

#defyhatenow

Peace / Diaspora Roundtable & Strategic Forum on Mobilising Civic Action Against Hate Speech and Directed Social Media Incitement to Violence in South Sudan.

Date: Saturday 23rd JULY 2016

Time: 9:00am – 5:00pm

Venue: Sentrim 680 (Sixeighty) Hotel Kenyatta Avenue, Nairobi

Program: 4 sessions including breakaway workshop session and focused strategic discussion.

Agenda: The main aim is to engage the South Sudanese community to develop a concrete action plan on countering the online incitement to violence. Proposed program (subject to variations!)

Social Media tags: #defyhatenow #SouthSudan #Peace4SouthSudan

TIME	PROGRAM THEMES	MODERATORS & SPEAKERS
9:00am – 9:30am	Arrival & registration	
9:30am-11:00am	Introduction to #defyhatenow CEPO & r0g_ South Sudan Peace Coalition Briefing on social media hate speech / online incitement / mitigation strategies Live update from Juba (CEPO & r0g) & #defyhatenow website launch!	Moderator & CEPO: James Bidal r0g_agency intro: Stephen Kovats Daniel Yor Deng: Chairman South Sudan Peace Coalition Expert analysis live stream Juba: Edmund Yakani - CEPO & #defyhatenow Juba team
11:00am-11:30am	Tea Break	
11:30am-1:00pm	South Sudan Legal Experiences Rwanda experience & Social Media The Kenyan Experience (Pawa 254) Sisi ni Amani Kenya SMS peace program PeaceTechLab Lexicon Introduction	Moderator: James Bidal David Deng, South Sudan Law Society / Aphrodice Mutangana (kLAB, Kigali) / Boniface Mwangi (Pawa 254) / Caleb Gichuhi (Sisi ni Amani Kenya) / Theo Dolan
1:00pm-2:00pm	Lunch	
2:00pm-3:00pm	Proposed workshop breakaway sessions: <i>Open to your ideas!</i> Peacebuilding, culture & social media campaigns / online context of South Sudan / “unlearning hate”	Moderator: Manasseh Mathiang Workshop Leaders: Boniface Mwangi (Pawa 254) (AFTABOSS) / Tatiana Ruai
3:00pm-3:15pm	Presenting workshop discussions & tea	All participants!
3:15pm-4:15pm	Strategic approach to building relationships with civil society organisations & diaspora	Moderator: Michelle D’arcy (NPA) with Rev. Jacklyne Warille (SSPC)
4:15pm-4:30pm	Online moderation response	Moderator: Manasseh Mathiang
4:30pm-4:50pm 4:50pm-5:00pm	Concluding remarks & action plan Peace musical performances by:	Moderator: James Bidal shaddy & calvince stereotype

INTRODUCTION

For the past few weeks leading to the current conflict happening in South Sudan, the South Sudanese online & diaspora community have been engaged in serious hate messaging. These hate “battles” seem to have started right after the conflict in KajoKeji, Raja and Wau.

When violence erupted, South Sudanese online began confronting each other along tribal lines through hate videos, hate comments and so forth. This intensified when fighting started in Juba on 7th to 11th July 2016. It is important to note that a particular social media posting by the First Vice President’s spokesperson was cited as allegedly being the catalyst for the violence in July 2016.

This one day roundtable is aimed at bringing various actors in the Diaspora together with local peace activists to develop a strategy to combat current online activities, and mitigate the threat of further violence.

Rules of Participation

1. Moderators/presenters are not to engage in political opinions in regard to the current conflict
2. Participants should not engage in any political debate or hail insults - please strive to remain neutral
3. Time keeper and moderators have the right to stop anyone who diverges from main topic

#defyhatenow: Mobilising Civic Action Against Hate Speech and Directed Social Media Incitement to Violence in South Sudan.



#defyhatenow is an urgent community peacebuilding, training and conflict reconciliation project aiming to strengthen the voices and support the actions of peace & youth oriented civil society organisations in South Sudan. The initiative aims to create awareness among citizens and communities both online and those who have never touched a computer, supporting and training the growing number of South Sudanese social media users, students learning IT, civil society and free speech advocates to harness the power of social media as peacebuilding tools. Our programs include community outreach, training students, journalists, lawyers and NGO as well as peacebuilding cultural activities and education.

We believe in & work together for a peaceful future for South Sudan.
<http://defyhatenow.net/>

SPEAKERS & ORGANISATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE ROUNDTABLE

CEPO South Sudan

<http://cepo-southsudan.org/>

Community Empowerment for Progress Organization-CEPO is a non-profit, civil society, South Sudanese organization, formed to engage University students and fresh South Sudanese University graduates in building their respective communities/ societies on a voluntary basis. CEPO's mission is to Strengthen and Promote the capacity and capability of society members on peace building, security reform, culture of human rights, protection, democratic principles and livelihood.

Mr Edmund Yakani is a South Sudanese national with extensive experience in managing and conducting training and research on security sector reform, governance, human rights, rule of law and gender. With previous professional experience working for organizations such as the African Security Sector Network, ACCORD South Africa and the Overseas Development Institute, Mr Yakani brings a wealth of experience and in-depth knowledge of the South Sudanese context and has experience in gender mainstreaming with specific focus on land ownership, public funds and policy development.

James Bidal joined Community Empowerment for Progress Organization (CEPO) as the Communications and Research Officer in 2011. In this capacity, James develops communication plans for the organization, arranges publicity through different outlets, writes news releases, and speeches. CEPO has partnered with the **r0g_Agency** for Open Culture and critical transformation on their social media initiative to address hate speech on the #defyhatenow project.

South Sudan Peace Coalition: Including South Sudan Youth Pioneers, Creative Change Foundation, Kelle Education Foundation, Achut foundation, AFTABOSS, South Sudan Students Association in Kenya, South Sudan Women Umbrella, South Sudan Law Society, Achak Deng Foundation, South Sudan Creative Society, Advocates for border communities of South Sudan, Jenubna Developmental Organization, Greater Bor youth leader, Padang Community leader, Ayot & Bentiu youth leaders.

r0g_agency is the Berlin-based non-profit agency for open culture and critical transformation. **r0g_** follows a philosophy of 'open knowledge for open societies', with a focus on creating sustainable open systems solutions for post-conflict development. **r0g_agency** hosts, develops and participates in open culture and critical transformation themed events at home in Berlin and worldwide. Our first major curated **EVENTS**, #OSJUBA (Berlin, June 2012), #MMJUBA (Juba, December 2012) and our session at the UNESCO WSIS+10 Review (February 2013) have helped create the framework for our current initiatives on post-conflict development in the Republic of South Sudan. **r0g_agency** <http://openculture.agency/>

Boniface Mwangi

<http://www.bonifacemwangi.com/>

Boniface Mwangi is an award-winning Kenyan photojournalist involved in social-political activism through his initiative Kenya Ni Kwetu (Kenya is our Home). He is the founder of Picha Mtaani, a youth-led peace initiative that seeks to create space for young people to reconcile and become agents of reconciliation and initiative Pawa 254, a hub and space for artists and activists to work together towards social change and advancing human rights in Kenyan society. **Pawa 254 – Art Rising!** <http://pawa254.org/>

Sisi Ni Amani, Kenya

<http://www.sisiniamani.org/>

Sisi ni Amani Kenya works in three main program areas: SMS-based programming for civic engagement and peace; mitigating land conflict through dialogue & education; civic engagement through forums and debates.

Association of Facebook, Twitter and bloggers of South Sudan (AFTABOSS)

<https://aftaboss.wordpress.com/membership/>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/413209488738387/>

Aphrodice Mutangana

<https://twitter.com/amutangana>

Social entrepreneur, Rwandan by nationality. kLab General Manager. Co-Initiator and coordinator of "tech Support Incike initiative" www.incike.rw, a mobile crowd funding that had been used to address one of the problems faced by a portion of survivors of the 1994 Genocide against Tutsi, locally known as "INCIKE". Initiator of idea, www.mutangana.rw, good idea for great entrepreneurs, with more than 45 crowd funding online platform. **kLab Rwanda** <https://twitter.com/klabrwa>

PeaceTechLab

<http://www.peacetechlab.org/>

We work at the intersection of TECHNOLOGY, MEDIA, and DATA. to help reduce violent conflict around the world. Developing technology tools that are customized to meet the needs of citizens and organizations working for peace and positive social change in conflict zones around the world. Producing curriculum-based radio, television, and other multimedia content to inspire changes in attitudes and behavior. Using new methods of data collection, analysis, and visualization to improve peacebuilders' decision-making and collaboration capabilities.

Michelle D'Arcy: Norwegian People's Aid

Michelle D'Arcy is Programme Manager with NPA in South Sudan, managing their civil society development programme that partners closely with South Sudanese organizations working to further the rights of citizens in the country. Michelle has a background in community development and over 10 years experience working in development and humanitarian programmes, in Sudan and South Sudan. She has extensive experience in organizational development, partnership approaches and capacity strengthening of civil society.

Norwegian People's Aid South Sudan

<http://www.npaid.org/Our-Work/Countries-we-work-in/Africa/South-Sudan>

Norwegian People's Aid has worked in Sudan since 1986 and is one of the largest international organizations in South Sudan. NPA worked closely with organizations in the area during the Civil War and after the peace agreement to build civil society, develop local communities and health care.

Umati Project, ihub Kenya

<http://ihub.co.ke/research/projects/23>

The Umati project emerged out of concern that mobile and digital technologies may have played a catalyzing role in Kenyan 2007/08 post-election violence. The project seeks to better understand the use of dangerous speech in the Kenyan online space. The project monitors particular blogs, forums, online newspapers, Facebook and Twitter: tweets, status updates, comments, posts, and blog posts.

ADDITIONAL LINKS AND RESOURCES

UNESCO COUNTERING ONLINE HATE SPEECH

<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0023/002332/233231e.pdf>

FACT SHEET on HATE SPEECH by EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

http://echr.coe.int/Documents/FS_Hate-speech-ENG.pdf

ARTICLE 19 East Africa:

<https://www.article19.org/pages/en/east-africa.html>

Freedom of expression, Freedom of Information, Journalist Freedom and Safety

Human Rights Watch:

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2015/08/28/hope-justice-south-sudan>

Journalists for Human Rights: <http://www.jhr.ca/en/>

Radio La Benevolencija Humanitarian Tools Foundation (La Benevolencija)

<http://www.labenevolencija.org/work-in-progress/new-projects/> Radio La Benevolencija (Dutch NGO) seeks to empower citizens in countries affected by mass violence to be critical consumers of media messages, to be aware of the effect of their own fears on their actions.

Sawa Shabab (Together Youth), popular peacebuilding radio series aired by nearly 30 local stations across all states of South Sudan, following the daily lives of young South Sudanese as they face unique challenges while learning how to become peacebuilders in their communities. <http://www.peacetechlab.org/media/sawa-shabab>

Security analyst **Matthew LeRiche:** Facebook and Social Media Fanning the Flames of War in South Sudan <http://www.ssresourcecentre.org/2016/07/12/facebook-and-social-media-fanning-the-flames-of-war-in-south-sudan/>



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