



Provisional programme

ONO conference Cape Town, May 2024

Registration: Wednesday, May 15

Nasdaq Centre, Media24, 40 Heerengracht, Cape Town
(Entrance at Table Mountain side of the building)

18.30 cocktails

Welcome: Ishmet Davidson

Day 1 conference: Thursday, May 16

Venue: Nasdaq (22nd floor), Media24, 40 Heerengracht, Cape Town
(Entrance at Table Mountain side of the building)

09.00 Welcome

Margo Smit, ONO President

09.15 Monitoring elections
Media coverage and
disinformation

Speakers:
William Bird (Media
Monitoring Africa), and **Prof.**
Herman Wasserman (Dept of
Journalism, Stellenbosch
University)

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?

Presentation by UNESCO
Speakers:
Ana Cristina Ruelas,
Senior Programme Specialist,
UNESCO
Alexei Pogorelev, Head of
Commission on journalism
ethics, Ukraine
Julie Owono, Oversight Board,
META, Executive Director,

Moderator:
Prof. Guy Berger
(Research, ICT, Africa)

Internet Sans Frontières,
France-Cameroon

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), and **Zoé Titus**
(Namibia Media Trust)

Moderator:
Mpumelelo Mkhabela

13.00 Lunch provided

14.00 Why don't journalists
know their own ethical codes?

Speakers:
Dr. Marenet Jordaan, Dept. of
Journalism, Stellenbosch
University and **ONO**
member(tbc)

Moderator:
Elisabeth Ribbans, readers'
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 and ONO
member(tbc)

Moderator:
Lars Bennike
(TV2 Denmark)

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

Speakers:
ONO members (tbc)

Moderator:
(tbc)

17.30 Closing remarks

Margo Smit ONO President

17.35 Close

18.30 Free evening

Day 2: Friday, May 17

Venue: Nasdak (22nd floor), Media24, 40 Heerengracht, Cape Town
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09.00 WELCOME

Jack Nagler, ONO Vice-President

09.10 **Keynote speech:**Media
self-regulation, state

Judge Bernard Ngoepe

Moderator:
Tarmu Tammerk, (ERR Estonia)

interference, and protection of journalists' independence Chair, South African Press Council's Appeal Panel

10.10 Tea/coffee break

10.30 Panel discussion
Media ethics in the trenches: journalists should do no harm

Speakers:
Lizette Rabe (iThemba Foundation:
Bjarne Schilling, readers' editor, Politiken

Moderator:
Ignaz Staub, (TX Group Switzerland)

11.30 Panel discussion
Science and disinformation: handling nonsense on stilts by the media

Nathan Geffen (editor GroundUp), and **George Claassen** (Public editor, News24)

Moderator
ONO member

12.45 Lunch (provided)

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

Speakers (tbc)

Moderator:
David Jordan, Director of Editorial Policy and Standards, BBC

****Session closed (ONO members only)****

15.15 Tea/coffee break

15.30 Weaponizing language : the fight over what words really mean

Herman Scholtz, (SA Press Ombudsman) and **ONO** member(tbc)

Moderator: **Jack Nagler**, CBC Ombudsman and ONO Vice-President

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

Moderator:
Margo Smit, ONO President

17.30 Closing remarks **Margo Smit**, ONO President

19.00 Closing dinner Westin Hotel, Cape Town

Day 3: Saturday, May 18

Venue: Conference room, Media24, 40 Heerengracht, Cape Town
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10.00 **AGM**

12.30 Close of conference
