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Speakers Profile

Wael ABBAS: Abbas is a journalist, blogger and human rights defendant of Egyptian origin. He has been reporting on human rights violations in Egypt since 2004. Abbas was named the Middle East “Person of the Year” in 2007 by CNN. His reporting includes police brutality and harassment of women. Abbas received the Knight International Journalism Award in 2007. Abbas had his accounts of YouTube and Yahoo closed down caused by his reporting.

Abdellatif ABID: Abid is the Minister of Education and Head of National Commission in Tunisia. He was born in Korba, Nabel. Abid is one of the founding members of Ettakatol’s political bureau. Mr. Abid was, until recently, a professor at the Higher Institute of Languages at the University of Carthage, specializing in Arabic Linguistics. He has also served as the President of the Federation of Arab Translators and as a member of the Board of Trustees. Additionally, he was a member of the Executive Committee of the Arab Organization for Translation in Beirut, Lebanon, and as a corresponding member of the Union of the Arabic Language - a group of Arabic scholars based in Damascus and Cairo.

Maha ABOUELENEIN: Abouelenein is the head of Global Communications & Public Affairs for Google in the Middle East & North Africa. With more than 20 years experience in corporate communications, PR strategy and campaign management, Maha drives the Google communications apparatus for 18 countries.

Mohammed ABUSHAREKH: Abusharekh is the Gaza Office Manager, at the AMIN Media.

Moeed AHMAD: Ahmad is the Head of New Media at Al-Jazeera Network.

Abu Alhayjaa M. MAJEED: Majeed is the cyber security officer at the Information Security Coalition (ISC). His work experiences include the status as a ICT specialist at USAID Tijara, a monitoring specialist at RTI International, ICT trainer at Elite Citadel, as Majeed has 7 years of experience in different fields of ICT. AL HUSSAINI, Rania Khaled.

Rania Khaled Al Hussaini: She is a media literacy coordinator of the Media Literacy Programme of Doha Centre for Media Freedom.

Rasha ALLAM: Allam is a professor of Journalism and Mass Communications at the American University of Cairo, Egypt. The professor obtained her degree as a Doctor of Business Administration. Ms Allam successfully defended her doctoral dissertation “An Egypt Based Model for the Use of Regulations and Policies in Independent Television Broadcasting”. Allam is a specialist in media management with a specific reference on broadcast media regulations. She serves on the editorial advisory board of the Journal of Social Studies and the Journal of Telecommunications and Information Technology. Allam is an associate professor at the Annenberg School of Communications.



Asieh AMINI: Asieh Amini, an accomplished journalist and a published poet, political editor of the Radio Zamaneh, is an Iranian, young courageous activist whose vocal opposition to death penalty has been instrumental in drawing national attention to death sentence for women in cases of self defense. Leila Moafi, Nazanin Fatehi, and Maryam Abedi are some of the women who have been released from prison after Asieh told their stories to the public.

Rachid ARHAB: Arhab is member of the Conseil supérieur de l'audiovisuel (CSA), France. He is a journalist and in charge of digital radio at CSA. As a journalist, the channel France 2 France 5 have been among his working places, where he has worked as a news presenter.

Owais ASLAM ALI: Aslam Ali is the Secretary-General of Pakistan Press Foundation, an organization that organizes media training, chairman at Pakistan Press International, Pakistan, an independent news agency; including chairman of the Asianet-Pakistan, a content syndication service. In this capacity, he has written on many presses related issues, not the least, the Assessment of Losses and Needs of Pakistani Media Personnel and Organisations in Areas Affected by the Earthquake of October 8, 2005.

Lina ATTALLAH: Attallah is a Managing Editor of the Egypt International (Al Masry Al Youm), Egypt. Attallah studied journalism at the American University in Cairo. Before joining Al-Masry Al-Youm English Edition, she wrote for Reuters, Cairo Times, the Daily Star and the Christian Science Monitor, among others. In 2005, she worked as radio producer and campaign coordinator with the BBC World Service Trust in Darfur, Sudan.

Ioana AVADANI: Avadani is the executive director of the Romanian Center for Independent Journalism, a non-governmental organization offering courses and specialized training for journalists and media organizations. She has more than 17 years of experience from the media field. Avadani is engaged in raising the standards of Romanian journalism.

Jeffrey AVINA: Avina is the Director of Citizenship and Community Affairs for Microsoft Middle East and Africa, a region covering 79 countries. Jeffrey and his team promote Microsoft in its keen desire to spread the benefit of IT throughout all communities. His principal counterparts are Government Ministries, International Development agencies (including the World Bank, European Community, African Development Bank, USAID, the UN etc.), international and national NGO's.

Amjad BAIAZY: Amjad is a Syrian blogger and an activist detained by Syrian government from May to July, summer 2011. Amjad is a supporter for the development of the Syrian civil society. Amjad had worked for Medecins Sans Frontieres, and as an international observer and interpreter for the International Mission for Iraqi Elections in 2005 for elections to Iraq's Council of Representatives.

Kevin BANKSTON: Bankston is the Senior Consul and Director of the Free Expression Project at the Center for Democracy & Technology located in Washington DC, USA. It is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting democratic values and constitutional liberties in the digital age. Prior to joining CDT in February 2012, he was a Senior Staff Attorney for the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) specializing in free speech and privacy law with a focus on government surveillance, Internet privacy, and location privacy.

Habib BELAID: Belaid is CEO of Radio Tunisienne. Habib Belaid was appointed on 24 January, 2011 as the head of the Establishment of Radio Tunisienne, which leads all Tunisian national radio stations.

Mohammed BELHOCINE: Belhocine is UN's Resident Coordinator in Tunisia and the Resident Representative of the UN Development Programme (UNDP).



Omar BELHOUCHE: Belhouchet is an Algerian journalist who has been prosecuted by the government on numerous occasions. He publishes the daily newspaper *El Watan* (The Nation), which he founded in 1990 after he and nineteen colleagues left the FLN government-owned newspaper *El Moudjahid* (The Holy Warrior).

Mohammed El Aziz BEN ACHOUR: Ben Achour is a Tunisian History Professor, specializes in the Islamic civilization and director of the Arab League for Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO). Ben Achour was the Minister of Culture and Patrimony from 2004 to 2008.

Rafika BENDERMEL: Bendermel is a reporter in Bondy Blog, an online media which aims to engage the neighborhood and make their voices heard in national debate.

Alison BETHEL MCKENZIE: Bethel McKenzie is the Executive Director, International Press Institute. Bethel McKenzie has over 20 years of experience in journalism as a reporter, bureau chief, editor and trainer. Bethel McKenzie has been the Washington Bureau Chief for The Detroit News, the managing director of Nassau Guardian paper in Bahamas and in Accra, Ghana, as a Knight International Journalism Fellow. From 1995-2000, she was senior assistant city editor at the Boston Globe, supervising a reporting staff that covered the city hall, urban affairs and transportation.

Sami BEN GHARBIA: Ben Gharbia is a blogger and civil society advocate, a co-founder of Nawaat, and is connected with Global Voices project.

Mouna BEN HLIMA: Ben Hlima is an active member of the association Touensa, she coordinated the Forum on April 2011 for civic associations, co-organized a seminar on "Democratic Transition in Tunisia, "Open Day and "Youth, and engaged citizens."

Mustapha BEN LATAEIF: Ben Lataeif is a law professor in Tunis, where he is also the director of the faculty. Ben Lataeif is a specialist in public law. Ben Lataeif was nominated member of the High Authority for the Achievement of the Revolution in January 2011, for the period March 2011 till October 2011. He has also served as a member of INRIC.

Guy BERGER: Berger is the Director of Freedom of Expression and Media Development, UNESCO. Previously, he had been the Head of School of Journalism and Media studies at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa (1994-2010).

Lina BEN MHENNI: Ben Mhenni is a Tunisian blogger, Internet activist and university linguistics teacher. In January 2011, she covered the early weeks of the Tunisian Revolution from Sidi Bouzid Government in the interior of the country. Her reports and posts provided uncensored information to other Tunisian activists and the international media.

Jeff BLASIUS: Blasius is the co-founder of the SeeClickFix.org, where he is the Technical Director. As a senior architect at Yale's High Performance Computing Center, Blasius led the modernizing of the architecture and improved efficiency of the university's services.

Catalina BOTERO: Botero is the OAS Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression. Catalina Botero was appointed as Special Rapporteur for freedom of expression on 21 July, and although auxiliary judge, lawyer, specializing in human rights and uncompromising defender of the Constitution, the new office received it as if it were the first their achievements.

Irina BOKOVA: Bokova is the Director-General of UNESCO. Irina Bokova is a Bulgarian diplomat and politician, and has been the Director-General of UNESCO since 15 November 2009. She is the first woman to have been elected head of the Organization. She was also Minister of Foreign Affairs and Ambassador of Bulgaria where she was responsible for



human rights issues. Appointed in charge of political and legal affairs at the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations in New York, she was also a member of the Bulgarian Delegation at the United Nations conferences on the equality of women in Copenhagen (1980), Nairobi (1985) and Beijing (1995). Elected as a deputy of the Bulgarian Socialist Party (1990-1991 and 2001-2005), she participated in the drafting of Bulgaria's new Constitution, which contributed significantly to the country's accession to the European Union. She launched the first seminar of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on the European Convention on Human Rights.

Fahem BOUKADOUS: Boukados is an independent journalist in Tunisia, raising awareness of the brutal repression of social movements in the region of Gafsa Redeyef in 2008. Boukados is a strong advocate of human rights. He was imprisoned by Ben Ali's administration in 2010 for expressing his opinion and denouncing human rights violations in his country.

Esther BRIMMER: Brimmer is the U.S Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizations. Dr. Esther Brimmer was nominated by President Obama on March 11, 2009. She was also Deputy Director and Director of Research at the Center for Transatlantic Relations at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at The Johns Hopkins University. There she specialized in transatlantic political and security affairs.

Agnès CALLAMARD: Callamard is the Executive Director of ARTICLE 19, the international human rights organisation promoting and defending freedom of expression and access to information globally. Agnès Callamard has a distinguished career in human rights and humanitarian work. She has founded and led HAP International (the Humanitarian Accountability Partnership) and was the former Chef de Cabinet for the Secretary General of Amnesty International.

Jerôme CATHALA: Cathala is the Director of France TV magazine.

Claudio CAPPON: Cappon is the Vice-President of European Broadcasting Union (EBU). For twenty years he worked at IRI specializing in management control. He was Deputy and general Manager of RAI. He was appointed CEO of Consap and president of Apt (Television Producers Association). Currently Claudio Cappon is a member of the Board of Directors of Dada, and CEO of NewCo Rai International.

Omar CHATRIWALA: Chatriwala is a freelance journalist for Al Jazeera English based in the Middle East. He is also an adjunct lecturer at Northwestern University in Qatar

Ole CHAVANNES: Chavannes is Senior Coordinator Emergency Assistance of Doha Center for Media Freedom. He is a Dutch journalist and expert on media development. He started at the age 13 when he made his own pirate radio, and has continued thereafter, to report information for newspapers, radio stations, television channels and blogs. After studying history and journalism at the University of Groningen, Chavannes became editor of a news agency online present in six European countries. In 2004, he joined the sphere of media development, creating the NGO Kids News Network, which produces news programs for children in countries like Peru, Afghanistan and Myanmar.

Luckson CHIPARE: He is an experienced media and management consultant at International Media Support, consultant and former director of the Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA), and a consultant Project Coordinator at Zimbabwe at Deutsche Welle Akademie. He has previously worked as an IFEX convenor. Chipare holds a master in Business and Project Management, Accounting, Finance from University of Zimbabwe.



Larbi CHOUIKHA: Chouikha, a member of the National Forum for the Reform of Information and Communication (INRIC), is also professor at the Institute of Press and Information Science (IPSI) and former political scientist and activist for human rights.

Ricardo CORREDOR: Originally from Colombia, Corredor is the Executive Director of the New Journalism Foundation (Fundación Nuevo Periodismo Iberoamericano FNPI), a Latin American non profit organization based in Cartagena, Colombia. Corredor has a long experience working on issues related to media and journalism for development in Latin America, having worked with civil society organizations from Brazil (AVINA Foundation, ANDI News Agency for Childrens Rights), Colombia (Fundación Social) and the United States (Lutheran World Relief).

Sylvie COUDRAY: Coudray is the Chief of Section for Freedom of Expression in the Division for Freedom of Expression and Media Development at UNESCO.

Glenda DANIELS: Daniels is currently a journalist for the *Mail & Guardian* in South Africa. She has been a journalist in South Africa for more than 20 years, having started off at the then Weekly Mail in 1990. She has since worked for most of the major newspaper groups in the country, covering a variety of beats from labour to politics and gender. She is also the Advocacy co-ordinator and senior investigative journalist at amaBhungane, the M&G Centre for Investigative Journalism, and in 2011 was elected onto the national working committee of the Right2Know

James DEANE: Deane is the Director of Policy and Insight at the BBC Media Action. He joined BBC Media Action in 2007, after having worked at PANOS, as its Executive Director. Deane has a Master in International Development from City University, London.

Lamees DHAIF: Dhaif is a Bahraini journalist. Tackling taboo topics on the Al-Rai, a private Kuwaiti television channel, Dhaif become famous for speaking on corruption, poverty and prostitution. Dhaif writes a column in Alyaum, an important newspaper in Saudi Arabia and has written for several other newspapers. She is member of the Board of Directors of the Bahraini Journalist Association. Dhaif has received awards, such as Best Investigative Report in 2004 and Best Writer at the Women's Union in the International Woman Day in 2009.

Janine DI GIOVANNI: Di Giovanni is a journalist covering human rights crises since the 1980, writing for The Times of London, Vanity Fair, contributor to Granta, Newsweek, the New York Times Magazine, US Vogue, The Spectator, National Geographic and many others. She is well known for her reporting. Her reporting includes Bosnia, Chechnya and Somalia. Di Giovanni has received the National Magazine Award, Amnesty International Awards for Sierra Leone and Bosnia and Britain's Grenada Television's Foreign Correspondent of the Year. Her latest book is the Ghosts by Daylight (2011).

Samir DILOU: He is the current Minister of Human Rights and Transitional Justice, spokesman for the government, the Tunisian government, he is a lawyer by training.

Kanak DIXIT: Dixit is the Editor-in-Chief, Himal Southasian, Nepal. Dixit is one of the most renowned journalist and publicist in Nepal. He was one of the leading participants of the gentle revolution in 2006.

Marius DRAGOMIR: Dragomir worked for 17 years as a journalist; the first eight years for various Romanian media, and then for international media. He was a media critic with the Prague Business Journal. In 2002, Dragomir was a Senior Journalism Knight Fellow at the



Washington, D.C.-based Atlantic Council of the United States, where he completed a thesis on the reform of the media in post-communist Europe.

Naglaa EL-EMARY: El-Emary is the BBC's Cairo Bureau chief and regional special projects editor for BBC Arabic. He has worked closely with the broadcaster in Tunisia, Egypt, Jordan and Libya concerning Public service Broadcaster reform.

Gamal EID: Eid is the Executive Director, Arabic Network for Human Rights Information (ANHRI), Egypt. He is a lawyer and among the most important human rights activists in Egypt and the Arab region. Eid has been defending most of the Egyptian human rights activists and is one of the most prominent publishers and speakers on human rights and freedom of expression.

Bill ECHIKSON: Echikson is the Head of Free Expression Policy and PR for Europe, Middle East and Africa, Google. He is a veteran European correspondent, writing over the past two and a half decades for a series of international publications including the Christian Science Monitor, Wall Street Journal, Fortune, and BusinessWeek.

Hamida EL BOUR: El Bour is a Professor at the Institute of Press and Information Sciences (IPSI) and working at the Independent senior Forum on Elections (ISIEI). She is also the head of the unit responsible for monitoring media of the ISIEI.

Francesca FANUCCI: Fanucci is a Senior Associate of the Free Expression Associates, a London-based human rights lawyer and consultant specialized in freedom of expression and media pluralism. Fanucci holds a Master in Human Rights from University of London. She specializes in International and EU law, with a focus on human rights violations. Her writing includes articles for the Guardian. She has been the LAP Coordinator for ARTICLE 19.

Omar FARUK OSMAN: Osman is currently the President, Federation of African Journalists (FAJ). She is a Somali journalist. He was elected in 2002 to be the Secretary General of the Somali Journalists Network (SOJON).Omar headed the successful process of transforming SOJON to a trade union movement called the National Union of Somali Journalists (NUSOJ) in 2005.

Cheik FALL: Fall is an independent journalist from Senegal.

Eynulla FATULLAYEV: Fatullayev is a journalist, editor and human rights spokesman, who in 2012 is awarded the UNESCO World Press Freedom Prize. He was the former editor-in-chief and founder of the independent Russian-language weekly Realny Azerbaijan (Real Azerbaijan) and the Azeri-language daily Gundalik Azarbaycan (Azerbaijan Daily) newspapers He also founded the "Public Union for Human Rights" a non-governmental human-rights organization in July 2011

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Rodrigo GOMEZ GARCIA: Gomez Garcia is a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Communication Sciences Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana-Cuajimalpa, Mexico, where he has been appointed vice-chair of the Political Economy section of IAMCR Communication and member of International ULEPICC.

Lucy GOODCHILD: Goodchild is the current Manager of Press & Communication Department at Global Reporting Initiative (GRI).



Sarra GRIRA: Grira is an international observateurs, journalist and editor of France 24 (AEF)Grira is currently a doctorate in modern literature at the Sorbonne. She is also a journalist for the online magazine and blogs, EMarrakech.

Adama GUEYE: Gueye is the Former President of the Bar of Senegal.He worked also in the Legal Business Council, Consultant and at Attorney General Partner of the Professional Civil Society Lawyers MAME Adama Gueye & ASSOCIATES.

Miklós HARASZTI: Haraszti is a Hungarian writer, journalist, and human rights advocate and university professor. He served the maximum of two terms as the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media from 2004 to 2010. Currently he is Adjunct Professor at the School of International & Public Affairs of Columbia Law School, New York.

Fiona HARRISON: At the NGO Open Society Institute, Harrison is a consultant in the field of human rights specialist in many themes such as media freedom, freedom of expression and information, the rights of minorities and indigenous peoples, peaceful resolution of conflicts, human trafficking, and women's health.

Bambang HARYMURTI: Harymurti is the CEO and Publisher of TEMPO in Indonesia

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Néjiba HEMROUNI: Hamrouni is the President of National Syndicate of Tunisian Journalists.

Abdelkrim HIZAOU: Hizaoui is the Head of the African Centre for the Training of Journalists and Communicators. Hizaoui is also a professor at the Institut de presse et des sciences de l'information (IPSI)

Gitobu IMANYARA: Imanyara is a Kenyan human rights lawyer, journalist, and politician. He was awarded the World Association of Newspapers' Golden Pen of Freedom Award in 1992.

Aboubakr JAMAI: Aboubakr Jamaï also known as Boubker, is a Moroccan journalist and banker, and was the publisher of the newspapers Le Journal Hebdomadaire and Assahifa al-Ousbouiya. In 2003, he was awarded the International Press Freedom Award of the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ).

Fatou JAGNE SENGHORE: She is the Regional Representative, Article 19, West Africa for ARTICLE 19 since 2002 and she had worked in Johannesburg until moving to Senegal in 2004. Fatou was a fellow at the Institute for Space and Communication Law (IDETCOM) in Toulouse;she was part of the first legal team of the Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa and started the first compilation of decisions of the African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights. Fatou is a co-founder of the Coalition of Human Rights Defenders and the Foundation for Legal Aid Research and Empowerment in the Gambia.

Hamadi JEBALI: He has been the Tunisian Prime Minister since December 2011, being a Tunisian Islamist politician and journalist who is Secretary-General of the Ennahda Movement, a moderate Islamist party in Tunisia.



Nabile JMOUR: Jmour is the Secretary General of the Culture and Information Syndicate in Tunisia

Mamadou KAMARA: Kamara is a Professor at the University Gaston Berger de Saint Louis, and former member of the High Authority for Audiovisual and Communication, Senegal.

Nabil KAROUI: Karoui is the Director of the Tunisian private channel Nessma

Jānis KARKLINS: He is the Assistant Director-General of Communication and Information Sector. Before assuming duties as the Assistant Director General of Communication and Information of UNESCO, Ambassador Kārkliņš served as the Latvian Ambassador to France, Andorra, Monaco and UNESCO. He was as well the Permanent Representative of Latvia to the United Nations in Geneva.

Tawakkol KARMAN: She is the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate. Karman is the founder and Chairwoman of Women Journalists Without Chains (WJC). She is dedicated to advancing press freedom in Yemen. She was a key person during the uprisings in Yemen connected to the Arab Spring movements. Karman is the first Arab woman and the youngest recipient in the Prize's history. She was honored for her engagement in human rights and in advancing women's position in society.

Roukaya KASENALLY: She is the Director of Communication and Knowledge Management for the African Media Initiative.

Malek KHADHRAOUI: Khadhraoui runs the blog, Stranger. He is also co-director of the group blog, Nawaat.org which was a major player in the revolution of Tunisia, among others, by disseminating the Wikileaks cables to the Tunisian population.

Adnane KHEDER: He is the CEO of Télévision Tunisienne.

Supinya KLANGNARONG: She is the Commissioner of National Broadcasters and Telecom Commission in Thailand

Khaled KOUBAA: Koubaa is the Policy Manager for North Africa at Google. He was the founder and first Executive Director of the Institute for Research and publication on the Internet in the Arab region, the Arab World Internet Institute.

Frank LA RUE: He is the currently serving as UN Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of the Right to Freedom of Opinion and Expression, a position he has held since August 2008. He is also the founder of the Center for Legal Action for Human Rights (CALDH), a Guatemalan NGO, and has been involved in the promotion of human rights for 25 years.

Ferida LAABIDI: She is the President of the Rights and Freedom Commission at the National Assembly of Tunisia. Labidi is a lawyer and one of two An-Nahda candidates elected in the constituency of Kairouan. She was a student activist and one of only two women on An-Nahda's 17-member political executive.

Kamel LABIDI: He is member of the provisional government and president of Instance Nationale pour la Réforme de l'Information et de la Communication (INRIC). He holds a



Master degree in journalism from the Institute of Press and Information Sciences (IPSI) in English Literature of the Faculty of Arts and Human Instance.

Mehrezia LABIDI: She is the Vice President of the Constituent Assembly of Tunisia. Labidi is coordinator of the Global Women of Faith Network and co-chair of Religions for Peace, a network that includes global leaders at religious council high level from all parts of the world which she joined in 1996. She is also co-authored the book *Abraham, wake them up they went crazy!*

Maria LEISSNER: Maria Leissner is the Human Rights Ambassador of Sweden. In April 2012 she was appointed Secretary-General of Community of Democracies. Leissner is a Swedish politician and former party leader of the Swedish Liberal People's Party. Between 2000-2004 she was Sweden's ambassador to Guatemala. In January 2007 she was appointed Ambassador-at-Large for Democracy.

LLOYD Libby: She is media and policy expert in South Africa. Lloyd started out as a journalist, working mostly in radio for Capital Radio in South Africa, National Public Radio in the United States and BBC Ireland. She is also the CEO of the Media Development and Diversity Agency. She was chosen as Vodacom Media Woman of the Year in 2005.

Ziad MAALOUF: Maalouf works for Radio France International, where he hosts media workshop, a web-weekly and collaborates on a participative online community with nearly 10 000 members (<http://atelier.rfi.fr>). This magazine-show focuses each week on media news. It is also a laboratory that explores new ways of doing radio and journalism. Ziad also coordinates the Mondoblog.org, a French-speaking community of bloggers based in about thirty countries.

Salaheddine MAAOUI: Maaoui is the Director-General of Arab States Broadcasting Union (ASBU). He started his career in journalism and was Editor-in-Chief of *La Presse*, before becoming the Director. He held several positions related to information and broadcasting, including as the Director-General of the Tunisian Radio and Television Establishment, the Director-General of the Tunisian External Communications Agency and member of the Tunisian High Communication Council.

Abu Alhayjaa MAJEED: Majeed is a Cyber Security Officer at Information Security Coalition. He was also a specialist at USAID-Tijara and a monitoring specialist at RTO International. He studied in the Universiti Teknologi Malaysia. Mr Majeed has 7 years of experience in different variety of ICT fields such as: Database designing, IT Trainings, software programming, Information systems design (e.g. M&E Systems) , and information security consultancy.

Pier Luigi MALESANI: He is the Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Euronews. He is also the President of Media House Rome Eurovision (MHER) and the Director of San Marino RTV. Malesani was director of EBU America and Chairman of the Board of Finance for COPEAM.

Moncef MARZOUKI: He is the President of the Republic of Tunisia. He is also a Tunisian human rights activist and physician. Born in Grombalia, Tunisia, Marzouki studied medicine



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Atidel MEJBRI: He is the Head of Media and Communication in the Center of Arab Woman for Training and Research (CAWTAR) in Tunisia.

Habiba MEIRI-CHEIKH: Director of the Department of Public Information Directorate of the African Union Commission.

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Dunja MIJATOVIC: She was appointed OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media in March 2011. She is an expert in media law and regulation from Bosnia and Herzegovina. As one of the founders of the Communications Regulatory Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1998, she helped to create a legal and policy framework for media in a complex post-war society. She was also involved in establishing an independent Press Council in and the first Free Media Helpline in South-Eastern Europe.

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Eli NOAM: He is Professor of Finance & Economics at Columbia Business School at Columbia University, in USA. He has also served served for three years as the Commissioner with the New York State Public Service Commission before returning to Columbia. He is also the Director of the Columbia Institute for Tele-Information.

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Edetaen OJO: He is the Executive Director of Media Rights Agenda (MRA), an NGO based in Lagos that works to promote press freedom and freedom of expression. In 2009, Mr. Ojo was elected president of the International Freedom of Expression Exchange (IFEX), a global network of 88 organizations promoting freedom of expression and headquartered in Toronto



(Canada). He is also vice president of the Media Foundation for West Africa, an NGO for the defense of media freedom in West Africa based in Accra (Ghana).

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Jean PING: He is a Gabonese diplomat and politician who is currently the Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union. He was previously the Foreign Minister of Gabon from 1999 to 2008 and served as President of the United Nations General Assembly from 2004 to 2005.

Lawrence RANDALL: Randall started with the Liberian Media Centre in 2005 as its founding Executive Director. With over 12 years of practical journalism experience, he has brought dynamism into the local development media sector. He attends the Louis Arthur Grimes School of Law.

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