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Press Information

LAUNCH OF THE 'WORLD TRENDS IN FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND MEDIA DEVELOPMENT REPORT' 2017/2018

The Department of Journalism and Communication Makerere University, in partnership with Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Sciences, Norway, is set to launch a report on *World Trends in Freedom of Expression and Media Development 2017/18*.

This event will take place on **Wednesday 14th March 2018** at the Senate Telepresence center (Level 2), Senate Building, Makerere University, **2:00pm**.

The report, which covers the period 2012 to 2017, discusses freedom of expression across four key dimensions of media freedom, pluralism, independence and safety of journalists. It is intended as a tool for implementing the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which recognizes the importance of ensuring public access to information and protecting fundamental freedoms among its goals.

As one of its observations, the report shows that **media independence** is weakening and the professional standards of journalism are being eroded by economic forces on the one hand and lack of recognition by political actors on the other.

The report launch will be preceded by a panel discussion moderated by a top Journalist, Charles Mwanguhya. The panelists are:

- i) Prof. Goretti Linda Nassanga; Department of Journalism and Communication- Mak
- ii) Assoc. Prof. Fredrick Jjuuko from the School of Law- Mak
- iii) Daniel Kalinaki- Nation Media Group

Below are their brief profiles:

Prof. Goretti Linda Nassanga

Is the first and currently the only Professor of Journalism and Communication in Uganda. She was the first Head of the Department of Journalism and Communication, Makerere University, where she continues to lecture and conduct research. In 2017, Prof. Nassanga received the highly coveted Media Life time

Achievement Award in recognition of her outstanding contribution to Uganda's media industry. She prides in a long and rich media experience, from humble beginnings of a journalist in 1980.

Her areas of expertise and research include: development communication; women and media; community media; environment/climate communication; media ethics, policy and regulation; global communication; population and health communication; new media and ICT; and peace journalism. She has carried out research in several areas relating to the media and has been a consultant at national, regional and international levels. Prof. Nassanga is widely published in local and international peer reviewed journals. In her 28 years of media training, Prof. Nassanga has been inspired by the need to add to the growing body of knowledge in media through research and publication. She is one of the founder members of the Uganda Media Women's Association, is the former Coordinator of the Africa Council on Communication Education and a former Chairperson of the Uganda Media Council.

Prof. Fredrick Jjuuko

Is an Associate Professor of Law based at the School of Law, Makerere University. He joined the school in 1976 and was Dean of Law from 1988 to 1994. He has also been Ag. Chair of the Department of Law and Jurisprudence and editor of the East African Journal of Peace and Human Rights. He has been instrumental in the reform of legal education in Uganda. He is an Advocate in the Courts of Judicature in Uganda.

His areas of teaching and research interest include human rights, the law of torts, public interest matters, constitutional law, commercial law, jurisprudence and media law. He has written extensively on these topics. Prof. Jjuuko is currently teaching the Law of Torts and Jurisprudence to under graduate students. He also taught Media Law at the Department of Journalism and Communication for more than 10 years. In addition, he is the author of a book titled, 'The Fourth Estate; Media Freedom and Rights in Uganda.'

Daniel Kalinaki

Is a Ugandan Journalist working with the Nation Media Group as General Manager in Uganda in charge of Editorial. He was previously the Managing Editor, Regional Content the East African. At the age of 18, he joined the Crusader, a tri- weekly in Uganda. When it closed a year later, he started working at the *Daily Monitor* as a reporter, assistant radio news manager, deputy sports editor, associate editor, foreign news editor, news editor, investigations editor, and managing editor.

He is a co-author of *Open Secret*, a book about the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Uganda. He has also written a book "Kizza Besigye and Uganda's Unfinished Revolution" which examines Kizza Besigye's "ambitions, ideals, aspirations, illusions and delusions." The book also outlines how Museveni has repeated the mistakes made by predecessors Idi Amin and Milton Obote. Kalinaki's work has appeared in the *Daily monitor*, *The EastAfrican*., the #New Internationalist, *Africa Confidential*, *Weekly Observer*, *MS Magazine*, and on the *BBC World Service* radio. He is a member of the *International Consortium of Investigative Journalists* (ICI) He is a winner of the Chevening Scholarship, Sports Rookie of the Year, and the inaugural Tebere-Mudin Award for Journalistic Excellence. Kalinaki has a graduate degree in International Journalism from City University of London and is an occasional guest-lecturer at Makerere University's Department of Journalism and Communication.

Charles Mwanguhya

Is the Bureau Chief of the East African Newspaper and host of the 4th Estate show on NTV. He prides in about 20 years' experience in the media. As a Journalist, Mwanguhya has moderated conferences,

dialogues, and debates in and out of Uganda. He has presented papers at both local and international conferences on a wide range of subjects.

He is a passionate advocate of media freedom in Uganda and beyond. He was the first Journalist, together with Angelo Izama, to file an 'Access to Information' request and subsequently the first 'Access to Information' case after government refused to comply. This was in 2009.

He served on the board of the Forum for African Investigative Reporters (FAIR) based in Johannesburg, South Africa, for three years.

Background Information

In 2011 UNESCO passed a resolution during its 36th General Conference calling for monitoring of the status of press freedom and safety of journalists. The resolution, among other things, emphasized the need to report cases of violence against journalists and similar developments. With support from the Swedish government, a large scale research project was initiated, leading to the first *World Trends in Freedom of Expression and Media Development* Report in 2014.

Since then, efforts have been renewed to capture contemporary trends in the area of media development and freedom of the press. It is on this basis that the Department of Journalism and Communication, Makerere University, together with the aforementioned partners looks forward to the successful launch of this report on '**WORLD TRENDS IN FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND MEDIA DEVELOPMENT 2017/2018**'.

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