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Speakers' Profiles

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|  | <p>Mr Seidik ABBA, Editor-in-Chief, <i>Jeune Afrique</i>, France</p> <p>Seidik Abba is a journalist who began his career in the written press in his country (Niger) before moving to France where he became the head of the Paris office of the Pan African News Agency, <i>Panapress</i>. He is a regular in the French and international media including France 24, RFI and TV5 Monde, where his detailed analyzes on the crisis in the Sahel in particular, are highly appreciated. Seidik Abba is editor of the weekly <i>Jeune Afrique International</i>.</p> |
|  | <p>Ms Susan ABBOTT, Senior Programme Adviser for Internews</p> <p>Susan Abbott works as a consultant for a variety of institutions involved in media and civil society development work. She is the Sr. Program Development Adviser for Internews, and works closely with the Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania's Center for Global Communication Studies, and the Center for Media and Communication Studies in Budapest. She is a co-director of an annual summer school program at Central European University that seeks to improve practitioner and academic understanding on media development.</p> |
|  | <p>Mr Abdel Jalil ALAMI, Chair, Doha Centre for Media Freedom Executive Committee, Qatar</p> <p>Dr. Abdel Jalil Alami is a Professor Assistant and the Head of Department of E.N.S and National Coordinator of the Education Reform from 1985-1991. Alami hold other others positions: Advisor to Her Highness Sheikha Moza Bint Nasser Al Misnad office, in-charge of UNESCO projects and speech-writer form 1996-2012. Educational Expert in His Highness Emir Sheikh Hamad private office from 1994-present. Vice Chair of Board of DIFI (The Doha International Family Institute, member of Qatar Foundation) from 2006-present. Chairman of the Executive committee of Doha Center for Media Freedom 1998-present.</p> |



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|  | <p>Ms Onur ANDREOTTI, Legal Expert, Council of Europe</p> <p>Legal Secretary at the European Court of Human Rights from 1999 to 2012, she is currently coordinator of the Task Force for freedom of expression and media in the Council of Europe.</p> |
|  | <p>Mr Jaime Abello BANFI, CEO and co-founder of the Gabriel García Márquez Foundation for New Latin American Journalism (FNPI)</p> <p>Mr Banfi is the CEO and co-founder of the Gabriel García Márquez Foundation for New Latin American Journalism, Colombia. He took part of boards and advisory boards of media agencies, such as the Global Agenda Council on Informed Societies of the World Economic Forum in Davos in 2010 and 2011. He also acted as a representative in Latin America since 2006 on the board of the GFMD (Global Forum for Media development), an international alliance of leading support and development programs of news media organizations.</p> |
|  | <p>Mr Fackson BANDA, Program specialist, Communication and Information Sector, UNESCO</p> <p>Fackson Banda, winner of the 2008 MISA Press Freedom Award, is a program specialist at UNESCO. A scholar of African political thought and media, he has published in the areas of postcolonial theory and media, technology and development, civic education and communication as well as community media and policy, among others. Besides, Dr. Banda is a columnist at the Zambian The Post newspaper. Prior to his appointment at the Communication and information sector of UNESCO, Dr. Banda was a professor at Rhodes University (South Africa); he also worked as the executive director of Panos Southern Africa, an organization dedicated to communication and sustainable development.</p> |
|  | <p>Mr Dave BANISAR, Article 19</p> <p>David Banisar is Senior Legal Counsel for Article 19: Global Campaign for Free Expression, a London-based human rights group. He has worked in the field of information policy for nearly 20 years on the intersection of human rights and ICTs including privacy, freedom of expression, cyber-crime and the right to information. He has served as an advisor and consultant to numerous organizations including the World Bank, Council of Europe, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, the UN Development Program and the Open Society Institute.</p> |



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| | <p>Mr Guy BERGER, director of the Freedom of Expression and Media Development division, UNESCO</p> |
| | <p>Mr Thijs BERMAN, Member of the European Parliament</p> <p>Thijs Berman a Dutch politician and a Member of the European Parliament. Thijs is also a member of the AWEPA Governing Council. In 2010 he was appointed as head of the EU Election Observer Mission to Ethiopia.</p> |
| | <p>Ms Catalina BOTERO MARINO, Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression, UN</p> <p>Mrs Botero Marino was elected by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights as Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression in July 2008. Before assuming the position, she worked as Acting Magistrate and Auxiliary Magistrate in the Constitutional Court of Colombia for eight years. Previously she has held a number of posts, including adviser for the Office of the Prosecutor General of the Nation.</p> |
| | <p>Mr Jim BOUMELHA, President, International Federation of Journalists (IFJ)</p> <p>Jim Boumelha, a former president of the NUJ, is in his third term as president of the International Federation of Journalists. Boumelha is a member of the IFJ executive committee for more than 20 years; he has represented the interests of journalists in most parts of the world and led campaigns for press freedom and better working conditions, as well as seeking to make the United Nations more concerned about the safety of journalists at work. He led one of the longest strikes in NUJ history against Robert Maxwell's Pergamon Press to secure trade union recognition. He now works as a freelance and writes news and features for several publications, on media and other issues.</p> |



Ms Jeanne BOURGAULT, President and CEO of Internews

Jeanne Bourgault is the President and CEO of Internews. Previously she served as Internews' Chief Operating Officer and Vice President for Programs. Previously she worked also for the U.S. Agency for International Development and as a consultant for various organizations, among which the Open Society Institute and the United Nations Centre for Human Rights.



Ms Agnes CALLAMARD, Director Global Freedom of Expression Project & Special Adviser to the President Columbia University, USA

Dr. Agnes Callamard is a distinguished human rights advocate who was the director of the organization ARTICLE 19. She is now the executive director of the Global Freedom of Expression Project at Columbia University. Previously, Dr. Callamard founded and led HAP (Humanitarian Accountability Partnership), the first international self-regulatory body for humanitarian actors. At HAP she oversaw field trials on accountability to beneficiaries in Afghanistan, Cambodia and Sierra Leone. Dr Callamard is also the former Chef de Cabinet for the Secretary General of Amnesty International (AI).



Mr Moez CHAKCHOUK, Director of Tunisian Internet Agency, Tunisia




Moez Chakchouk has been the head of the Tunisian Internet Agency (ATI by its French acronym) since shortly after the January 14th 2011 revolution, and was responsible for ending what had been one of the most comprehensive filtering, monitoring, and censorship systems in the world. Chakchouk made waves in October 2011 when he took the stage at the 3rd Annual Arab Bloggers Conference in Tunis to publicly declare that Western IT companies had tested surveillance software in Tunisia, and were thus indirectly responsible for the unjust imprisonment and torture of hundreds of individuals.



Ms Ying CHAN, Founding Director, Journalism and Media Studies Centre, Hong Kong University

Ying Chan is a writer, educator, and the founding director of the Journalism and Media Studies Centre. She was also the founding dean (2003-2011) of the journalism school at Shantou University in China. Prior to which, Chan spent 23 years working as a journalist in New York City, where she reported for the New York Daily News, NBC News, and a number of Chinese language dailies. Chan's honors include a Nieman Fellowship at Harvard University, a George Polk Award for journalistic excellence and an International Press Freedom Award by the Committee to Protect Journalists.



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| | <p>Ms Neïmatou COULIBALY, Director, Le Combat, Mali</p> <p>Neïmatou Coulibaly split her time between her native Belgium and Mali, in the adventure of the press, with the sole ambition to inform accurately and truthfully.</p> |
|  | <p>Mme Rosemary D'AMOUR, rédacteur en chef adjoint, Center for Media de l'aide internationale (CIMA), USA</p> <p>Rosemary D'Amour is associate editor at the Center for International Media Assistance at the National Endowment for Democracy. She previously worked as coordinator for the Center's research projects, including a report on U.S. government funding for media assistance. Her academic research interests included media's role in sustainable international development, particularly in the realm of social media and citizen journalism. D'Amour previously worked as a blogger for the World Association of Newspapers, in online community engagement at TBD.com, and as a Washington correspondent for the nonprofit news source Inter Press Service.</p> |
|  | <p>Mr James DEANE, Director of Policy and Learning, BBC Media Action, UK</p> <p>James Dean is the director of policy and learning at BBC Media Action. Previously, he worked for 20 years at Panos where he was the executive director. Most of his working life has focused on creating platforms for debate and dialogue, and on the role of media and access to information in development. In 2007, Dean joined BBC Media Action where he has been focusing on research and policy work in order to act as a bridge between the organization and the outside world. His action helps informed thinking, media policy and practice.</p> |
|  | <p>Mr Christophe DELOIRE, Secretary-General, RSF, France</p> <p>Christophe Deloire is the General Director of Reporters Without Borders since 2012. A journalist and a writer, he is also the former head of the Center for Journalists Training, one of the leading journalism schools in France. In 1998, he joined the weekly Le Point (Service Company), where he specialized in investigations. Two years later, he joined the Political Department of the Point, where he is responsible for the "investigation" sector. He worked on judicial affairs, terrorism, intelligence services. His reporting took him to Australia, Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Middle East.</p> |






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| | <p>Mr Tidiane DIOH, Media Programme Manager, OIF</p> <p>Tidiane Dioh is the head of the media program at the International Organization of La Francophonie (OIF) since March 2004. Between 1994 and 2000, he worked as a journalist in Liege for the monthly French-speaking Belgian magazine C4. He then worked as a journalist for Jeune Afrique and TV5 Monde in Paris. Dioh has written several books. Dioh holds a PhD in Information Science and Communication from the Sorbonne Nouvelle in Paris, where he is also a lecturer.</p> |
| | <p>Mr Marius DRAGOMIR, Senior Manager, Program on Independent Journalism, OSF</p> <p>Marius Dragomir is senior manager and publications editor for the Open Society Program on Independent Journalism. Dragomir worked for 17 years as a journalist as well as a media critic, both for various Romanian media, and international media. In 2002, he completed a thesis, in Washington DC Atlantic council, on the reform of the media in post-communist Europe.</p> |
| | <p>Ms Claudia Julieta DUQUE, Journalist, Colombia</p> <p>Claudia Julieta Duque is a researcher and journalist covering human rights issues in Colombia. She is also a correspondent for the Colombian human rights Internet radio station Radio Nizkor and a former researcher for the José Alvear Restrepo Lawyers' Collective (CCAJAR). In her 22 years as a journalist she has investigated and reported on several issues including the impact of impunity and the right to justice, and infiltration of paramilitary groups in government agencies. She has also been following the 1999 murder of journalist Jaime Garzón.</p> |
| | <p>Mr Luis ESQUIVEL, Access to Information Programme, World Bank Institute</p> <p>Luis Esquivel is currently a consultant at the World Bank Institute's Access to Information Program. There he has been focused on supporting the adoption and implementation of access to information legislation in developing countries. Prior to joining the World Bank, he worked at the Trust for the Americas- NGO focusing on issues related to the media and its impact in governance, as well as access to information.</p> |







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| | <p>Mr Naregh GALOUSTIAN, Project Manager DRC and Middle East Program, Journalists for Human Rights, Canada</p> <p>Naregh Galoustian is the International programs manager at JHR (Journalists for Human Rights), Canada's leading media development organization. Galoustian deals with the complex dynamics shaping the near future of the globe, as well as in sticking to reality by observing how these dynamics affect real people's lives. Besides reporting in a decent way, Naregh's ultimate desire is to see greater global awareness on major issues through wider access to information.</p> |
| | <p>Mr Engida GETACHEW, Deputy Director General, UNESCO</p> <p>Mr Engida has had a distinguished international career in auditing and financial management for prominent international companies and also worked for the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) as Assistant Comptroller. He joined UNESCO in 2004 and was appointed as Deputy Director-General of UNESCO in April 2010. In this capacity, he supports the Director-General in crafting strategic directions, policy development and program execution. Since December 2013, he has headed the Communication and Information Sector.</p> |
| | <p>Ms Caroline GIRAUD, Coordinator, GFMD</p> <p>Caroline Giraud has joined the GFMD secretariat as coordinator and as a media development manager.</p> <p>Giraud is a Brussels-based consultant advising NGOs and donor agencies with 10 years' experience working for NGOs on media development, in particular on access to information, press freedom and human rights. She is also working as an advisor to the International Federation of Human Rights.</p> |
| | <p>Ms Flora Graioni - Europe Senior Program Manager, IREX</p> <p>Flora has been working in the development sector for more than 8 years. In September 2007 she joined IREX Europe as Senior Programme Manager, and she has been managing several media, cultural and civil society programs funded by different organizations such as the EU, the UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office, and UN agencies. She is also involved in partnership development and program/project design. Flora has been covering Eastern Europe, the Balkans, Eastern Africa, and Asia.</p> |



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| | <p>Ms Jocelyn GRANGE, Program Manager, Pair-à-Pair Med Media Project, France</p> <p>Jocelyn Grange was a journalist and researcher in Palestine (1996-2001), correspondent for Radio France Internationale and Le Figaro in Indonesia (2002-2007) and expert media for electoral assistance missions in Africa (2008-2013). Current, Jocelyn Grange is the Deputy Head of Mission of Med Media, funded by the European Commission to support reforms in the media sector in the countries of the southern Mediterranean project.</p> |
|  | <p>Mr Christophe GUILHOU, Director, Peace, Democracy and Human Rights, International Organization of La Francophonie (OIF)</p> <p>Prior to joining IFM, Mr. Guilhou was Consul General of France in Boston. He was also Deputy Permanent Representative in the Permanent Delegation of France to the UN in Geneva. A graduate of Political Science and the Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilizations with specialization in literary Arabic and Swahili, he has extensive knowledge of Africa, the Middle East and human rights.</p> |
|  | <p>Mr Jesper HØJBERG, Executive Director, International Media Support (IMS)</p> <p>Mr. Jesper Højberg is Executive Director of International Media Support (IMS), which he founded in 2001. IMS is an international media development organization based in Denmark working to support local media in countries affected by armed conflict, human insecurity and political transition. The organization now works in 26 countries around the world. IMS has among other things implemented safety and protection programs for journalists and media workers in Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Yemen, Nepal, Colombia, Pakistan, Iraq and South Sudan.</p> |
|  | <p>Mr Peter HORROCKS, Director of the BBC World Service, United Kingdom</p> <p>Peter Horrocks is Director of the BBC's World Service Group, responsible for leading the BBC's international news services across radio, television and online. Before taking up his current role in March 2010, he was previously Director of BBC World Service, responsible for its overall editorial leadership and management. He has worked for the BBC since 1981. He had previously been Head of TV News from September 2005 until BBC News went multimedia in November 2007. At that time he became Head of the BBC's Multimedia Newsroom; he had also been the BBC's Head of Current Affairs.</p> |



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|  | <p>Mr Thomas HUGHES, Executive Director, Article 19</p> <p>Thomas Hughes joined ARTICLE 19 as Executive Director in 2013. He is the founder board member and former Director of the social purpose enterprise, Media Frontiers, which runs Diversity, the international advertising network for online news media from Human Rights repressed countries, and VirtualRoad.org, the secure hosting service that protects websites of civil society organizations. For the past 15 years Thomas has worked on press freedom, media development and Human Rights issues, including as Deputy Director of International Media Support (IMS) between 2005 and 2010.</p> |
|  | <p>Ms Yuli ISMARTONO, Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Tempo, Indonesia</p> <p>Yuli Ismartono is an expert in media issues and media training, government relations and community development. She is currently deputy chief editor of the English edition of TEMPO, a weekly news and current affairs magazine. She is also managing editor of AsiaViews, a monthly supplemental magazine. She is also chairperson of the board of directors of TIFA Foundation, a nongovernmental organization in Jakarta supporting projects in the areas of media development, democracy, pluralism, access to justice and women’s empowerment.</p> |
|  | <p>Her Excellency Ellen JOHNSON-SIRLEAF, President of Liberia</p> <p>Born in Liberia in 1938, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf was schooled in the United States before serving in the government of her native Liberia. A military coup in 1980 sent her into exile, but she returned in 1985 to speak out against the military regime. She was forced to briefly leave the country again. When she won the 2005 election, Johnson Sirleaf became the first female elected head of state in Africa. In 2011, she was one of a trio of women to win the Nobel Peace Prize.</p> |
|  | <p>Mr Kwame KARIKARI, Executive Director, Media Foundation for West Africa (MFWA), Ghana</p> <p>Kwame Karikari is the Executive Director of the Media Foundation for West Africa, a freedom of expression organization based in Accra, Ghana. For several years; he has been a professor in journalism and mass communication at the University of Ghana. He has also been involved in training journalists in several countries in Africa over the years. He has practiced as a journalist for many years and served as the Director General of the public Ghana Broadcasting Corporation in the early 1980s. Karikari serves on the boards of a number of African and international rights organizations and on the editorial boards of academic publications.</p> |



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| | <p>Mr Maina KIAI, UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Assembly and Association</p> <p>Mr. Maina Kiai is the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association since May 1st 2011. A lawyer trained at Nairobi and Harvard Universities, Mr. Kiai has spent the last twenty years campaigning for human rights and constitutional reform in Kenya. He won a national reputation for his courageous and effective advocacy against official corruption, in support of political reform, and against impunity following the violence that convulsed Kenya in 2008. Previously, Mr. Kiai was the Executive Director of the International Council on Human Rights Policy (2010-2011), the Director of Amnesty International’s Africa Program (1999-2001), and the Africa Director of the International Human Rights Law Group (now Global Rights, 2001-2003).</p> |
| | <p>Mr Larry KILMAN, Secretary-General, WAN-IFRA</p> <p>As Secretary General, Larry Kilman oversees WAN-IFRA's not-for-profit advocacy branch based in Paris, including Press Freedom, Media Development, News Literacy, Public Affairs, Innovation and Future Technologies as well as the World Editors Forum.</p> |
| | <p>Ms Naranjargal KHASHKUU, Chairperson of Globe International , Mongolia</p> <p>Naranjargal Khashkuu is one of the founders and President Globe International Center, a Mongolian NGO. She has been working on promoting freedom of expression and media development since 1990. She is a former EC member of the IFJ and had worked as consultant of the local and international projects. Her major fields are independent and democratic media. She had been lecturing at the State University of Mongolia, University of Humanities, Press Institute and School of Radio and TV.</p> |
| | <p>Ms Martine LAROCHE JOUBERT, Journalist, France Télévisions</p> <p>Martine Laroche-Joubert is a French journalist. Since 1984, she works at the Foreign Service of France 2 as a reporter. On the ground, Martine Laroche-Joubert covers conflicts in war zones (Baghdad, Tripoli,) And large events around the world, as in 1990 when the release of Nelson Mandela. From 2006 to 2009, the journalist becomes corresponding to the information office of France 2 in the USA. Since 2011, it covers the revolutions of the Arab countries in Libya and Syria. She won the Laurel reporter for his reporting in Syria and Central France on 2 February 17, 2014.</p> |



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| | <p>Mr Frank LA RUE, UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, United Nations (UN)</p> <p>Frank La Rue is the UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression. He is a Guatemalan labor and human rights lawyer and as such founded the Center for Legal Action for Human Rights. He was nominated for the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize.</p> |
| | <p>Mr Remzi LANI, Executive Director, Albania Media Institute</p> <p>Lani works as the Executive Director of the Albanian Media Institute and is also editor of the Alternative Information Network in Tirana, the first President of the South East Network of Media Centers and Media Institutes, which brings together 17 organisations in SEE and is a founding member of the first Human Rights Group in Albania (The Forum for Human Rights). He has written widely on Balkan affairs for local and international newspapers and magazines such as 'El Mundo' Madrid, 'The Guardian' London, and many others.</p> |
| | <p>Ms Elisa LEES MUNOZ, Executive Director, International Women's Media Foundation, USA</p> <p>Elisa Lees Munoz is the IWMF's Executive Director. She is responsible for identifying strategic opportunities and programmatic development and fundraising. Before joining the IWMF, Munoz was executive director of the Crimes of War Education Project, a Washington, D.C.-based organization dedicated to raising awareness among journalists about international humanitarian law and its applicability to armed conflict. She has also held several positions at the Science and Human Rights Program of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Washington, D.C.</p> |
| | <p>Ms Amina LEMRINI ELOUAHABI, President, High Authority of Audiovisual Communication, Morocco</p> <p>Amina Lemrini is the President of the High Authority of Audiovisual Communication (HACA). She is also the founding President of the Association Démocratique des Femmes du Maroc (ADFM) as well as a member of their Executive Committee; a founding member of the Moroccan Human Rights Organization (OMDH), and a member of the Board of Directors of Collectif 95 Maghreb-Egalité, a women's regional NGO working in Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia. Lemrini has lectured and published on a variety of issues dealing with human rights.</p> |



Mr Jan LUBLINSKI, Project Manager, Research and Development, DW-AKADEMIE , Germany

Jan Lublinski is a freelance science journalist, trainer and consultant based in Bonn. Since 2006 he has been working for the mentoring program SjCOOP which supports science journalists in Africa and the Middle East. At Deutsche Welle he trains journalists from all over the world and was host of the Mensch, Umwelt, Technik TV show from 2000 to 2005. Lublinski also teaches a course in media ethics in the International Media Studies master's program. As a journalist he reports for ARD Radio and GEO magazine.



Ms Annika MARKOVIC, Ambassador of Sweden to UNESCO

Ambassador Annika MARKOVIC took up her duties as Permanent Representative of Sweden to the OECD and UNESCO on 18 February 2014. Ms. Markovic started her diplomatic career at the Foreign Ministry in 1990, working on multilateral issues such as disarmament and non-proliferation and reform of the United Nations. She was first secretary at the Swedish Mission to the United Nations in New York 1995-1999. From September 2011 until her nomination as Permanent Representative of Sweden to the OECD and UNESCO, Ms. Markovic was in charge of international negotiations in the field of environment and sustainable development as Sweden's Environment Ambassador at the Ministry of the Environment.






Mr Sadibou MARONG, Press Freedom and Communications Office, International Federation of Journalists, Senegal

Sadibou Marong joined the Africa Regional Office of the International Federation of Journalists as Program Officer. His works include promoting leadership for the coordination and implementation of projects and programs on freedom of the press, freedom of information, freedom of expression, safety of journalists, access to information and communications. He also works to strengthen journalists unions so as to be better able to defend press freedom and journalists' rights in their role for transparency in public affairs in the continent. He also helps identify and initiate partnerships with civil society and other non-state actors who share the same IFJ visions, goals and orientations.



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| | <p>Mr Freddy MATA MATUNDU, Journalist for Human Rights (JHR), Canada</p> <p>Freddy Mata Matundu was trained as a journalist at the Institut Facultaire des Sciences de l'Information et de la Communication in Kinshasa, DRC's main journalism school. His journalistic career began in 2006 at Congo Top FM, a major radio station in Kinshasa.</p> <p>A JHR Fellowship recipient in 2009, Matundu is the first Congolese journalist ever awarded with the prestigious Lorenzo Natali Prize (Radio) by the European Union in 2010. Matundu became JHR Country Director for the DRC in 2010, and has since contributed tremendously to the success of JHR in one of the most challenging environments in which JHR has ever operated.</p> |
| | <p>Mr Giacomo MAZZONE, Head of Institutional Relations, European Broadcasting Union (EBU)</p> <p>Giacomo Mazzone is the current Head of Institutional Relations and Members South Relations at the European Broadcasting Union. Before he has been at RAI, as manager and journalist (media and Hi-Tech analyst). Previously, he was a media specialist for RAI TG2 during 10 years. Author of the TV documentary “Il cielo in una stanza” 1989, the first ever made news magazine made in HDTV co-produced by Rai and NHK. Deputy director at Euronews in charge of EU affairs, deputy director at RAI, chairman of the EBU all news TV channels group for 5 years.</p> |
| | <p>Mr Toby MENDEL, Director Centre for Law and Democracy, Canada</p> <p>Toby Mendel is the executive director of the Centre for Law and Democracy, a Halifax, Canada-based international human rights NGO which focuses on providing legal expertise regarding foundational rights for democracy, including the right to information and freedom of expression. Prior to that, Mendel was for 12 years senior director for law at ARTICLE 19, after working as a senior human rights consultant with Oxfam Canada and a human rights policy analyst at the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). He has provided expertise on these rights to a wide range of actors, including the World Bank and the UN.</p> |
| | <p>Ms Dunja MIJATOVIĆ, Representative on Freedom of the Media, OSCE</p> <p>Dunja Mijatovic is the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media. Previously, she co-founded the Communications Regulatory Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina and a self-regulatory Press Council in South East Europe. Additionally she was the Chair of the European Platform of Regulatory Agencies and of the Council of Europe’s Group of Specialists on freedom of expression.</p> |



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| | <p>Mr Younes MJAHER, President, Syndicat National de la Presse Marocaine</p> |
|  | <p>Ms Abeer NAJJAR, Advisory Group Member</p> <p>Abeer al-Najjar is an Assistant Professor of Journalism & Media Studies at the American University of Sharjah. She was the Dean of Jordan Media Institute in Amman, Jordan (2011-2012), where she taught graduate courses in research methods in journalism. Al-Najjar is also a member of an Advisory Group of Experts working on “World Trends in the State of Freedom of Expression and Media Development”. Her research interests include journalism in the Arab countries, popular culture, religious media & women and new media. Al-Najjar published many journal articles and book chapters about Arab media.</p> |
|  | <p>Mr Edetaen OJO, Executive Director, Media Rights Agenda, Nigeria</p> <p>Edetaen Ojo works to defend and expand media freedom from his base in Nigeria, where he is executive director of the non-governmental organization Media Rights Agenda. He contributes to numerous efforts regionally and internationally, including the International Freedom of Expression Exchange, the Media Foundation for West Africa, and the Working Group on the African Platform on Access to Information. He has consulted on rebuilding the media sector in Liberia, the role of media in conflict prevention, the fight against corruption, and media law reform, building on a two-decade career as a journalist.</p> |
| | <p>Ms Paola PARRI, COPEAM SG Coordinator on European Projects</p> |
|  | <p>Mr Rémy PFLIMLIN, President of France Télévisions</p> <p>Rémy Pflimlin graduated from HEC Paris in 1978 and began a career in the field of press and media. From 1999 to 2005, he was CEO of France 3. In July 2010, the former president of France, Nicolas Sarkozy, proposed to nominate him for the presidency of France Télévisions. Pflimlin took office in August 2010.</p> <p>He is also a permanent member of the jury of the literary awards since 2011. Two years later, he became Chairman of the Board of Directors of TV5 Monde.</p> |



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| | <p>Mr Michael RANDALL, Team Leader, MedMedia</p> <p>Michael Randall specialises in designing and implementing projects aimed at supporting the development of public service broadcasting in emerging democracies. Over a 14-year career at BBC Media Action and the BBC World Service Trust, he has helped reform state media in the Balkans, Central Asia and the South Caucasus as well as working on legislation and regulation projects in countries such as Turkmenistan, Bulgaria and Ukraine. Michael has also managed pioneering projects in the field of social media, winning an Emmy in 2011 for developing and producing the world’s first Arabic-language web drama, “Shankaboot”. Michael is currently Team Leader for Med Media, an EU-funded project aimed at creating an enabling environment for media reforms in the Southern Mediterranean region.</p> |
| | <p>Ms Gabriella RAZZANO, Head of Research, Open Democracy Advice Centre, South Africa</p> <p>Gabriella Razzano is a law graduate working at ODAC as the head of research. She formerly clerked at the Constitutional Court and worked with University of Witwatersrand. She has a particular focus on access to information and freedom of expression issues, and has served as an active member of the Right2Know Campaign, Coordinating Committee Member of the National Information Officers Forum and is a Honorary Member of the KwaZulu-Natal Public Sector Lawyers Association.</p> |
| | <p>Bernd RÖBLE, Regional Coordinator Northern Africa, DW Akademie</p> |
| | <p>Mr Ernest SAGAGA, International Federation of Journalists (IFJ)</p> <p>Ernest Sagaga is the Human Rights and Communications Officer: for the International Federation of Journalists in Brussels where he is dealing daily with the conditions with which journalists work and fighting for their rights internationally. Prior to which he was the Spokesperson for the International Criminal Court in The Hague and before this he was a Journalist for the BBC World Service in London for seven years.</p> |



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| | <p>Mr Antonio SAVOIA, Lecturer, University of Manchester, UK</p> <p>Dr Savoia is an economist. Using quantitative methods and taking a political economy approach, his research has looked at the determinants of governance and institutional performance and how they impinge on development outcomes and policies. He also enjoys contributing to public policy alongside his teaching and research activities. Before joining the University of Manchester, he has worked as a lecturer at several universities in England.</p> |
| | <p>Ms Veridiana SEDEH, Former Executive Director, Brazilian Association for Investigative Journalism, Brazil</p> <p>Veridiana Sedeh is a consultant to the Brazilian Association for Investigative Journalism (Abraji) and a master's student of Environmental Policy at Sciences Po (IEP-Paris). Working for Abraji for the past six years, she held the position of executive-director and is currently in charge of setting up the association's endowment fund. Graduated in Journalism from University of Sao Paulo, Veridiana has also worked at Folha de S. Paulo, one of Brazil's leading newspapers.</p> |
| | <p>Mr Ahmet ŞIK, independent journalist & 2014 UNESCO/ Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize Laureate</p> <p>Ahmet Şık is a Turkish investigative journalist. He is an ardent defender of freedom of expression, and has devoted his career to denouncing corruption and human rights abuses. Şık is the author of several books, and a trade unionist. His book <i>The Imam's Army</i>, investigating the controversial Gülen movement of the Islamic preacher Fethullah Gülen, led to his detention for a year in 2011–2012; the book being seized and banned. He remains under indictment in the OdaTV case of the Ergenekon trials; his cause has been taken up by English PEN, an association of writers fighting for freedom of expression. Ahmet Şık the winner of the 2014 UNESCO Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize.</p> |
| | <p>Mr Mostefa SOUAG, Acting Managing Director, Aljazeera Media Network, Qatar</p> <p>Dr. Mostefa Souag is currently Acting Director General of Al Jazeera Media Network and Managing Director of Al Jazeera News Channel (Arabic). Prior to this he had held various positions within the network, where he was Director of News of Al Jazeera Arabic, Advisor to His Excellency Sheikh Hamad bin Thamer Al-Thani, Chairman of the Board for Al Jazeera Media Network. He also served as Director for Al Jazeera Center for Studies and was also based in the London as a bureau chief. Before joining Al Jazeera Media Network he worked at the BBC World Service and also MBC. Dr. Souag has a PhD in literacy studies, was professor of Literary Theory at the University of Algiers (Algeria) until 1993.</p> |



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| | <p>Ms Tara SUSMAN-PEÑA, Senior Research Officer, Internews</p> <p>Tara Susman-Peña is Senior Research Officer at Internews, focusing both on the evaluation of experimental pilots and broader research on information, innovation, and policy. She is the director of Internews’ Media Map Project, an initiative examining the evidence for the impact of media on development; and making global media data more open and interactive. Before joining Internews, she managed qualitative audience research and the online listener panel at NPR. Prior to NPR, she worked in commercial market research.</p> |
| | <p>Ms Biljana TATOMIR, Deputy Director and Director for Program Strategy and Policy, International Media Support, IMS</p> <p>Biljana Tatomir has twenty years of experience in media development. She is currently Deputy Director and Director for Program Strategy and Policy at International Media Support; a Danish-based international media support organization active in over 40 countries around the world.</p> |
| | <p>Ms Gwen Lister, Journalist, The Namibian</p> <p>Gwen Lister was a founder member of the Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) and a co-chair of the UNESCO-sponsored conference in 1991 which authored the Windhoek Declaration on an Independent and Pluralistic Media in Africa. Lister has received a number of international and regional awards, including being named a world press freedom hero by the International Press Institute (IPI) in 2000. After 26 years at the helm as editor, and having steered the independent newspaper through difficult times under apartheid, and even the post-independence when the new government placed a ban on advertising in The Namibian which was recently lifted after a decade, she recently handed over the reins to her successor. Currently, she is the Chairperson of the Namibia Media Trust, which owns the newspaper, and which is set up to promote media freedom as well as excellence in journalism.</p> |
| | <p>Ms Barbara TRIONFI, International Press Institute (IPI)</p> <p>Barbara Trionfi started working at IPI in 1999 as Press Freedom Advisor for the Asia-Pacific region. Today, as Press Freedom Manager, she also oversees IPI press freedom activities and leads the IPI press freedom team. Her field of expertise covers different areas related to press freedom and freedom of expression, including media ethics and self-regulatory media accountability systems, journalists safety, and international mechanisms to protect press freedom. Barbara has taught undergraduate courses in media ethics, media literacy and cultural diversity and the media at Webster University Vienna since 2005.</p> |



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| | <p>Mr Leon WILLEMS, Chairperson, Global Forum for Media Development (GFMD)</p> <p>Leon Willems was appointed Director of Free Press Unlimited in May 2011, besides which he is also a member of the steering committee for the Global Forum for Media Development and a board member of Ghetto Radio, a station set up to allow the young residents of the slums of Nairobi, Kenya, to express themselves with dignity. In 2008, Willems initiated the Radio Darfur project on behalf of Press Now, where he served as the Director. Prior to which, Willems worked for the United Nations (independent radio in South Sudan). He also served in a variety of positions at the Dutch public broadcaster IKON.</p> |
| | <p>Mr Robert ZAAL, Director-General, Radio Netherlands Worldwide (RNW) & Member of Global Alliance Public Broadcasters (DG7)</p> <p>Robert Zaal is the director of Radio Netherlands Worldwide, the Dutch international online and social media company. He is responsible for leading the implementation of RNW's new direction, focussed on free speech. As an economist Robert Zaal has worked for several media companies for about 25 years where he acquired his extensive experience in the areas of free speech, media and management.</p> |
| | <p>Ms Ljiljana ZUROVAC, Executive Director of the Press Council, Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <p>Ljiljana Zurovac has been the Executive Director of the Press Council in Bosnia-Herzegovina since September 2005. An expert on media self-regulation and ethics, following the almost breakdown of the first self-regulatory body in SEE at the beginning of 2005, she established a new Press Council for all print media in Bosnia-Herzegovina. In the context of the Press Council, she has also established educational programs on media ethics, press freedom, and media literacy for diverse audiences. She had previously worked for six years as Program Director at the Media Plan High College of Journalism and as an active radio and TV journalist, editor and host of live programs.</p> |