



# Communication Rights Towards a Digital Justice Agenda

## WACC Project Partner Consultation | 1-3 August 2023

### Plenary Schedule

(All times EAT/UTC +3. Live stream available on [WACC's GMMP Facebook page](#).)

#### Tuesday, 1 August

9:00 – 11:00 | Opening

- Welcome. Matomklawè Kpalla, President, WACC Africa
- Opening address. Dr. Fidon Mwombeki, General Secretary, All Africa Conference of Churches (Kenya)
- Statement of purpose and agenda review. Sarah Macharia, WACC Global
- Participant introductions ice-breaker exercise. Onyebuchi Chima Alexander, Media and Gender Enlightenment Initiative (MEGEIN), Nigeria
- Keynote. Dr. Grace Githaiga, CEO and Convenor, Kenya ICT Action Network (KICTANet)
- Presentation. Hon. Neema Lugangira, Co-founder, African Parliamentary Network on Internet Governance

11:30-13:00 | WACC Project Partners' Panel 1

- Wireless women engineers. Jenny Sulfath, Digital Empowerment Foundation, India
- Digital rights and gender justice: Working with women & girls to rethink questions of digital literacy, access & justice. Venu Arora, Ideosync Media Combine, India
- Young Palestinian women exercise their right to fully participate in the information society. Rabab Jaber Musleh, Young Women Christian Association of Palestine, Palestine

14:00-15:30 | WACC Project Partners' Panel 2

- Advancing digital justice and economic rights in India. Viraj Desai, IT for Change, India
- Asserting peoples' rights on data and social justice. Kim Cantillas, Computers Professionals Union-Philippines, Philippines
- WanaData journalism fellowships. Rose Kwamboka, Code for Africa, Kenya

17:00 – 17:30 | Forward looking to the World Summit for the Information Society (WSIS) 2025

Reports from group work on articulating a vision for WSIS 2025, developing an advocacy and action agenda.

#### Wednesday, 2 August

9:30 – 10:30 | Monitoring media reporting on refugees and internally displaced persons.

Lekan Otufundurin (Nigeria), Adeline Nsimire (DRC), Catherine Ouma (Kenya). Facilitator: Gregg Brekke (WACC North America)

10:45 – 12:00 | Expert panel on digitalisation and intersectionality, special focus on gender & inclusion.

Tasneem Ahmar (Uks, Pakistan), Judy Makira (CWE-TECH, Kenya), Elizabeth Njoroge (Christian Aid, Kenya). Moderator: Jenny Sulfath (Digital Empowerment Foundation, India)

12:00 – 13:00 | Introduction to WACC’s digital rights resources

Participatory social media monitoring of misogyny and other forms of tech-enabled hate speech; digital justice course. Sarah Macharia (WACC)

14:00-15:00 | WACC Project Partners’ Panel 3

- Increasing awareness of gender inequality in media content in Mongolia, Mungunzaya Byambasuren, Press Institute of Mongolia, Mongolia
- Gender Implications of News Output: Reinforcing the knowledge base of media practitioners, Dr. Alex Onyebuchi, Media and Gender Enlightenment Initiative (MEGEIN), Nigeria
- Advocacy and capacity building of media on gender integration in Senegal, Amie Joof, Réseau Inter africain pour les femmes, médias, genre et Développement – FAMEDEV, Senegal
- Holding media regulators accountable on gender standards. Brenda Namata , Uganda Media Women's Association (UMWA), Uganda

## Thursday, 3 August

8:45 – 11:00. WACC Project Partners’ Panel 4

- Improving the narrative cycle on migration by engaging migrant citizen journalists. Batata Boris-Karloff, Presbyterian Church in Cameroon, Cameroon
- Digital solutions to reduce physical and social isolation of marginalized groups. Adeline Nsimire Balika, Sauti ya Mwanamke Kijijini (SAMWAKI), DRC
- Advancing the rights and welfare of internally displaced persons through media. Lekan Fodunrin, Journalists for Christ, Nigeria
- Enhancing migrants’ communication rights for visibility, inclusion and solidarity. Paula Sabrina C. Janer, Asia Pacific Research Network (APRN), Philippines

11:30 – 12:30 WACC Project Partners’ Panel 5.

- FERETI FM Radio. Mario Roba Kuraki, FERETI Action Network (FAN), Kenya
- Catalysing better policy, regulatory and financing framework for community networks in Malawi. James Gondwe, Centre for Youth and Development (CYD) , Malawi
- Strengthening women’s rights through community radios in rural communities in times of the pandemic. Suman Basnet, World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters (AMARC), Asia- Pacific, Nepal

12.30 – 13:00 Plenary. WACC grant mechanism. Review

What works, What doesn’t work. Recommendations. Gisèle Langendries (WACC Global)

14:00 – 16.00 WACC Project Partners’ Panel 6

- Promoting traditional climate change mitigation methods through media. Geoffrey Wanyama, Farm Forestry Small Holders Producers Association of Kenya, Kenya
- Strengthening Nepalese Indigenous peoples’ voices on climate change through media. Dev Kumar Sunuwar, Indigenous Television, Nepal
- Strengthening network of radio reporters to use indigenous knowledge to mitigate climate change. Jimmy Okello , Community Media Network Uganda, Uganda

17:00 – 17:30 | Closing

Adoption of the advocacy and action agenda towards WSIS 2025

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