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Botswana

Mr. Dumilano LOPANG
Station Manager
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Gaborone

Cameroon

Mr. Moses NYOH
Cameroon Radio and Television
Yaounde

Ghana

Mr. Abdul-Majeed YAKUBU
Reporter
Ghanaian Times
Tamale

Kenya

Mr. John Otieno ONYANDO
Sub Editor and Columnist
Nairobi

Ms. Zeddy Cheronoh SAMBU
News Reporter
Nation Media
Nairobi

Accompanied by:

Mr. James Bodnar
English Language Officer

Ms. Jennifer Keller
English Language Officer

Program Objective:

While in the United States, visitors will:

- Examine the rights and responsibilities of a free press in a democracy;
- Observe operational practices, standards and institutions of the media in the U.S.;
- Gain insight into the social, economic and political structures of the U.S.; and
- Participate in academic seminars and a professional development symposium highlighting current trends and challenges in the media profession.

BOTSWANA

Biographical Data

Mr. Dumilano **LOPANG**
Station Manager
Yarona FM (Private Radio Station)

Past Positions

2001-2003: Commercial Manager, Yarona FM
1999-2001: Sales & Marketing Manager, Yarona FM;
1998-1999: Group Sales & Marketing Manager, Chathley Group of Companies

Education

2005: BCom Law, University of South Africa;
1995 - 97: BCom Economics, University of Cape Town, South Africa

English

Fair

Other Languages

Setswana and French

Travel Abroad

2004-05: London (Vacation);
2001: Dubai (Vacation);
2001: New Delhi (Vacation)

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7/ 3/1975 in Plamtrees, Zimbabwe

Background

Mr. Lopang was involved in establishing of Yarona FM from its inception in 1999. He has quickly risen to the position of CEO in the company. Prior to joining Yarona FM, he had several jobs in sales and ran his own event marketing company. He worked with NACA in setting up a radio strategy to deal with a behavioral change campaign targeting youth as well as working with PSI.

CAMEROON

Biographical Data	Mr. Moses NYOH Cameroon Radio and Television
Concurrent Position	Editor-in-Chief, Central Newsroom; Television Documentaries and News Features; Legal Counsel
Past Positions	2000: Station Manager, Cameroon Radio and Television, North West Province; 1994: Presidential correspondent for National Television; 1998: Chief of News and Programs, Littoral
Education	1996: Master of Arts in Mass Communication, Yaounde School of Communication Science; 1988: Diploma in TV News Reporting, RNTC Holland; 1986: LLB Honors, University of Yaounde
Native Language	English
Other Languages	French
Professional Affiliations	Member of the Cameroonian Union of Journalists; Member of Cameroon Association of Legal Reporters; Member of Cameroon Association of Commonwealth Journalists
Publications	2003: "Biodiversity in Cameroon", <i>Science magazine</i> , Egypt 2002: Essays: "What Television for Tomorrow", "CACOT News", "Yaounde" 1996: "Mediated communication and urban Waste Management Crises in Yaounde"
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Birthdate, Place	7/27/1962 in Babessi-Ndop, Cameroon
Background	Mr. Nyoh is a leading senior reporter working with Cameroon's Radio and Television Network (CRTV) on both political and environmental fronts. He also is the main presenter of the political forum on CRTV for political parties represented at the National Assembly.

GHANA

Biographical Data

Mr. Abdul-Majeed **YAKUBU**
Reporter
Ghanaian Times

Past Positions

2002: Reporter at Ghana Broadcasting Corporation, TV News, Ghana News Agency, Daily Graphic and Daily;

Education

2002: Ghana Institute of Journalism;
1993: Tamale Polytechnic, Tamale;
1991: Yendi Secondary School, Yendi

English

Fair

Other Languages

Dagbani, Hausa

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Ghana
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Birthdate, Place

4/24/1972 in Zabuzugu, Ghana

KENYA

Biographical Data

Mr. John Otieno **ONYANDO**
Sub Editor and Columnist

Past Positions

September 2003: Staff Writer, *Kenya Times* Newspapers
December 2002: Tutor and Freelance Writer, *Business Communications*

Education

2002: Bachelor of Education, University of Nairobi;
Knight Training for African Journalists, Nairobi (*Kenya Times*)-Certificate
Award for Upgrading Journalistic Knowledge

English

Fair

Other Languages

Luo and Swahili/Kiswahili

Travel Abroad

2003: Tanzania (personal travel)

Professional Affiliations

Kenya Union of Journalists

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Birthdate, Place

11/15/1980 in Nairobi, Kenya

Background

Mr. Onyando is interested in the media issues surrounding development concerns for Kenya.

KENYA

Biographical Data

Ms. Zeddy Cheronoh **SAMBU**
News Reporter
Nation Media

Past Positions

2000: News Reporter, Standarg group of Newspapers
2001: News Reporter, Kenya Broadcasting Corporation

Education

2002-2003: Bachelors Degree in Communication Media Technology
(Second class honors upper division), Maseno University;
1998-2000: Diploma in Journalism, Kenya Institute of Mass
Communication

Native Language

Swahili/Kiswahili

English

Fair

Other Languages

French

Professional Affiliations

Association of Media Women of Kenya (AMWIK)
Kenya Union of Journalists

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Birthdate, Place

12/21/1981 in Kericho, Kenya

Background

Ms. Sambu's main interests are women and children's issues.

MALAWI

Biographical Data	Ms. Zainah LIWANDA Senior Reporter Nation Publications Limited
Past Positions	Deputy Secretary General, Malawi Muslim Media Association, April 2005; Part time Lecturer, 2003; Sub Editor, Malawi News (Blantyre News Papers Limited) 2000 -2003.
Education	2000: Bachelor of Arts, Mass Communication, Islamic University in Uganda; 2002: Certificate in Sub-editing, Malawi Institute of Journalism; Certificate in Investigative Journalism, Malawi Institute of Journalism; Certificate in Newspaper layout and design
Native Language	English
English	Excellent
Other Languages	Swahili/Kiswahili
Travel Abroad	2005: South Africa
Professional Affiliations	National Media Institute of Malawi; Malawi Muslim Media Association; Malawi Media Association; Young Women Leaders Network
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Birthdate, Place	10/10/1977 in Mbale, Uganda
Background	Ms. Liwanda is a leading print journalist in Malawi and featured often on the front pages of <i>The Nation</i> . She is also one of Malawi's leading Muslim intellectuals.

NIGERIA

Biographical Data	Ms. Adejoke Rasheedat ALAGA Foreign and Gender Issues Editor MiTV Lagos
Concurrent Position	Correspondent/Producer/Presenter
Past Positions	Reporter
Education	2000: BSC, Mass Communication, University of Lagos, Akoka
Native Language	Yoruba
English	Fair
Professional Affiliations	Muslim Students Society of Nigeria (MSS)
Mailing Address	MiTV Alausa Lagos, Lagos State Nigeria Business Phone: 243-803--328-7098 Email: aralaga@yahoo.com
Birthdate, Place	9/ 6/1979 in Akoka, Lagos, Nigeria
Background	Ms. Adejoke Alaga is a broadcast journalist and one of the most high-profile Muslim women editors on the staff of MiTV, one of Nigeria's private media firms. She focuses her practice on international and gender issues.

NIGERIA

Biographical Data

Mr. Elkanah Y. **CHAWAI**
Assistant Head, Foreign and Diplomatic Desk
Media Trust Newspapers
Abuja

Education

2002: Mass Communication, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria

English

Excellent

Professional Affiliations

Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ)

Publications

Several articles in Newspapers and Magazine

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Birthdate, Place

3/ 6/1979 in Ebute-Meta, Lagos

Background

Mr. Chawai is the Assistant Head of the Foreign and Diplomatic Desk.

SIERRA LEONE

Biographical Data	Ms. Mariama COKER Assistant News Editor/Co-Program Producer Freetown
Past Positions	1992 - 2005: News Reporter
Education	2004: Seminar on Media Ethics and Basic Reporting, Canadian Journalists for Free Expression (CJFE); 2002: Certificate in Media Ethics, Sierra Leone Association of Journalists (SLAJ); 1991: Certificate in Clerical Studies, Civil Service Training College, Institute of Public Administration; 1984 - 1986: Certificate in Secretarial Science, Sierra Leone Opportunities Industrialization Center, Bo
Native Language	Mende
English	Good
Travel Abroad	Guinea and Liberia
Professional Affiliations	Sierra Leone Association of Journalists (SLAJ); Alliance for female Journalists, Sierra Leone (AFJ/SL)
Publications	2004: "Local Council Elections", Article; 2003: "Bring Back Major Tanko", Article; Twice weekly reports on Parliamentary debates on radio, on going
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SOUTH AFRICA

Biographical Data

Ms. Sadia **FAKIER**
Radio Station Manager
The Voice, Muslim Community Broadcasting Trust

Past Positions

1997-2004: Freelance Management Consultant;
1996-1997: Legislation Watch Administrator, Black Sash;
1990-1994: Branch Organizer, South African Municipal;
Workers Union

Education

2002: Certificate, Organizational Development,
University of the Witwatersrand;
2001: Diploma, Business Management, University of Natal;
1996-1997: Certificate, Industrial Psychology &
Development Administration, University of South Africa;
1989: B.A., South African Economic History, University
of Cape Town

Native Language

English

Other Languages

Afrikaans

Travel Abroad

November 2003: Harare, Zimbabwe (Business)
February 1997: Mecca/Medina, Saudi Arabia (Pilgrimage)
November 1992: Nairobi, Kenya and Singapore (Conference)

Professional Affiliations

Member, Call of Islam

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Birthdate, Place

1/10/1966 in Worcester, South Africa

SUDAN

Biographical Data

Ms. Maysoon Mohamed **OSMAN**
Radio Presenter
UNMIS

Past Positions

2005: Kids Kingdom School;
2004-2005: British Educational Institutes (BEI);
2004: Islamic Relief Worldwide (IR);
2004: Save the Children-Sweden;
2004: Islamic Relief Worldwide (IR): Executive secretary;
Democratic Culture and Peace Studies Center:
2002-2003: Executive Vice-President,
2001-2002: Head of Documentation and Publishing Office,
2000-2001: Head of Public Relations office,

Education

2003: B.A. English Literature with honors, Faculty of Arts, University of Khartoum

Travel Abroad

January 2003 (Personal)
December 2003 (Personal)

Birthdate, Place

2/18/1980 in Kuwait

SWAZILAND

Biographical Data	Ms. Mantoe Cynthia PHAKATHI Senior Reporter <i>The Nation Magazine</i>
Education	2003: Certificate in investigative journalism, Media Institute of Southern Africa
English	Excellent
Other Languages	Siswati
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Birthdate, Place	4/25/1982 in Mbabane, Swaziland

TANZANIA

Biographical Data

Mr. Stephen Denis **CHUWA**
Senior News Reporter
Independent Television (ITV)

Education

1997-1998: Diploma in Journalism, Tanzania School of Journalism;
1994-1997: Diploma in Philosophy, Langata, Nairobi, Kenya

Native Language

Swahili/Kiswahili

English

Good

Travel Abroad

May 2002: Germany for newsroom management course.

Professional Affiliations

Tanzania Association of Journalists on Environment

Publications

News reports and current affairs programs

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Birthdate, Place

12/26/1971 in Moshi, Tanzania

Background

While at ITV, Mr. Chuwa has made frequent trips upcountry, to report on the lives of ordinary people and the problems they face, thereby calling attention to these issues for policy-makers. He also interviews Members of Parliament and other politicians during which he queries the MPs on how they are representing their constituencies. He has also developed a specialization in environmental reporting.

KENYA

Biographical Data

Mr. Edris **KIGGUNDU**
Reporter, Political Issues
The Weekly Observer Newspaper

Past Positions

Reporter, *The Sunrise Newspaper*

Education

2004: B.A. Social Sciences, Makerere University

English

Fair

Other Languages

Luganda/Ganda

Travel Abroad

1999 Kenya

Publications

Written for *The Sunrise Newspaper* and *The Weekly Observer*.

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Birthdate, Place

8/26/1981 in Kampala, Uganda

Background

Mr. Kiggundu began his reporting career while still a student at *The Sunrise Newspaper*. He moved in January 2005 to *The Weekly Observer*. In the past year, Mr. Kiggundu's reporting has focused on the vicissitudes of Uganda's main opposition leader, Kizza Gesigye, and analysis of the opposition party's power base.

ZAMBIA

Biographical Data

Mr. Gethsemane Luwabelwa **MWIZABI**
Features Reporter
Times of Zambia Newspaper, Lusaka

Education

2000: Diploma in Mass Communications, Norma-Jean College, Lusaka

English

Fair

Professional Affiliations

Press Association of Zambia;
Equity Gauge Zambia;
Media Network on Orphanages and Vulnerable Children

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Birthdate, Place

2/16/1978 in Livingstone, Zimbabwe

Background

Mr. Mwizabi frequently writes feature articles on important issues such as child labor, HIV/AIDS, and corruption and its adverse impact on democracy and development. His newspaper, *The Times of Zambia*, is government-owned and among the most widely read newspapers in Zambia.