



Provisional Programme *(last update April 30, 2024)*

ONO conference Cape Town, May 2024

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Wednesday, May 15

Media24 Centre

40 Heerengracht, Cape Town *(entrance at Table Mountain side of the building)*

18.00 Registration

18.30 Welcoming cocktails

Welcoming address: **Ishmet Davidson**, CEO, Media24

Day 1 conference: Thursday, May 16

Nasdak (26th floor)

Media24 Centre

40 Heerengracht, Cape Town *(entrance at Table Mountain side of the building)*

08.00 Last minute registration

09.00 Welcome

Margo Smit

Ombudsman, NPO (Netherlands) and ONO President

09.15 Monitoring elections
Media coverage and
disinformation

Speakers:

William Bird

Media Monitoring Africa

Herman Wasserman

Dept of Journalism
Stellenbosch University
(South Africa)

Moderator:

Adriaan Basson

Editor-in-chief, News24

10.30 Tea/coffee break

10.50 Ethics and the big digital
platforms: will they ever be
regulated?

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Speakers:

Misako Ito

Regional Advisor, UNESCO

Khaled Mansour

Moderator:

Guy Berger

Research, ICT, Africa

Member of Oversight Board,
META

11.50 Tea/coffee break

12.00 Panel Discussion
Africa's dilemma: State control of
the media vs self-regulation

Speakers:
Loughty Dube
Zimbabwe Independent Media
Council

Mpumelelo Mkhabela
News24 columnist
(South Africa)

Moderator:
Willem Jordaan
Editor of Die Burger
(South Africa)

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Do journalists really know
their own codes?

Speakers:
Dr Marenet Jordaan
Department of Journalism,
Stellenbosch University
(South Africa)

Kerstin Dolde
Ombud, Frankenpost (Germany)

Moderator:
Elisabeth Ribbans
ONO Treasurer and Reader's
Editor, the Guardian

15.00 Tea/coffee break

15.15 **Shoptalk** (closed session)
The growth in physical and online
assaults on journalists

Speakers:
Gerardo Albarrán de Alba
Honorary News Ombudsman of
Pie de Página (Mexico)

Sandra E. Martin
Standards Editor
Globe and Mail (Canada)

Miriam Lewin
Defensoría del Público
([Argentina](#))
via zoom or video

Moderator:
Lars Bennike
TV2 Denmark

16.15 **Panel Discussion**
Dis/misinformation, manipulated
photos: AI challenges for ombuds
and standards editors

Speakers:
John Daniszewski
Editor at Large for Standards and
Vice-President at The Associated
Press (USA)

Arlene Prinsloo
Award winning former
graphics/multimedia editor of
Media24 (South Africa)

Moderator:
Pierre Champoux
Ombudsman, Radio-Canada

17.30 Closing remarks

Margo Smit

Ombudsman, NPO (Netherlands) and ONO President

17.35 Close

18.30 Free evening

Day 2: Friday, May 17

Nasdaq (26th floor)

Media24 Centre

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09.00 WELCOME

Jack Nagler

CBC Ombudsman and ONO Vice-President

09.10 **Keynote speech:**

Media self-regulation, state interference, and protection of journalists' independence

Speaker:

Bernard Ngoepe

Chair, South African Press Council's Appeal Panel

Moderator:

Jack Nagler

CBC Ombudsman and ONO Vice-President

10.10 Tea/coffee break

10.30 **Panel discussion**

Media ethics in the trenches: journalists should do no harm

Speakers:

Lizette Rabe

iThemba Foundation (South Africa)

Bjarne Schilling

Readers' editor, Politiken (Denmark)

Moderator:

Ignaz Staub

TX Group (Switzerland)

11.30 **Panel discussion**

Science and disinformation: handling nonsense on stilts by the media

Speakers:

Nathan Geffen

editor GroundUp (South Africa)

George Claassen

Public editor, News24 (South Africa)

Moderator

Jurie van den Heever

Palaeontologist, science columnist

12.45 Lunch (provided)

*****Afternoon sessions closed / ONO members only*****

14.00 Balancing the news during conflict: Israel/Hamas, and Ukraine/Russia

Speakers:

David Regev

Ombudsman, Second Authority for Television and Radio (Israel)
via Zoom or video

David Jordan

Moderator:

Margo Smit

Ombudsman, NPO (Netherlands) and ONO President

Director of Editorial Policy
and Standards, BBC

15.15 Tea/coffee break

15.30 Weaponising language: the
fight over what words really
mean

Speakers:
Herman Scholtz
South Africa's Press Ombudsman

Jane Patterson
Director, Editorial quality and
training, Radio New Zealand

Moderator:
Amy Stockwell
Special Broadcasting Service
(SBS), Australia

16.30. **Shoptalk** (open floor):
Members bring their worst
problems of the year.

Moderator:
Margo Smit
Ombudsman, NPO (Netherlands)
and ONO President

17.30 Closing remarks

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Ombudsman, NPO (Netherlands)
and ONO President

19.00 Closing dinner

Westin Hotel, Cape Town

Day 3: Saturday, May 18

Conference room, Media24 Centre

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10.00 **AGM**

12.30 Close of conference

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