



Digital Rights Capacity Building of East and Southern Africa National Human Rights Institutions

June 25-26, 2024

Nairobi, Kenya



Background

As part of the Greater Internet Freedom (GIF) project, the Collaboration on International ICT Policy for East and Southern Africa (CIPESA) is organising a two-day workshop for National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) to grow their capacity to engage with the opportunities and challenges which technology poses for human rights protection and monitoring. The workshop is targeting NHRI representatives from Lesotho, Mozambique, Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe and Zambia.

Programme Objectives

- Build thematic understanding of digital rights issues and the link with traditional rights.
- Experience sharing on strengthening human rights protection in the field of technology.
- Learning and brainstorming on the Toolkit for Digital Rights Monitoring and Reporting.

June 25

AGENDA

1 Day

9.00-9.30 Welcome and Introductions

9.30-10.00 About CIPESA and GIF

Asimwe John Ishabairu, CIPESA and Wakesho Kililo, Internews

10.00-11.00 Overview of the human rights, governance and technology landscape in Sub-Saharan Africa

Dr. Wairagala Wakabi, CIPESA

11.00-11.30 Tea break

11.30-12.30 Link Between Online and Offline Rights

Victor Kapiyo, CIPESA

12.30-13.30 Lunch

13.30-14.30 Transparency and Accountability of the Private Sector (Business and Human Rights)

Dr. Wairagala Wakabi, CIPESA

14.30-15.30 Key digital rights concerns and case studies: Surveillance

Victor Kapiyo, CIPESA

15.30-16.30 Group brainstorming and working tea: Linking NHRI mandates to digital rights

Asimwe John Ishabairu, CIPESA

16.30 End of Day 1

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June 26

Day 2

8.00-9.00

Reflections and Presentations from day 1 group brainstorming

Asimwe John Ishabairu, CIPESA

9.00-10.00

Key digital rights concerns and case studies:

Network Disruptions

Victor Kapiyo, CIPESA

10.00-11.00

Key digital rights concerns and case studies:

Disinformation and Hate Speech

Lyndcey Oriko, National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) Kenya

11.00-11.30 Tea break

11.30-12.30

Experience Sharing on Fighting Disinformation and Hate Speech

Lyndcey Oriko, National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) Kenya

12.30-13.30 Lunch

13.30-14.30

Presentation on the NHRI Digital Rights Monitoring and Reporting Toolkit background and overview

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14.30-15.00 Tea break

15.00-16.00

Plenary brainstorming on the NHRI Digital Rights Monitoring and Reporting Toolkit

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16.00-16.30 Closing and departure



Participants Profiles



Ruth Ssekindi

Director- Monitoring and Inspections.
Uganda Human Rights Commission

Augusta Almeida

Augusta das Dores Agostinho Costa Almeida serves as Commissioner at the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH) and is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in Law, holding a Master's degree in Legal and Political Sciences, and a Bachelor's degree in Law from Eduardo Mondlane University. Additionally, she is a lecturer at the Institute of Communication and Image. Augusta brings extensive experience in initiatives such as Women's Voice and Leadership, focusing on empowering local organizations, groups, networks, and movements advocating for women's and girls' rights. Her efforts are aimed at achieving gender equality through technical, material, and financial support to foster social transformation and energize vibrant feminist movements.



Benevolence Taguta

I am a Zimbabwean Lawyer, registered with the Law society of Zimbabwe. I am currently a deputy director with the Zimbabwe Human Rights Commission. I am in the Monitoring and Inspections Department. My duties include monitoring human rights compliance in the country and reporting. I coordinate the human rights monitoring function of the Commission, that include preparing reports to the different treaty body mechanisms to which Zimbabwe is a party to. I have a background of working on the Anti-Corruption and human rights, and I am a member to the National Technical Taskforce on corruption and human rights.

Simon Mulumbi

Simon Mulumbi is a human rights and communication specialist, currently working for the Zambian Human Rights Commission as Principal Information Officer. Since 2008, Simon has been involved in human rights education, human rights monitoring, child rights promotion and protection, and recently access to information and digital rights. I am passionate about learning more about issues related to human rights and technology, and the protection of digital rights in a rapidly changing information society.



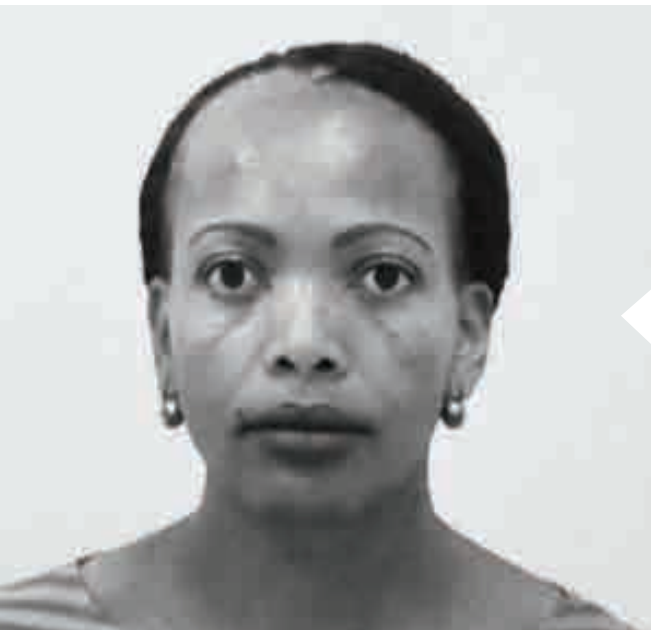
Akampereza Dianah

I am female advocate working with the Uganda Human Rights Commission, where I have worked for the past 10 years. My extensive experience in human rights includes monitoring, reporting, and advocating for the protection and promotion of fundamental rights and freedoms. Through my work, I have contributed to various initiatives aimed at ensuring justice, equality, and the upholding of human dignity in Uganda.

Chrisantus Ndibaiukao

My name is Chrisantus Sylvester Ndibaiukao working with Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance (CHRAGG) which is a National Human Rights Institution of The United Republic of Tanzania as Principal Investigation Officer. I have been working with CHRAGG for six year now before I joined to CHRAGG i worked for 20 years with Tanzania Prevention and Combating Corruption Bureau. I am Eager to learn how digital can affect positively or negatively on protection and promotion of , human rights





Bokang Lethunya-Khutlang

A Legal Officer in the Human Rights Unit under the Ministry of Justice and Law, having joined the Unit in June 2008. Her duties entail dissemination of human rights to the public through various media spots; receiving complaints on human rights violations for referral to where they could best be resolved; compilation of human rights state party reports. In a nutshell, her duties are on promotion, protection and monitoring of human rights in Lesotho. She serves as a coordinator and secretariat of all human rights state party reports and thus has played a key role in compilation of several state party reports both to the UN treaty bodies and the African commission. Prior to joining the Unit, she worked as a Magistrate from 2004 - 2008. She has also served as a Board Director (2015 – 2018) for the Lesotho Communication Authority which is a regulator for the communications sector in Lesotho.

Mable Simwanda

I work for the Human Rights Commission of Zambia based at the Head Office in Lusaka. Am an Investigations Officer working in the Legal and Investigations Department.



Nyanda Josiah Shuli

Nyanda Josiah Shuli, Commissioner for Human Rights and Good Governance (Tanzania) With over two decades of experience, I have ardently championed various causes of social justice, human rights, democracy, and development. My expertise lies in developing and executing advocacy strategies, social marketing interventions, and human rights initiatives towards desired objectives and change. I hold a Master of Communication (MComn) degree from The Hague University of Applied Sciences in the Netherlands, which I earned in 2009. Additionally, I have a bachelor's degree in Arts with Education from the University of Dar es Salaam, which I completed in 2003. Notably, my academic and professional journey has cultivated a deep research interest in the field of economic justice, particularly concerning host communities surrounding large-scale mining operations in Tanzania.

Notes



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