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SIDE EVENT

\textit{Freedom of Communication and Gender Equality}

Organizers:

- African Communications Regulatory Authorities Network (ACRAN - www.acran.org)
- Mediterranean Network of Regulatory Authorities (MNRA- www.rirm.org)
- Francophone Network of Media Regulators (REFRAM - www.refram.org)
- Ibero-american platform of Audiovisual Regulators (PRAI – www.prai.tv)
- Platform of West African Economic and Monetary Union Regulators (UEMOA)

In partnership with:

- Organisation Internationale de la francophonie (OIF) www.francophonie.org
- Global Alliance on Media and Gender (GAMAG) www.gamag.net

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\textbf{Fixture:} Thursday March 15th, 10h-11h15 AM & \textbf{Contact} salahdine@haca.ma \\
\textbf{Venue:} Room CR12 GA Building, UN Headquarters, New-York & \\
\textbf{Language:} French – English & \\
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\textbf{Context}

Current national and international reports are still indicating the weakness of women's access to, presence and voice in the media, as well as the predominance of stereotyped gender roles through contents. An inquiry at the global scale regarding the implementation of normative texts with legal and / or political implications and incentives is necessary to accelerate the transition from “rhetoric to effectiveness”. At the same time, a collective awareness of professionals and other media players, including broadcasters, publishers, advertisers, producers and regulators, are urged to be aware of the close link between freedom of communication and gender equality and to act concretely in this direction.

\textbf{Theme}

For media actors, freedom of expression and communication is a fundamental right guaranteed by international human rights law, in the same level as non-discrimination of gender and equality between men and women. These two principles, which together derive their respective philosophical and practical significance from the indivisibility and interference of human rights, form the basis of any significant advance in favor of Women / Men equality in and through the media.

\textbf{Objectives}

To question the concepts, approaches and tools of analysis and action for a better understanding of the issue of gender equality, applied to a particular and evolving field, which are the media.

To Share both reflections and field experiences of media regulators, belonging to different geographical and cultural areas, in terms of regulation, monitoring and support of media to promote the culture of equality.
Speakers

Mr Olivier Schrameck
President of Conseil Supérieur de l’Audiovisuel (France)
President of MNRA

Mr Gyan Kwasi Apenteng
Chairman of the National Media Commission (Ghana)
President of ACRAN

Mr Nouri Lajmi
President of the High Independent Authority for Audiovisual Communication (Tunisia)
Vice-President of REFRAM

Mrs Maria Lizzaraga
Medias and Audiovisual Contents Director IFT (Mexico)
Vice-President of PRAI

Mr Abdourahamane Ousmane
President of High Council of Communication (Niger)
UEMOA Regulators

Mrs Aimée Véga
Chairwoman of Global Alliance on Media and Gender (GAMAG)

Mme Martine Simonis
Secretary General of the professional Journalists Association of Wallonie-Bruxelles Federation of Belgium

Moderator

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