

AFRICAN MEDIA STAKEHOLDERS' CONFERENCE ON ACCESS TO INFORMATION

“Right to Information in times of crisis: Saving Lives, Building Trust and Bringing Hope”

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO INFORMATION (IDUAI)

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Agenda

| Time | Topic | Moderator |
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| 8:30 – 9: 00 | Opening Ceremony <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Opening Remarks – Ms. Ana Elisa Santana Afonso, UNESCO Addis Ababa Director Solidarity Statement – IFJ President, Younes Mjahed Keynote Address – ACHPR Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information, Commissioner Jamesina King | Marion Vivian Obam - Gender Coordinator, Syndicat National des Journalistes du Cameroun (SNJC) |
| 9:00 – 9:30 | Panel 1: Access to Information and the COVID 19 Crisis in Africa: Information Stagnation, Policy Failure of Lack of Government Transparency. Have we been able to save lives, build trust and bring hope to the African Citizenry? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Guy Berger – Director of Policies & Strategies in the field of Communication and Information, UNESCO Fatou Jange Senghore – Regional Director, ARTICLE 19 Zeid Dabbar - Vice President of FAJ | Ronald Affail Money - President of Ghana Journalists Association (GJA) |
| 9:30 – 9: 45 | Q & A Session | |
| 9:45 – 10:15 | Panel 2: Gender Dimension of Access to Information in Africa: What are the inequality gaps in access to information legislation in Africa and how does it affect Women? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Yemisi Akinbobola - African Women in the Media Berhan Taye - Africa Policy Manager of Access NOW | Abbas Mohamed - President of the Union of Chadian Journalists (UJT) |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | Q & A Session | |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Panel 3: Challenges in Covering COVID 19: Advocating for Policy guarantees for access to information implementation in times of crisis. A Journalists Perspective. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Eric Oduor – Secretary General, Kenya Union of Journalists (KUJ) Patricia Adjisseku – Union des Journalistes Indépendants du Togo (UJIT) Amare Aregawi – Chairperson of the Ethiopian Media Council | Jovial Jovial Rantao - Africa Editors' Forum |
| 11:00 – 11: 15 | Q & A Session | |
| 11:15 – 11: 30 | Conclusion Jeremy Dear – IFJ Deputy General Secretary Lydia Gachungi– Regional Advisor on Freedom of Expression and Safety of Journalists, UNESCO | |