaboration avec le FNUAP/Rwanda, a officiellement lancé, le 18 avril 2007, le programme « Umurage urukwiye » (l'Héritage digne). Programme de séries de dramatiques radio de 15 minutes, il est diffusé trois fois par semaine sur deux radios privées très écoutées, Contact FM et Radio Salus.

Techniquement, la méthodologie utilisée dans ce théâtre radiophonique est celle de l'auteur et dramaturge Sabido. Les acteurs incarnent ainsi les caractères négatif, positif et transitoire. Cinq thèmes sont traités : la santé reproductive et le planning familial, la lutte contre le VIH/SIDA, la sauvegarde de l'environnement, les problèmes liés au genre et à l'émancipation de la femme ainsi que l'agriculture.

Les initiateurs du projet sont convaincus que beaucoup de Rwandais confrontés à divers problèmes liés à l'ignorance changeront positivement de comportements.

Source : Institut Panos, Africentr@lemedias, 55, mai 2007

NEWS FROM : 2007-05-31

RDC : Un émetteur télévision pour la Radio Muungano<http://www.panosparis.org/fr/newsletter.php#nouveaute6>

Grâce à l'Ong Equipe d'Urgence pour la biodiversité (EUB), la Radio Muungano de Beni, près de Butembo, à l'est de la RDC, vient d'acquérir un nouvel émetteur de 500 watts pour la télévision. Des émissions expérimentales sont déjà diffusées sur la fréquence 639.5 Mhz, toute la journée, en attendant que la grille des programmes soit mise en place.

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NEWS FROM : 2007-05-31

Tchad : Le Réveil lance ses émissions à Bébaïem<http://www.panosparis.org/fr/newsletter.php#nouveaute8>

Le Réseau des organisations rurales pour le développement économique et social (RORDES) a lancé fin avril les émissions test de sa radio communautaire, le Réveil, dans la sous-préfecture de Bébaïem, au sud du Tchad. La station, qui émet en FM sur 91.3 MHz, couvre trois régions du Tchad, les deux Logone et la Tandjilé dans un rayon de 85 km. Le Réveil est la seule station de ce département rural, habité par près de 21 000 habitants. Ses émissions portent essentiellement sur la sensibilisation des paysans en santé, nutrition, économie et développement et sur l'éducation de base.

Source : Institut Panos, Africentr@lemedias, 55, mai 2007

NEWS FROM : 2007-05-31

Botswana: Living for Radio<http://allafrica.com/stories/200705291178.html>

Forty years on, Moreri Gabakgorwe is back on the game. The well-traveled and multi-skilled former Radio Botswana is the man at the helm of the newly licensed DUMA FM. Voice Entertainment Editor, MOSES MARUPING caught up with him.

Source : The Voice, quoted by AllAfrica.com, 29/05/2007

ALERT FROM : 2007-06-01

RDC : Police Violently Break Up Meeting of Journalists in Mbuji-Mayi<http://allafrica.com/stories/200706010836.html>

A gathering of some 100 journalists on 31 May 2007 in Mbuji-Mayi, capital of East Kasai province, was violently broken up by police led by Commander Jean-Claude Kabeya, also known as

"Shegué". Journalists were beaten and one of them, Luboya Nokia of Radio Mont Carmel, was seriously injured and taken to Bonzola Hospital in Mbuji-Mayi. Other journalists told JED that they lost work-related equipment during the attack.

About 100 journalists representing all types of media outlets had gathered for an extraordinary general assembly on 31 May at 2:30 p.m. (local time) at a bar, "La Primature", in the Diulu neighbourhood. According to information obtained by JED, the goal of the meeting was to suspend the local coordinator of the Congo Press Union (Union de la presse du Congo, UNPC), who was reportedly guilty of badly managing the Union and of misappropriating funds.

During the meeting, the journalists noticed that there were non-journalists in the room, whom they asked to leave. It was just after these intruders, who had been identified as security service agents, were expelled from the meeting that police, who had arrived in two Jeeps, burst into the bar. The police commander ordered his men to disperse all the journalists in the room.

Source : Journalistes en danger, quoted by AllAfrica.com, 01/06/2007

NEWS FROM : 2007-06-01

Africa: VOA Launches Music Mix

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200706010835.html>

The Voice of America (VOA) has launched African Music Mix, a continuous stream of African music favorites, available to African listeners, every day of the week.

From N'dombolo to Benga to African hip-hop, African Music Mix offers the best in African music by artists from East, West, North, South, and Central Africa, as well as the islands. Broadcast daily, the new African-oriented music stream draws from VOA's archive of some 12,000 African songs to provide millions of music fans across the continent with a desired mix of local and pan-African favorites.

"VOA is the only radio station that offers such a rich blend of African music from around the continent, every day of the week," said VOA's English to Africa Service Chief Sonya Laurence Green. "You can't get this anywhere else," she added.

African Music Mix airs Monday-Sunday from 0000 UTC-0300 UTC and Monday-Friday from 1100 UTC - 1400 UTC. For more information about the program and a complete listing of English to Africa broadcasts, visit our website at <http://www.voaafrica.com> or <http://www.voanews.com/english/Africa/programs.cfm>.

Source : Voice of Africa, quoted by AllAfrica.com, 01/06/2007

NEWS FROM : 2007-06-01

Tunisie: Festival arabe de la radio et de la télévision du 2 au 7 juin 2007

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/printable/200706010731.html>

La treizième édition du Festival arabe de la radio et de la télévision, organisée par l'ASBU en étroite collaboration avec l'ERTT, approche à grands pas. Une conférence de presse s'est tenue hier matin au siège de l'ATCE (l'Agence tunisienne des relations extérieures) pour annoncer le programme et rappeler les objectifs de cette rencontre biennale des professionnels du secteur audiovisuel arabe.

[... texte complet sur TRRAACE]

Source : La Presse, cité par AllAfrica.com, 01/06/2007

ALERT FROM : 2007-06-01

RDC : Des policiers dispersent violemment une réunion de journalistes à Mbuji-Mayi

<http://www.ifex.org/fr/content/view/full/83816>

Une assemblée générale réunissant une centaine de journalistes a été violemment dispersée, le 31 mai 2007 à Mbuji-Mayi, capitale de la province du Kasai Oriental (Centre de la RD Congo) par une vingtaine de policiers conduits par le commandant urbain de la Police, Jean-Claude Kabeya alias "Shegué". Des journalistes ont été battus et l'un d'eux, Luboya Nokia de la Radio Mont Carmel (RMC), a été grièvement blessé et interné à l'Hôpital Bonzola de Mbuji-Mayi. D'autres journalistes ont déclaré à Journaliste en danger (JED) avoir perdu dans ces échauffourés leur matériel de travail.

Une centaine de journalistes, tous médias confondus, s'étaient réunis en assemblée générale extraordinaire, le 31 mai à 14h30 (heure locale), au bar dit "La Primature" dans la commune de Diulu. Cette réunion avait pour objectif, selon des informations obtenues par JED, de suspendre le

coordonnateur local de l'Union de la presse du Congo (UNPC) qui se serait rendu coupable de mauvaise gestion de l'Union et de malversations financières. [... texte complet sur TRRAACE]
Source : Journalistes en danger / IFEX, 01/06/2007

ALERT FROM : 2007-06-02

Senegal : Police Seize Radio Station Equipment

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200706010982.html>

Sixty armed Senegalese government security agents raided the headquarters of a radio station yesterday, the Senegalese newspaper Wal Fadjri reported.

The security agents, sent by the government telecommunications agency, which is responsible for regulating the Senegalese radio stations, seized all equipment of the Group Avenir Radio; the all-news station, which launched this week, has been banned for 45 days, according to Wal Fadjri. Madiambal Diagne, the radio station's owner, is also the executive director of Le Quotidien, a Senegalese daily known for its criticism of President Abdoulaye Wade. According to Afrol News, officials from the telecommunications agency failed in an attempt to have Diagne stop broadcasting. "Mr. Diagne was asked to remove the station from the air but he refused, asking them to do it themselves," a staff member reportedly said.

The security agents then raided the station and took it off the air.

Source : AllAfrica.com, 01/06/2007

NEWS FROM : 2007-06-05

Botswana: Let's Share Private Stations

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200706041399.html>

Private radio stations that have recently been granted broadcasting licenses to go national are making attempts to gain access to the expansive infrastructure of the Department of Broadcasting. DBS which owns RB1, RB II, and Botswana Television, is reported to possess satellite space in their network which is running at less than half capacity. Experts indicate that the amount of Satellite capability DBS pays for is more than enough to run up to five other radio stations and two other television stations arguing therefore that its use is not maximised.

Radio stations point to the government's policy of cost-cutting and cost-sharing as a major reason why it would make sense for DBS to lease some of the space to them for a fee. [... full report on TRRAACE]

Source : Mmegi/The Reporter, quoted by AllAfrica.com, 04/06/2007

NEWS FROM : 2007-06-05

Côte d'Ivoire: Séminaire de formation des radios de proximité

Les 5 et 6 juin 2007 se tient à Abidjan un séminaire de formation des responsables de radio de proximité du pays, autour de la problématique du rôle des radios en faveur de la paix et du dialogue national. Parmi les thèmes abordés: La gestion de l'information en temps de crise, le rôle et la responsabilité des radios de proximité dans la résolution des conflits, surveiller la montée des tensions ; déontologie et conflits d'intérêt dans les entreprises de média. A l'occasion de ce séminaire l'ONUCI devrait présenter une cartographie des radios de proximité en Côte d'Ivoire. Enfin, l'ONUCI-FM présentera aux responsables des radios participants les modalités de coopération et des thèmes éventuels de coproduction : Droits de l'homme, élections ; cohésion sociale, etc.

Source : TRRAACE, 05/06/2007

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