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THE AFRICA MEDIA & DEMOCRACY

CONFERENCE 2018 - ACCRA, GHANA

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CALL FOR PAPERS The Africa Media & Democracy Conference, a registered nongovernmental organization in Ghana announces the 4th Africa Media & Democracy Conference scheduled to take place in Accra Ghana from 25th - 26th August 2016, under theme: 'DEMOCRACY, SOCIAL MEDIA & GOVERNANCE' .

The organization does not only engage discourses of democracy within the academia, but create the platform which directly engages media practitioners, academics, politicians, and social commentators etc to dissect the role of the media in democratic process and governance.

Our key objectives are:

- To constructively promote and ensure positive influence on the role of the media in the practice of democratic governance in Africa
- To facilitate a stronger relation between the academia, media practitioners and governance.
- To encourage, and assist in the development of media programmes (AMDMC Media programmes for civil society e.g. radio and television) which specifically engages civil society on issues of governance, democracy and the media.
- To foster the development of a culture of democracy and promote the rule of law.

The Conference aims to examine the broad impact of the media on democracy under the theme 'DEMOCRACY, SOCIAL MEDIA & GOVERNANCE'. It will seek to address the role of the media in the democratic process with a focus on the critical concerns that arises from the practice by the media as it performs its legitimate role in the democratic process.

The conference seeks to address both the constitutional and ethical issues that erupt from such media practices as well as providing context for comparison, dialogue and analysis between media practices situated in different cultural political environments.

The conference aims to bring together delegates from around the world including politicians, parliamentarians, media owners broadcasters, print, online and community journalists; academics/students and members of the nongovernmental community. The conference is designed to have six (6) major speakers for each day of the Conference and with an interactive presentation and 10 plenary sessions with Thirty (30) presentations and a workshop for media practitioners. Barima Adu Asamoah, Executive Director of the organisation intimated,

"What is critical in Africa's current effort in consolidating its democracies and the rule of law is a supportive, effective and engaging media that places the collective interest of the African citizenry first and foremost in relation to social justices, rule of law and economic welfare of its people. Hence, the

manner in which the media in particular does so, that is the interface between the media and democratic process must be critically examined for the realization of sustainable good governance for development.”

THE CONFERENCE: The biannual conference takes place in a selected African country and examines various aspects of the role of media in democratic governance in Africa with emphasis on local themes. The Conference is addressed by speakers drawn from a range of academic, political, media, and governance background. THE AMDMC PUBLICATION: The publication aims at documenting discourses on media and democracy in Africa, papers on various aspects of the media and democracy are to be published on a regional basis. The publication is intended to contribute to scholarly material in highlighting the growing significance of the role of media and the practice of democracy in Africa.

THE AFRICA MEDIA & DEMOCRACY AWARDS: The bi-annual Awards seeks; To honour and acknowledge individuals and organisations who have played significant roles in diverse ways in nurturing, defending and supporting Africa’s ongoing efforts for democratic and accountable governance, the rule of law, freedom, justice and peace. To encourage high professionalism standard in Media practices as it interfaces democracy in Africa.

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