



Programme-Information and Communication Rights in Africa Conference
31 May - 2 June 2023
Windhoek, Namibia



DAY 1: 31 May 2023			
07:45 - 08:30	ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION		
08:30 - 08:45	Welcome, Address and Opening Conference Moderator: Ndahishi Hamufungu		
08:45 - 09:00	Welcome Address ML Freya Gruenhagen, FES Namibia Resident Representative and Fesmedia Africa Director		
09:00 - 09:15	Statement Mr. Zwi Tshu, Director - Namibia Media Trust		
09:15 - 09:30	Statement Mr B. Djaffar Moussa-Ekudjum, Head of Office and Representative, UNESCO Windhoek Office		
09:30 - 09:45	Statement Hon. Commissioner Oureveva Geereesha Topy Senoo - Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa, ACHPR		
09:45 - 10:05	Keynote Address Hon. Dr. Popy Machelanga, Minister - Ministry Information and Communication Technology, Namibia		
10:05 - 10:45	Advancing Access to Information and Human Rights in the Digital Age Overall Landscaping of conference themes Maxwell Kadiri: 15 min		
10:45 - 11:30	Input from UNESCO HQ: Malika Lukoleka (Virtual) 10 min 15 min engagement		
TEA/COFFEE BREAK: PHOTO AND INTERVIEWS			
11:30 - 12:45	Mapping the Social Impact of Technology on Participatory Democracy and Human Rights in Africa Convenor: Sekelane Phomdo Reporteur: Simon Kasuma	Mapping the Legal and Political Practices Shaping Information and Communication Rights and Participatory Democracy in Africa Convenor: Tina Poner Reporteur: Roseatha Numbu	Mapping Innovations and Emerging Practices: Deepening Information and Communication Rights in Africa Convenor: Rayhana Matern Reporteur: Jousu Hamunyela
12:45 - 13:15	Report Back and Engagement Facilitated by Maxwell Kadiri 15 min input 15 min engagement		
LUNCH			
13:15 - 14:30	An Open and Inclusive Internet for Africa - A Practicable Possibility or Pipe Dream? Landscaping by Nethongo Gervaseus 15 min input 15 min engagement		
15:00 - 16:00	Universal Access to the Internet in Africa - State of Play, Risks and Opportunities Convenor: Thomas Sekati Reporteur: Jousu Hamunyela	Building Open and Accessible Digital Landscapes in Africa - What is Happening, What More is Required? Convenor: Adhine Mwa Reporteur: Simon Kasuma	Building Safe and Inclusive Digital Landscapes in Africa Convenor: Asadi Singh Reporteur: Roseatha Numbu
16:00 - 16:30	TEA/COFFEE BREAK		
16:30 - 17:00	Report Back and Engagement Facilitated by Nethongo Gervaseus 15 min input 15 min engagement		
17:00 - 17:30	Day 1 Wrap-Up and Closing Conference Moderator: Ndahishi Hamufungu		
18:30 - 21:00 WELCOME / RECEPTION DINNER			
DAY 2: 1 June 2023			
09:00 - 09:10	Welcome Conference Moderator: Ndahishi Hamufungu		
09:10 - 09:15	Recap of Day 1 (Shifting ball): Dickson Karote		
09:15 - 10:00	Africa's Gift to the World: APAT's Global Campaign for International Recognition of the Right to Universal Access to Information Guy Berger, Zwi Tshu, Gilbert Semungu, Eshana Opi Freelance Chat-moderated by Rayhana Matern		
10:00 - 10:30	Navigating the Infodemic & Post-Truth Era in Africa (Intersectional issues and holistic approaches to AT/IOE, Digital Rights) Landscaping by Mukafani Domba 15 min input 15 min engagement		
TEA/COFFEE BREAK			
10:30 - 11:15	Misinformation and Disinformation - What African Solutions to this African Problem? Convenor: Chris Rogge Reporteur: Roseatha Numbu	Media Regulation, Credibility, and Trust Convenor: Isak Mmear Reporteur: Jousu Hamunyela	Content Regulation, Freedom of Expression, and Harmful Speech Online Convenor: William Bird Reporteur: Simon Kasuma
11:15 - 12:00	Report Back and Engagement (Facilitated by Mukafani Domba) 15 min input 30 min engagement		
LUNCH			
12:45 - 14:00	Sovereignty, Capitalism and Technology: Strengthening the Architecture for the Right to Privacy in Africa. Ricardo [Sousab] - Moderator Hlangwe Dube, Murray Hunter (Panel), Nethongo Gervaseus (Panel)		
14:45 - 15:15	African Media Futures: What Next? Landscaping by Guy Berger 15 min input 15 min Engagement		
15:15 - 16:00	Tech Platforms and Media Sustainability Convenor: Michael Markovitz Reporteur: Jousu Hamunyela	Keeping Community Media in Africa Alive Convenor: Brigitte Jallow Reporteur: Simon Kasuma	Algorithmic Decision-Making, Artificial Intelligence, and the Future of Journalism in Africa Convenor: Tharlin Pilay Reporteur: Roseatha Numbu
16:00 - 16:30	TEA/COFFEE BREAK		
16:30 - 17:00	Report Back and Engagement Guy Berger 15 min input 15 min engagement		
17:00 - 17:30	Day 2 Wrap-Up Conference Moderator: Ndahishi Hamufungu		
Open Dinner for delegates resident at the hotel			
DAY 3			
09:00 - 09:10	Welcome Conference Moderator: Ndahishi Hamufungu		
09:10 - 09:15	Recap of Day 2 (See break): Moya Kotengondo		
09:15 - 10:00	Electoral Integrity and the Media in Africa - Are Africa's Soft Law Instruments Enough? Isak Mmear, Moderator Hon. Commissioner Oureveva Geereesha Topy Senoo, Green Liker, Tabani Moyo, Jemima Buaka, William Bird Panel		
10:00 - 10:30	Engagements, facilitated by Isak Mmear		
TEA/COFFEE BREAK			
10:30 - 11:00	Strengthening Investigative Journalism in Africa: Bringing New Solutions to Old Challenges Ardia Harber, Moderator Shivone Immanuel (The Namibian), Andiswa Matlolina (Oppecker)-Virtual, Heman Mama, Peter Desalegn (DWAA), Golden Matonga Panel		
11:00 - 11:45	Engagements, facilitated by Anton Harber		
11:45 - 12:15	PRESS CONFERENCE - CONFERENCE MODERATOR: NDASHISHI HAMUFUNGU		

12:15 - 12:45	Reading and Adoption of Outcome Statement: Zoe Tina
12:45 - 13:00	Windhoek Pledge to Information and Communication Rights by Continental Networks MISA Regional Office: Tabeni Moya , Media Foundation for West Africa: Soulemama Bwambwa , African Freedom of Expression Exchange: Edikem Ojo , Africa Freedom of Information Centre: Gilbert Sengulwa
13:00 - 13:15	Statement by Hon. Commissioner Curvema Geereshu Topay Sono - Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa, ACHPR
13:15 - 13:30	Vote of Thanks and Conference Closure Ms. Freya Groenheagen, PES Namibia Resident Representative and Peomedia Africa Director
13:30 - 13:40	Conference Closure by Moderator: Mdinhishi Hamufungu
14:00 - 16:00	Delegates/Participants departure 2 and 3 June 2023