

## CALL FOR PAPERS AFRICA MEDIA & DEMOCRACY CONFERENCE 2012 ACCRA- GHANA

THE ACCRA CONFERENCE 15th -18th AUGUST 2012: The Africa Media & Democracy

Institute invites papers for its bi-annual Africa Media and Democracy Conference, to be held from 15th -18th August 2012, Accra Ghana. The theme for the Conference is: MEDIA & DEMOCRACY TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE STABILITY.

BACKGROUND: Africas emerging democracies in the last two decades have had to co-exist with a vibrant media contestation. The media has relatively emerged as a formidable constituent as it vie for legitimacy in representing the broad masses. This contestation provides the framework for critical examination on how the media impacts on the democratic process. The Conference aims to address and examine various issues of media in the practise of democratic governance in Africa. The event is open to academics, media industry professionals, government agencies, policymakers, regulators, UN agencies, donors, civil society organisations, independent consultants and research groups and students.

Papers are also invited on the following sub-themes listed below; submissions could be made from a range of issues in relation to democracy & media practices in Africa. It must address specific media practices in the context of democracy in Africa, such as the role of radio commercials as political communication tool in electioneering, the corrosive effects of partisan media practices in popular democracy, the role of the media in the concept of popular democracy and Cinema, culture and democratic values etc.

### SUB-THEME

New Media and democracy

New Media and the renewal of local democracy

New media, democratic theory and public sphere

Media, the judiciary and democracy

Media, language and democracy

Media, language and symbolic power

Media, political rhetorics and political violence

Media and political communication

Media, democracy and traditional governance

Media, national institutions and democracy

Media and the conception of national agenda

Media, democracy and governance

Media, ethnic identity and democracy

Media, religious conflict and political stability

Media, conflict and crises management

Media ownership, democracy and governance

Media, concept citizenry and democracy

Media and the concept good of governance

Media and coupe d'états

Media reportage and democracy

Media, democracy and political education

Media, political activism and governance

Media, democracy and aid

Media law and regulation

Media, gender and democratisation

Media, democracy and human rights

Community media and democracy

Media and Ethics

Media and African centeredness

Media and cultural politics

Development democracy and the media

Cinema, Culture & Democracy

Cinema, gender and democracy

Cinema, Pan-Africanism and Democracy

IN ADDITION TO THOSE LISTED ABOVE THE ORGANISERS WILL CONSIDER OTHER  
RELEVANT SUB-THEMES FROM CONTRIBUTORS.

**GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION: ABSTRACTS & PAPERS:** Please email abstracts (maximum one page) along with contact information and a 500-word bio to: [info@amdmc.net](mailto:info@amdmc.net).

ALL ABSTRACTS MUST BE IN ENGLISH, FULL PAPERS MAY BE SUBMITTED IN EITHER ENGLISH OR FRENCH.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSTRACTS: 29TH FEBRUARY 2012

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF ABSTRACTS: 30TH MARCH 2012

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF FULL PAPERS: 30TH MAY 2012

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF PAPER/PANEL/WORKSHOP: 30TH JUNE 2012

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