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Media Legal Defense Initiative (MLDI)

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Closed training workshop

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Thursday

27th

Main hall

8.00-8.45

Arrival and registration

8.45-9.00

Welcome & opening remark - CIPESA & MFWA

9.00-9:30

Opening Ceremony

9.30-10.00

Keynote address

10.00-11.00

Overview of #FIFAfrica18

Highlights of some of the key themes that FIFAfrica will focus on including through panel discussions, lightning sessions, exhibitions and hubs.

Fatou Jagne, Article 19 West Africa | Hu Xianhong, UNESCO | Tiffany Jefferson, OKThanks | Grace Bomu, KICTANET

11.00-11.30

Tea break

11.30-13.00

**Advancing
Advocacy
and Research on
Gender-Based
Violence Online
in Africa**

Main hall

Some social norms, including language, culture, and religion are fuelling and increasingly normalising gender-based violence and hate speech against women online. While there are efforts in some countries to address the vice, gaps in policy and practice persist and there is need for practical solutions to deepen understanding of the realities of being online for females and being subjected to abuse, harassment and threats. Towards raising awareness, mobilising stakeholders for more effective advocacy, monitoring and countering, as well as informing research on gender-based violence across different contexts, this panel discussion will aim to:

- Map the lexicon (terms and phrases) that are used to abuse, denigrate or otherwise harass women and girls online
- Explore the opportunities available for women to be the drivers of change in addressing the unequal gender power relations that stifle their voices online
- Challenge existing biases and negative societal norms and rethink how to tackle inequality online
- Highlight existing innovations in social media/ tech for women's safety online and how effective they are given the geographical, cultural and linguistic complexities.

Yunusa Ya'u, Centre for Information Technology and Development (CITAD) | Dora Mawutor, Media Foundation for West Africa (MFWA) | Akua Gyekye, Facebook (TBC) | Martha Chilogoshi, RevoltForHer | Josephine Karungi, Independent (Moderator)

11.30-13.00

The Zone 9 Bloggers: Experiences of Censorship, Repression and Surveillance

Room 1

In a hope to be part of the Ethiopian democratic discourse, on May 2012, nine individuals established the Zone 9 blogging collective - a loose network of activists regularly blogging and campaigning on human and democratic rights. However, two weeks after the launch of the initiative, the Ethiopian government blocked access to the platform. In April 2014, six members of the collective were jailed on allegations of working with foreign organisations and rights activists by “using social media to destabilise the country.” The other three members fled into exile. In this session, members of the collective will share their stories including the tactics employed by the state to surveil and censor them, their trial, imprisonment for 15-18 months and post-incarceration trauma, as a means of raising awareness on the realities of being an activist in a repressive state and life after release.

*Atnafu Brhane | Befekadu Hailu Techane | Zelalem Kibret | Nathanael Feleqe Aberra | Abel Wabella | Jomanex Kasaye | **Berhan Taye, AccessNow (Moderator)***

Room 2

As reliance on technology grows, so does the immense opportunity for its use in enabling civic technology platforms and social innovations. For both, their full potential can best be realised when data held by public bodies is more proactively released in formats that can be easily utilised. This session will explore the value of data in policy development through to creating relevant and responsive social solutions, civic technology interventions, business products and viable e-governance systems. The session will question the role of open data and unfettered access to the internet play in advancing private sector and civil society’s actions to strengthen the sustainability of African economies and societies. We also explore how ICT is spurring social innovations both online and offline. Further, we seek to understand what information gaps civic technology faces in developing responsive solutions and platforms - and how to address these gaps.

*Simone Toussi, Media Intelligence Cameroon | Benjamin Akinmoyeje, Management Sciences for Health (MSH) | Abdi Hakim Ainte, iRise Hub Somalia | Joachim Mangilima, World Bank Tanzania | **Neema Iyer, Pollicy (Moderator)***

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13.00-14.00

Lunch break

14.00-15.30

The Social and Economic Costs of Social Media Taxes

Main hall

Uganda's decision to tax the use of social media applications is among the first of its kind. Justifications for doing so are varied and suspicion is aroused because the ICT market is relatively small. The costs of such a tax on the nationals' rights: political (the exercising of their freedom of expression), social (their civil freedoms of association and opinion formation), and economic (to access electronic information at an affordable rate), therefore seem to outweigh the potential benefits. But other countries, including Tanzania and The Democratic Republic of Congo, have this year introduced regulation on social media/ online content creators, which require them to pay annual fees including for licences. Zambia has proposed a daily tax on calls made over the internet. This session will therefore present different perspectives on the costs and benefits of social media taxes in African ICT sectors; discuss the implications for the rights of citizens; and consider the implications of any precedents set by this phenomenon. By both providing research on this topic, think tanks will aim to harden policy recommendations for government authorities who are considering adopting such taxes in their developing ICT sectors.

Broc Rademan, Research ICT Africa | Kojo Boakye, Facebook (TBC) | Vodafone (TBC) | Millicom | Dorothy Mukasa, Unwanted Witness Uganda | Hannah Machlin, NetBlocks (TBC) | Dr. Wairagala Wakabi, CIPESA

Room 1

Africa remains at the bottom of internet access rates globally due to limited infrastructure, high access costs and, sometimes, poor policies. This session will explore the opportunities held by community networks to address this access gap in rural and remote locations. It will also look at the role that Internet Exchange Points (IXPs) play in improved connectivity quality. The policy landscape which enables or detracts from the endeavours for increased and improved internet access and affordability will also be discussed by panelists, including the role that Universal Access Funds and broadband strategies have in addressing the future of the unconnected.

Augustine K. Baffo, Ghana Investment Fund for Electronic Communications | IXP Rep | Carlos Rey-Moreno, APC Community Networks | Thomas Sithole, Plumtree Development Trust

Room 2

Tanzania, Uganda, DR Congo, Burundi and Zambia are among the countries in Africa which have in 2018 proposed or passed laws and regulations that undermine public confidence in the use of online platforms and could lead to increased self-censorship by media, civil society groups and individual citizens, as well as to their withdrawal from online discourse. Meanwhile, Cameroon experienced one of the longest interruptions to digital communications in a bid to control online assembly and the flow of information. Drawing on experiences from various countries, this session will discuss past and current trends and challenges in regulation of social media and radio, and offer alternative approaches that can enhance adoption and use of these platforms for civic participation, freedom of expression, access to information and countering hate speech.

*Sakah Bernard Nsaidzedze, Pan African University | Zakaria Tanko Musah, Ghana Institute of Journalism | Nanjala Nyabola, Independent | Sylvia Musalagani, Hivos Eastern Africa | **Remmy Chuks Nweke, DigitalSENSE Sense Africa Media (Moderator)***

Gallery

This very participatory session will an in-depth understanding to participants on how the online encyclopedia Wikipedia, works.

Sandister Tei, Ghana User Group Lead

Wikipedia 101: A Practical Session

15.30-16.00

Tea break

16.00-17.30

**Securing At-Risk
Online Users:
Experiences
From the
Frontlines**

Main hall

Critical internet users in several African countries face regular online and offline threats and attacks from state and non-state actors. Whereas safety tools can be crucial in securing their communications, enhancing mobilisation, and effectuating support systems, there is often a low level of digital safety skills among the at-risk users. With increasing digital connectivity among the at-risk users comes new threats, unless they embrace diligent digital safety practices and adhere to them. Poor digital security skills, including on social media, have often resulted in blackmail and extortion of members of the community, and in cyber harassment, and sometimes physical attacks. Drawing on research and the experiences of individuals that work to secure at-risk users, this session focuses on the need to examine critical internet users' ICT behaviour and practices that pose risks to them; and share experiences on building mechanisms to support at-risk activists and critical users in a coordinated, multi-faceted manner, e.g. security support, legal support, awareness raising, and digsec support.

Kelly Mukwano, ifreedom Uganda Network | Marie Kummerlowe, Digital Defenders Partnership | Tiffany Jefferson, OK Thanks | James Laurent, Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC) | Betty Abah, Centre for Children's Health Education, Orientation and Protection (CEE-HOPE)

Room 1

A growing number of citizens in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda are using ICT on a regular basis, which has made digital technologies pivotal to the livelihoods of east African citizens. Mobile money use has proliferated in all countries. Increasingly too, there are initiatives driven by citizens and by the state to enhance the use of ICT in governance. However, all three countries have recently taken steps that could undermine internet access and affordability, and weaken the potential for ICT to catalyse free expression and civic participation. These steps mirror the overall shrinking civic space in the three countries, where governments are getting more hostile to the political opposition as well as to activists, critical media reporting and to criticism by social media users. This session will explore how the ICT4Democracy in East Africa network partners are navigating developments in ICT and governance as part of their work in social accountability, women's participation in governance, and human rights monitoring.

*Samuel Mumbere, Kasese Local Government, Uganda | Goretti Amuriat, Women of Uganda Network (WOUGNET) | Johnstone Baguma, Toro Development Network | Wilfred Warioba, Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance (CHRAGG), Tanzania | Medika Medi, Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC) | Betty Etim, Transparency International Uganda | **Ashnah Kalemera, CIPESA (Moderator)***

Room 2

While efforts are being made to increase connectivity on the continent, what type of content is available on African issues? Who is creating this content and who is consuming it? Is this content a true representation of Africa and its people or does it perpetuate long-established misrepresentations and stereotypes? This session will look at efforts underway to address the local content gap online, the extent to which language access is reflected in unmet user needs, the importance of localizing and prioritizing Internet education tools and the limitations of localization as a band-aid for the lack of local content support, and how improving representation can improve access.

*Bonface Witaba, Localisation Expert | Sandister Tei, Wikimedia | Dragana Kaurin, Localization Lab | Daniel Gilbert Bwette, African Hip Hop Archivist | **Dembah Kandeh, University of the Gambia (Moderator)***

**The Impact of
Shrinking Civic
Space on
ICT-Based
Initiatives for
Democratisation**

**(Re)setting
Online Narrative
on Africa**

16.00-17.30

**Building
Collaborations
in Research for
Internet Policy
Advocacy**

Gallery

Evidence-based internet freedom advocacy is fundamental today perhaps more than ever, as the affronts to citizens' rights online continue to evolve. Internet throttling, internet shutdowns, surveillance, data breaches, and enactment of laws and regulations that criminalise internet use, or make it less affordable to citizens, are all growing concerns. Hence, detecting and fully documenting digital rights abuse and violations remains pivotal for advocacy. But as the need for internet policy advocacy that is informed by research grows, it is essential to increase the amount and depth of research originating from Africa. It is equally necessary to expand the methods used beyond the traditional to more contemporary ones such as network measurements, social network analysis, and data mining. How then can we grow organisational capacity in conducting multi-disciplinary research, policy engagement and communications? How can we build multi-sector and multi-country collaborations that provide results to inform advocacy and policy making?

Dr. Wairagala Wakabi, CIPESA | Peter Asare-Nuamah, Pan African University | Dr. Obadia Okinda, Researcher (TBC)

Close of day

18.00 onwards
Cocktail

Friday

■ 28th

8.00-8.45

Arrival and registration

8.45-9.00

**Celebrating International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI),
Hon. Kojo Opong Nkrumah, Ghana Ministry of Information**

9.00-10.30

**Cybercrime
in Africa:
Policies and
Legislation**

Main hall

The growth in ICT usage in Africa has come along with increasing incidents of cyber attacks on government and private sector entities. The cross-border nature of such threats demands that states prioritise developing policies and legislation that allow for efficient and effective international cooperation, in respect to both the prevention and repression of criminal acts committed via the internet. In this session, experts working to enhance African capacity on cyber crime policy and legislation shall speak on the state of play, the challenges faced, and what the future looks like. The key constituencies for which capacity needs to be built, the approaches that African governments are taking, the nature and trends in threats to the private sector and citizens, shall also feature in this session. Moreover, the session shall discuss how cybersecurity policies and legislation should not be used to curtail free expression and the privacy rights of citizens.

Matteo Lucchetti, Council of Europe | Cristina Ana, Council of Europe | Albert Antwi-Boasiako, Ministry of Communications, Ghana | Benedict Ishabakaki, Lawyer, Tanzania | Jimmy Haguma, Uganda Police

Room 1

**Consumer
Rights
Protection in
the Digital Age**

Digital technologies create new opportunities for consumers, but also make upholding their rights more challenging. Digital products and services often come with usage restrictions about which consumers are not well informed. Online transactions often cross borders, making it difficult to resolve complaints, or even to know what consumer laws and policies apply. Intermediaries are often at the forefront of defining privacy conditions of users via data collection, processing and dissemination practices. However, there have come under attack for not sufficiently disclosing their privacy policies and reporting data breaches to users. The session will discuss among others role of intermediaries in advancing consumer rights online, while exploring data protection and security concerns arising digital transactions in Africa.

*Anna Kompanek, Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) | June Okal, Legal Hackers Nairobi | Riva Jalipa, KICTANet | **Grace Mutung'u, KICTANet (Moderator)***

Room 2

**Last With the
Story, First With
the Truth – Media
Navigating Fake
Facts and Hidden
Truths Online**

Now more than ever, the media faces the challenge of competing against falsehoods and misinformation shared online. Content spreads at alarming speeds online through numerous avenues, often with little verification conducted before it is presumed to be “truth.” The session explores the skills that news houses, bloggers and journalists are employing to verify stories particularly as social media platforms and online sites have cemented themselves as part of the contemporary news landscape.

Edwin Appiah, Multimedia Group (Ghana) | Daniel O'Maley, Centre for International Media Assistance | Kwamu Ahiabenu - PenPlusBytes | Gare Amadou, African Perspectives | Facebook (TBC) | Nashilongo Gervasius (TBC)

10.30-11.00

Lightning Sessions

Main hall

- **Sexting and Selfies #RethinkPrivacy** Oarabile Mudongo, Funda
- **Reimagining Social Norms on the Internet** Tess Wandia and Nasubo Ongoma, iHub

Presentation: Code for Online Press in Niger

Room 1

Abdourahamane Ousmane, Former President, Conseil Superieur de la Communication du Niger | Djibril Saidou, International Media Support (IMS)

Lightning Sessions

Room 2

- **Customer Service at WhatCost?** June Okal, Legal Hackers, Nairobi
- **Litigating Against Social Media Taxation in Uganda** Daniel Bill Opio, Cyber Law Initiative

11.00-11.30

Tea break

11.30-13.00

Privacy and Personal Data Protection in Africa: Trends and Challenges

Main hall

Session will feature launch of the landmark annual State of Internet Freedom in Africa report, produced now for five years in a row, which in 2018 focuses on privacy and personal data protection. It will discuss the AU/ISOC principles and explore where different African countries and the UN Human Rights Council stand with regards to data protection.

CIPESA report Launch rep | Privacy International (TBC) | Moctar Yedaly, African Union (TBC) | Patricia Adusei-Poku, Data Protection Commission, Ghana | Francophone Association of Data Protection Regulators (AFAPDP) (TBC) | Tim Engelhardt, OHCHR

Advancing Access To Information through the Internet Universality Indicators

Room 1

In this session, we define the intersection of access to information and application of the internet universality indicators as we to mark the third year of the International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI). As we increasingly witness African state actors impeding digital rights including through restrictive content regulations, retrogressive laws and financial barriers – and inseparably limiting access to information for socio-economic development – it is fundamental to have a standard tool of measurement to help states gauge their policy decisions and regulatory actions and freedom of expression. This session will give state and non-state stakeholders the skills to use the indicators to assess their internet environments.

Hu Xianhong, UNESCO | Hon. Kojo Oppong Nkurumah, Ghana Ministry of Information | Damola Sogunro, Nigeria Ministry of Communications and Technology | Fatou Jagne, Article 19 West Africa | Yakub Abdul Hamid, UNESCO

11.30-13.00

Securing Online Rights Through the African Declaration on Internet Rights and Freedoms' Network

Room 2

The African Declaration on Internet Rights and Freedoms was launched in 2014 as a pan-African initiative to promote human rights online in Africa. The text of the Declaration is based on existing human rights principles and it has had 176 endorsements. A coalition of 23 organisations and multiple individuals are using the Declaration to promote and apply human rights standards and principles of openness in internet policy in their national contexts. This session will focus on how to promote awareness of the principles of the Declaration and how civil society actors can use the Declaration to guide their awareness raising and advocacy for internet rights, with national authorities as well as regional bodies such as the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR). Spearheaded by the African Declaration Secretariat and Coalition, the session shall also discuss the need to develop country- and sub-region-specific materials that can strategically communicate the relevance and utility of the Declaration in influencing internet regulation and policy-making processes.

Avis Momeni, ProtegeQV | Edetian Ojo, Media Rights Agenda (TBC) | Poncelet Ileleji, YMCA Gambia (TBC) | Lillian Nalwoga, CIPESA | 'Gbenga Sesan, Paradigm Initiative (Moderator) (TBC)

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13.00-14.00

**Informal session:
Chat with
Freedom Online
Coalition
representatives.**

Lunch break

Please note the below informal sessions which will run during the lunch break in the Main Hall

The Freedom Online Coalition (FOC) is a group of governments who have committed to work together to support Internet freedom and protect fundamental human rights – free expression, association, assembly, and privacy online – worldwide. The FOC represents 30 governments that are dedicated to advancing human rights and fundamental freedoms online. It embraces a multi-stakeholder approach to our work and would be eager to contribute to the conversation on this panel. This session seeks to introduce forum participants to learn more about the work of the coalition, meet representatives from the FOC governments and the multi-stakeholder FOC Advisory Network, ask questions, and possibly raise IF issues they'd like us to address.

14.00-15.30

**Protecting
Free Speech
and
Online Dissent**

Main hall

Increasingly, African governments (such as Cameroon, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya) are moving to stifle online free speech in what could become a continental frenzy. But the internet needs to be a space where all legitimate voices are tolerated, and, in repressive states, minority and dissenting voices require particular protection in online spaces. How then can we preserve online free speech, including dissenting voices, in countries where governments are going out of their way to block basic online access? And how do we keep journalists and bloggers, who chronicle the governments' malfeasance, safe in these tough environments? This session will hear from those who tell these stories, ensuring that the voices of citizens and netizens keep being heard. It will also hear from those who have the role of ensuring that such journalists and bloggers remain safe, resist the strong allure of self-censorship.

Nwachukwu Egbunike, Global Voices | Sulemana Braimah (MFWA) | Sanmi Falobi, International Press Centre (IPC) | Djibril Saidou, International Media Support (IMS) | Maria Sarungi, Change Tanzania (Moderator)

Room 1

**Data-Driven
Advocacy
Against
Shutdowns
in Africa**

Incidents of internet shutdowns around the world continue to grow. In Africa, the number of shutdowns in 2018 could rise relative to the 12 confirmed in 2017. Advocacy and policy work has pushed back on shutdowns but new tricks and techniques are needed to guide future work in keeping the internet on. During this session, the work of the #KeepItOn campaign across the continent will be showcased alongside presentation of a new tool for measuring the economic cost of shutdowns. Moreover, the panel will discuss how advocacy against the shutdowns momentum can be maintained.

Berhan Taye, AccessNow | Alp Toker, Netblocks Turkey | Jason Pielemeier, Global Network Initiative (GNI) | Qemal Affagnon, Internet Sans Frontiers | Juliet Nanfuka, CIPESA (Moderator)

Room 2

**Advancing
Internet Policy
Advocacy
in Africa**

Internet freedom in Africa is on the decline following enactment of regressive legislation, increased clampdown on media and human rights defenders (HRDs) through arrests and intimidation both online and offline. Laws often enacted to fight cybercrimes such as electronic fraud, hate speech, fake news, among others, are instead used to crack down voices of dissent thereby undermining citizen's rights to freedom of expression and opinion, privacy and right to information. Despite push backs from digital rights activists the rate at which regressive legislation is enacted remains a growing concern to online users on the continent. This session thus seeks to build the capacity of non-state actors from Africa on how to engage in internet policy making processes as a part of efforts in advocating for internet freedom on the continent. The session will equip participants with knowledge and skills needed to engage with both state and non-state actors in developing progressive internet policies.

Lillian Nalwoga, CIPESA | Victor Ndonnang, Internet Society | Grace Githaiga, KICTANet (TBC) | Adebora Odunlami, Paradigm Initiative (TBC) | Albert Antwi-Boasiako, Ministry of Communications, Ghana

15.30-16.00

Tea break

16.00-17.30

Meet the
Internet Freedom
Donors at
FIFAfrica 2018

Main hall

How does an organisation promoting internet freedom find funders for its work? In an environment where entities promoting good governance and human rights in general face stagnant or declining funding from their traditional donors, which poses acute financial hardships for them, even as demand for their services continues to escalate, how can digital rights activists attract funding? In this session, a number of funders of internet freedom work will talk about their programmes and offer tips to intending applicants.

Some of the issues to explore:

- Who is funding Internet Freedom work and how.
- Best (and worst) practice for applying for grants - how should those applying for funds think about the funder's motivations, audiences, reporting processes, etc.
- Thematic and programmatic areas that interest funders.
- What specifically are funders looking for with regard to collaborations between organizations/individuals? How can participants learn how to build meaningful coalitions for grants?
- Experiences from funding recipients.

Alberto Cerda, Ford Foundation | Babette Ngene, Internews | Bryan Nunez, Open Society Foundations | Lindsay Beck, Open Technology Fund (OTF) | Chloe O'Kelly, US Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL)

17.30-17.45

Closing remarks – CIPESA & MFWA

Saturday 29 to Sunday 30

9.00-17.30
including lunch
and tea breaks

Invitation Only: Regional Members' Meeting
Association for Progressive Communications (APC)