



AJEN Mauritius Round Table 2026
Reimagining African Journalism Education
in a Time of Technological Disruptions and Possibilities

12-14 August 2026

Venue: Domaine de Grand Baie, Mauritius

Day 1

Wednesday 12 August

Morning	Opening session 9h00 - 9h30: Opening Ceremony • Welcome by the Convener, Ms Christina Chan-Meetoo, Senior Lecturer, University of Mauritius & Ajen Treasurer • Address by Mr Shezhad Joomun, Board Secretary, Media Trust • Address by Prof Kavi Khedo, Vice-Chancellor, University of Mauritius • Address by Mr Hendrik Sittig, Director Media, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung's Regional Media Programme for sub-Saharan Africa (KAS Media Africa) • Address by Prof Franz Krüger, NLA University College, Norway & Ajen President 9h30 - 10h00: Keynote address <i>Stepping up the collaboration between universities and newsrooms</i> by Mrs Selvina Chadien-Sungeelee, Responsible Officer News, Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation (MBC)
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	10h00-10h15: Tea/Coffee break 10h15-11h45: Adenauer Media Lecture <i>Video Didn't Kill the Radio Star. AI Won't Kill Us.</i> by Prof Claudia Nothelle, Magdeburg-Stendal University of Applied Sciences, Germany 11h45-12h45: Panel discussion 1 <i>Current Trends in Mauritian Media (and how Journalism Education can better prepare aspiring journalists)</i> Moderator: Dr Azhagan Chenganna, Senior Lecturer & HOD Social Studies, University of Mauritius Panelists: • Ms Aline Groëme-Harmon, Senior Journalist, L'express/La Sentinelle • Ms Ruquyyah Kurreembocus-Raffique, Journalist, Radio Plus/Defi Media Group • Mr Vel Moonien, Editor-in-chief of Radio One & local correspondent of Reporters Sans Frontières (Reporters Without Borders)
12h45-13h45: Lunch	
Afternoon	13h45-14h45: Panel discussion 2 <i>Teaching entrepreneurial & freelance journalism</i> Moderator: Assoc Prof Sisanda Nkoala, University of the Western Cape, South Africa

	Panelists: • Ms Ameerah Arjane, Freelance travel and culture journalist • Mr Khalil Cassimally, Consultant • Mr Abdoollah Earally, International correspondent for France Télévision (online) • Ms Pheladi Sethusa, Wits Centre for Journalism
	14h45-15h00: Tea Break
	15h00-16h30: Academic track 1 <i>Artificial Intelligence and Journalism Education</i> Moderator: Prof Claudia Nothelle, Magdeburg-Stendal University of Applied Sciences, Germany Panelists/Presenters: • Theodora Dame Adjin-Tetty: <i>Journalism students' engagement with AI in journalism practice</i> • Nancy Booker: <i>How Actor Networks Shape Journalism's AI Accessibility and Adoption in Kenya</i> • John Kachembere (Online): <i>Beyond Reporting: Integrating audience-centric and strategic communication skills into African journalism education in an AI-disrupted media landscape</i> • Linda Mujuru: <i>AI in the Global South Newsroom: Accessibility, Adoption and Journalistic Practice in Zimbabwe</i> • Christina Chan-Meetoo: <i>Pedagogies for Linguistic Equity and Pragmatic Legitimacy: Challenging Algorithmic Hegemony in Mauritian Journalism Training</i> • Sara Namusoga & Fred Kakooza (Online): <i>Integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Journalism Education at Ugandan Universities</i>

Day 2

Thursday 13 August

Morning	9h00-11h00: Workshop on AI in journalism <i>Tools and applications in the modern newsroom</i> by Harry Misiko, Managing Editor, Content Strategy, Nation Media Group, Kenya
	11h00-11h15: Tea break
	11h15-12h45: Academic track 2 <i>Newsroom-classroom linkages and Campus media as a teaching tool</i> Moderator: Prof Franz Krüger, NLA University College, Norway & Ajen President Panelists/Presenters: • Anthea Garman: <i>The newsroom-classroom next step</i> • Basil Hamusokwe: <i>Campus Media as Ethical Training Grounds</i> • Golden Maunganidze: <i>Towards the new? Examining the role of campus media in transforming journalism education in Zimbabwe</i> • Musawenkosi W. Ndlovu: <i>South African Journalism Schools' Pedagogical Response to the South African Journalism Industry Decline</i> • Sihle Nyathi (Online): <i>Beyond the classroom: Campus radio as a living lab for learning AI appropriation in African journalism education (online)</i>
12h45-13h45: Lunch	

Afternoon	13h45-14h45: Panel discussion 3 <i>Shared Stories, Shared Solutions: Co-Designing Journalism Education on Stress and Trauma in East Africa: insights from Rwanda, Ethiopia and Somalia</i> Moderator: Sofie Gullberg, Fojo Media Institute, Sweden Panelists: • Kowthar Abdullahi, Somali National University, Somalia • Andrew Osongo, East African University, Rwanda • Zelalem Tesfaye, Bahir Dar University, Ethiopia
	14h45-15h: Tea Break
	15h-16h: Meeting of Interest Groups - 5 IGs in parallel: • Campus Media Interest Group - <i>Team leader: Dr Basil Hamusokwe</i> • Curriculum & Materials Development Interest Group - <i>Team leader: Dr Sisanda Nkoala</i> • Gender Interest Group - <i>Team leaders: Prof. Margaret Jjuuko and Mrs Christina Chan-Meetoo</i> • Professional Development Interest Group - <i>Team leaders: Prof Nancy Booker and Mrs Pheladi Sethusa:</i> • Research Interest Group - <i>Prof Franz Krüger and Assoc Prof Modestus Fosu</i>
	16h-17h30: Annual General Meeting of Ajen (AGM)

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