Forum on Internet Freedom in East Africa 2015

September 28–29
Golf Course Hotel, Kampala–Uganda

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Programme
**Day 1: September 28th**

08:00 – 09.00  
Participant Arrival and Registration

09.00 – 09:15  
Introductory remarks:  
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09:15 – 9.45  
Opening remarks  
Hon. Eng. John Nasasira - Minister of Information and Communication Technology

09:45 – 10.45  
Session 1: Key notes  
The Highs and the lows of internet freedom in East Africa – developments (policy and practice) influencing the state of internet freedom in East Africa May 2014 to-date  
Jaco du Toit, Adviser for Communication & Information, UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa  
Crystal Simeoni, Hivos East Africa

10.45 – 11.00  
Q&A

11.00 – 11.30  
Tea Break

11.30 – 13.00  
Parallel Sessions

Session 3:  
Media Role in Promoting Internet Freedom  
Room: Main Hall  
Eric Chinje, Africa Media Institute (AMI) (Moderator)  
Victor Biwre, Media Council of Kenya  
Collin Akim Lasu, Association for Media Development in South Sudan  
Robert Mugabe, Great Lakes Voices Rwanda  
James Wamathai, Bloggers Association of Kenya  
Jean Claude Kavumbagu, NetPress Burundi  
Alexandre Niyungeko, Burundi Union of Journalists  
Anteneh Abraham Babanto, Ethiopia National Journalists Union  
Paul Kimumwe, African Centre for Media Excellence (ACME)

Session 4:  
Human Rights Defenders and Activists Perspectives on Internet Freedom  
Room: Meeting Room 1  
Emilie Vuse, Association for Progressive Communications (APC) (Moderator)  
Nicolás Opío, Chapter 4  
Richard Lusimbo, SMUG  
Naamala Samson, Culture and Development East Africa (CDEA)  
Tom Ohiomah, University of Nairobi

Session 5:  
Bridging the Gap Between Techies and HRDs roundtable  
Room: Meeting Room 2  
Neil Blazevic, East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project (EHAHRDP) (Moderator)  
Dan Meredith, Open Technology Fund (OTF)  
Kelly Daniel Mukwan, Winning Team – OpenNet Africa Tools Testing Challenge Uganda  
David Del Vecchio, GlobalLeaks  
Crystal Simeoni, Hivos East Africa  
Edward Sekyewa, Hub for Investigative Media (HIM)

13.00 – 14.00  
Lunch

14.00 – 15.30  
Parallel sessions

Session 6: Violence Against Women Online  
Room: Main Hall  
Dr. Ruth Nsibirano, Makerere University (Moderator)  
Crystal Simeoni, Hivos East Africa  
Prudence Namushana, Global Voices  
Jan Moolman, Association for Progressive Communications (APC)  
Moses Owiny, Women of Uganda Network (WOUGNET)

Session 7: Creative Expression Online  
Room: Meeting Room 2  
David Kaiza, Writer, (Moderator)  
Faisal Kiwewa, Bayimba  
Stella Chege, Jukumu Letu/HIVOS  
Roland Nyagaba, Writevison  
Naamala Samson, Culture and Development East Africa (CDEA)  
Tom Ohiomah, University of Nairobi

Session 8(a): 10th Anniversary of the Access to Information Act: experience, lessons and challenges  
Room: Meeting Room 1  
Welcome remarks  
Simon Mayende – Office of the Prime Minister (OPM)  
Gilbert Sendugwa – Africa Freedom of Information Centre (AFIC)

Roundtable discussions:  
Imelda Namagga, Uganda Debt Network (UDN)  
Mohammed Ndiruma, HURINET  
Edward Sekyewa, Hub for Investigative Media (HIM)

Session 8(b): Oversight Role of Parliament in Promoting the Access to Information Act  
Room: Meeting Room 1  
Simon Mayende, OPM  
Hon. Nalule Juuko, Member of Parliament  
Hon. Kenneth Lubogo, Member of Parliament  
Gilbert Sendugwa, AFIC

15.30 –17.00  
Session 9: The Economics of Internet Freedom  
Room: Main Hall  
Moderator: Gbenga Sesan, Paradigm Initiative Nigeria (PIN)  
Ephraim Kenyanito, Access Now  
Kevin Chege, ISOC Africa Regional Bureau  
Ebele Okibe, Facebook  
Michael Niyitegeka, ICT Association of Uganda (ICTAU)

17.00  
End of day one

17.00 – 20.00  
Cocktail  
Presentation of the State of RTI in Africa report - Patrick Tumwine, HURINET  
Official launch of the report - Hon. Jim Muhwezi, Minister of Information and National Guidance  
Right to Information Award 2015 - most responsive public body on www.askyourgov.ug
Day 2: September 29th

8.00 – 8.30
Arrival and Registration

8.45 – 9.00
Introduction to Day 2: Aims and objectives - CIPESA

9.00 – 9.20
Key note address:
Promoting Freedom of Expression Online: Good Activism - An African Cookbook
Solana Larsen and Renata Avila, Web We Want

9.20 – 10.20
Session 10: Which way for internet rights in Africa?
Moderator: Henry Maina, Article 19, East Africa Office
- Renata Avila, Web We Want (Web Foundation)
- Solana Larsen, Web We Want
- Sylvia Musalagani, Hivos East Africa
- Lydia Gachungi, UNESCO South Sudan

10.20 – 10.45
Q&A

10.45 – 11.00
Tea break

11.00 – 12.00
Session 11: Presentation –Report on the State of Internet Freedom in East Africa 2015 and country experiences
Moderator: CIPESA
- Jean Paul Nkurunziza, Internet Society Burundi Chapter
- Grace Githaiga – Kenya ICT Action Network (KICTANet)
- Jean Claude Niyibizi – Independent researcher (Rwanda)
- Esther Nakkazi - Independent researcher (Uganda)
- Asha Abinallah - Jamii Forums Tanzania
- Melaku Girma – Addis Ababa University

12.00 – 12.45
Q&A

12.45 – 14.00
Lunch

14.00 – 14.45
Session 12: Presentation of discussions of the proceedings and issues emerging from breakouts on day one
Moderator: Keneth Muhangi, Signum Advocates
Panelists:
- Paul Kimumwe, ACME
- Lindsey Kukunda, Rapporteur session 5
- David Kaiza, Writer
- Emilar Vushe, Association for Progressive Communications (APC)
- Dr. Ruth Nsibirano, Makerere University
- Apollo Kakaire, ACME

14.45 – 15.00
Q&A

15.00 – 16.00
Session 13: Cyber crime Vs internet rights – What key role do intermediaries, regulators and law enforcement agencies play?
Moderator: Ambrose Ruyooa, Vice – President, ISOC Uganda Chapter
- Jimmy Haguma, Uganda Policy Cyber Crime Unit
- Irene Kaggwa, Uganda Communications Commission
- Ebele Okobi, Facebook

16.00 – 16.30
Q&A

16.30 – 17.00
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Closing remarks
Hon. Vincent Waiswa Bagiire, Chair, ICT Committee, Parliament of Uganda