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# Forum on Internet Freedom in Africa 2017 (#FIFAfrica17)

## Highlights of this event

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Privacy, access to information, free expression, non-discrimination and the free flow of information online are some of the concerns of this year's Forum on Internet Freedom in Africa ([#FIFAfrica17](https://twitter.com/FIFAfrica17)). Co-organised by the Collaboration on International ICT Policy for East and Southern Africa (CIPESA) and the Association for Progressive Communications (APC), this meeting is taking place in Johannesburg, South Africa from 27 to 29 September 2017.




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**THE AFRICAN DECLARATION ON INTERNET RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS**


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1. Openness



2. Internet Access and Affordability






3. Freedom Of Expression


1. The Internet should have an open and distributed architecture, and should continue to be based on open standards and application interfaces and guarantee interoperability so as to enable a common exchange of information and knowledge. Opportunities to share ideas and information on the Internet are integral to promoting freedom of expression, media pluralism and cultural diversity. Open standards support innovation and competition, and a commitment to network neutrality promotes equal and non-discriminatory access to and exchange of information on the Internet.

i Applying this principle

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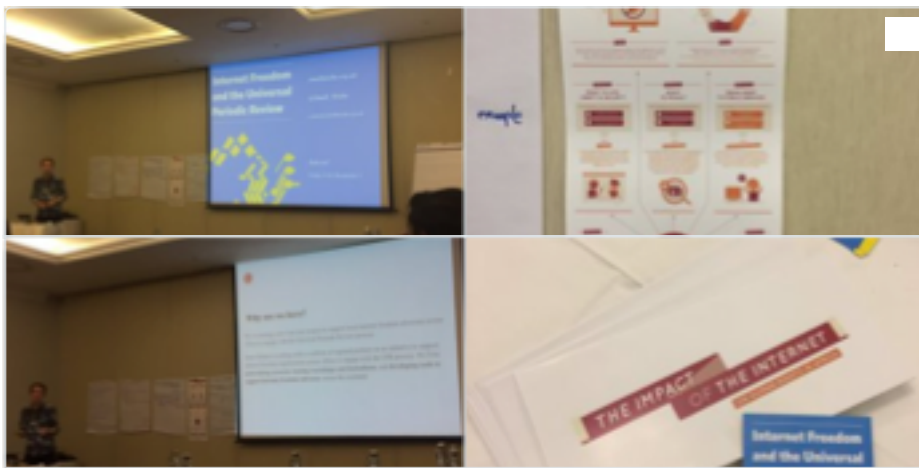
 **NetFreedom Pioneers**  
@NFPmedia

[#FIFAfrica17](#) starts today! Check out their informative (and fun!) Declaration on [#InternetRights](#). [engage.africaninternetrights.org](http://engage.africaninternetrights.org)

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**Internet freedom and the Universal Periodic Review got everyone engaged in fruitful discussions**



**Lisa Vermeer**

@Lisadichtbij

Nice pitch of new project by @small\_media to have more UPR recommendations on internet Freedom at day0 of #FIFAfrica17

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Access, a key element in the [African Declaration on Internet Rights and Freedoms](#), was at the core of the sessions from the beginning of [#FIFAfrica17](#)



## Journalists under duress: Internet shutdowns in Africa are stifling press freedom



**Jonathan Rozen**  
@Rozen\_J

Without [#internet](#) access journalists cannot publish online, investigate, or talk securely—[#FIFAfrica17](#) [#KeepItOn](#)—  
[africaportal.org/features/journ...](http://africaportal.org/features/journ...)

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**Martha**  
@ChilongoshiM

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Guidelines on access include transparency on political party funding, voters roll, nominations, contract awarding process etc [#FIFAfrica17](#)

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And so was freedom of expression, which faces increasing violations in the continent:



**T.P Tseisi**  
@CdeTseisi

@koliwemajama : Free expression goes beyond speech but can also include sexual connotations #FIFAfrica17 @misazimbabwe @cipesaug @jsnetzim

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BoFI **ButterflyOfFire**  
@BoFFire

@ilishebo @cipesaug This is not only a matter of #Digital, this is a matter of basic normal Human Rights.

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 **Pollicy**  
@PollicyOrg

Five things I learned on Day 0 of Forum on [#InternetFreedom](#) in Africa [medium.com/@pollicy/5-thi...](https://medium.com/@pollicy/5-things-i-learned-on-day-0-of-the-forum-on-internet-freedom-in-africa) [#FIFAfrica17](#)

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**Martha**

@ChilongoshiM

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Iginio's session/panel will in part seek to address the growing autocratic use of the internet by regimes to stifle democracy#FIFAfrica17

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28 September is the International Day for the Universal Access to Information. Discussions revolved around rights to access information, inclusion, exclusion, privacy...



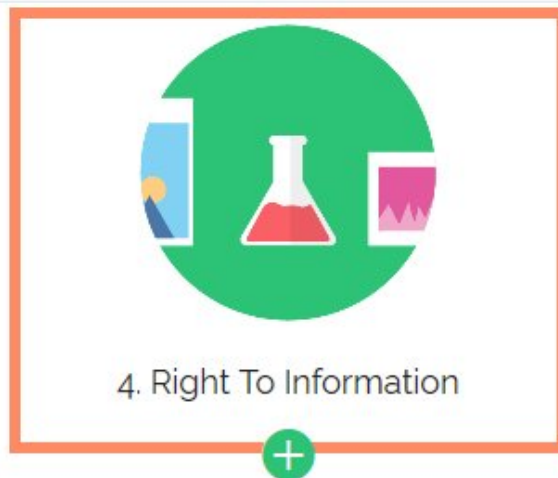


**Victor Kapiyo**  
@Vkapiyo

Today is the International Day for the Universal Access to Information (Access to Information Day) designated by UNESCO #FIFAfrica17

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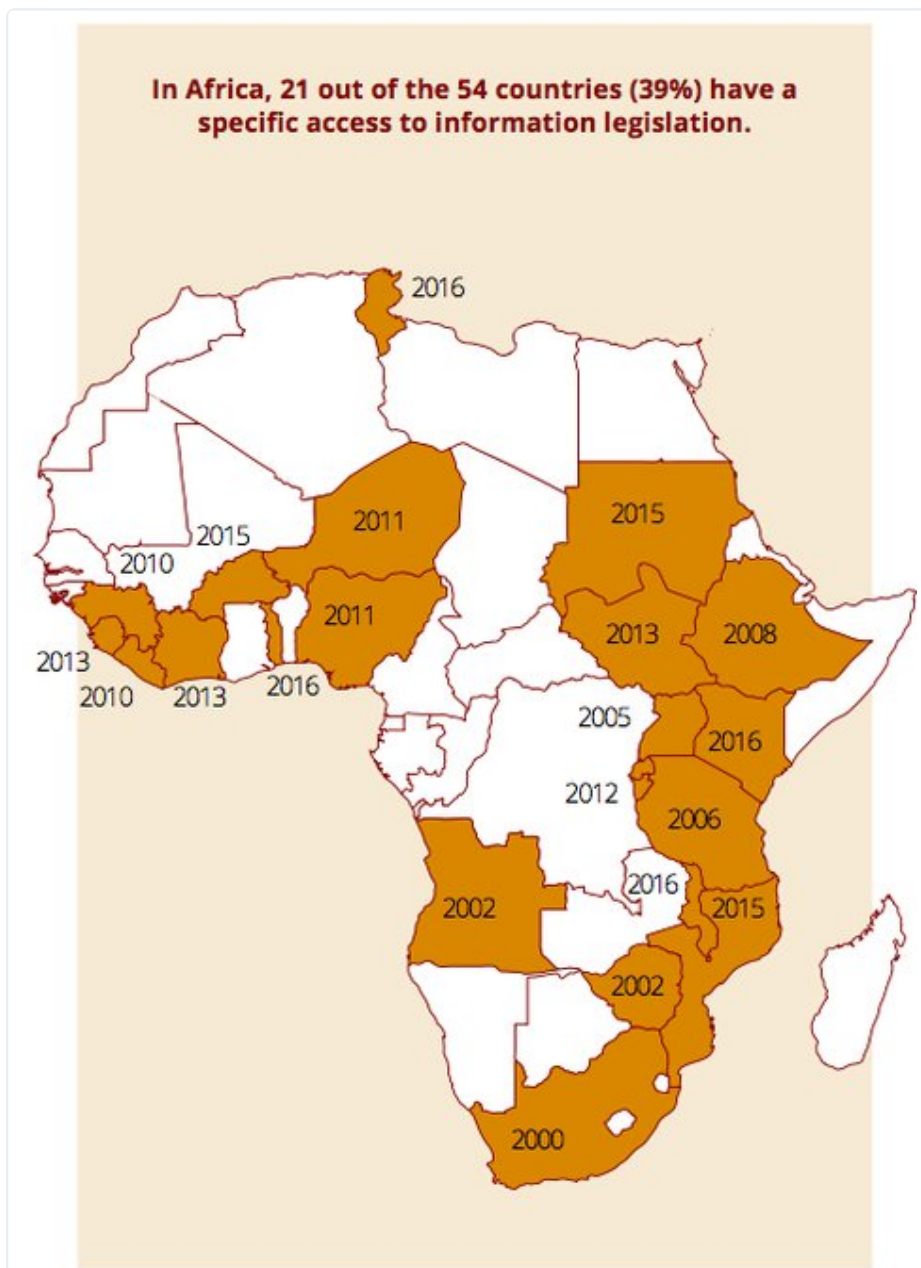


**AfricaInternetRights**  
@AfricaNetRights

"Everyone has the right to access information on the Internet...."  
Learn more at [africaninternetrights.net](http://africaninternetrights.net) #FIFAfrica17  
#AfricaInternetRights

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**AFIC**  
@AFIC1

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in Africa, 21 out of 54 countries (39 percent) have specific access to information legislation. [#IDUAI2017](#) [#AccessToInfo](#) [#AccessToInfoDay](#)

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INFORMATION IN AFRICA  
Citizens' Access to Information:  
A Tool to Build Trust and Address Corruption

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 Africa Freedom of Information Centre

 **AFIC**  
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Here is the link to The State of Right to Information in Africa Report 2017 [bit.ly/2xHSjXs](http://bit.ly/2xHSjXs) #AccessToInfo #IDUAI2017 #FIFAfrica17

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**Catherine Anite**  
@anite\_anite

[#keepiton](#) litigation shd be used to challenge Internet shutdowns despite the difficulty in gathering evidence [@Jonny\\_McCully](#) [#FIFAfrica17](#)

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The need for gender awareness was raised throughout the sessions:



**Ingrid Brudvig**  
@IngridBrudvig

Social norms and gender norms need to be challenged for online content to be empowering [@Kiwialrene](#) [#womensrightonline](#) [#FIFAfrica17](#)

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**Take Back the Tech!**

@takebackthetech

"Design of online tools and applications in not gender neutral. We need to include this in our conversations."#FIFAfrica17  
[#feministinternet](#)

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**Dorothy Mukasa**

@dcmukasa

Its important for everyone to be radical to ending violence against women online & offline #FIFAfrica17 Patricia  
[@chapter4uganda](#)

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**AfricaInternetRights**

@AfricaNetRights

Access to info is a right for everyone. Yes, even WOMEN. we say NO to Discrimination in access. #FIFAfrica17  
[#AfricanInternetRights](#)

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Our [@deblebrown](#) of [@APC\\_News](#) talking about the role of internet in advancing [#HumanRights](#) and curbing violence against women [#FIFAfrica17](#) [twitter.com/ChilongoshiM/s...](#)

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