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THE AFRICAN OMBUDSMAN RESEARCH
CENTRE (AORC), A RESEARCH AND TRAINING
ARM OF THE AFRICAN OMBUDSMAN AND
MEDIATORS' ASSOCIATION

- Cordially invite you to a facilitated discussion -
DEALING WITH THE MEDIA

Ombudsmen inform the citizens of the country of the outcomes of their investigations through the media in an effort to be transparent and accountable and also as a way of making government departments and institutions accountable to the citizens. This is also a perfect opportunity to inform citizens about the work of the Ombudsman institution.

AORC's next offering is a facilitated discussion dealing with the best methods/tools for conducting press releases, press conferences and interviews with the media.

This offering is an excellent opportunity to discuss best methods/tools Ombudsman institutions in Africa can use to conduct press releases, press conferences and interviews with the media in an effort to be transparent and accountable and also as a way of making government departments and institutions accountable to the citizens.

This facilitated discussion would enhance the capacity of Ombudsman throughout the continent in their tasks and contribute to the development of skilled resources within the Ombudsman institutions to the benefit of each participating country and Africa as a whole.

Please click on the [RSVP link](#) below should you wish to participate.

DATE

Thursday 26 November 2020

TIME

10h00 – 11h30

SPEAKERS

Speaker 1- Dr Isaac Annan,
Director Human Rights Department, Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ)
Ghana
(Press releases and statements)

Speaker 2 - Mr Chidi Martin – Vice President in charge of Marketing and Membership Drive of the
Institute of Chartered Mediators and Conciliators (ICMC) Nigeria
(Press Conferences and interviews with the press)

Speaker 3 - Ms Pippa Green
Press Ombudsman South Africa
(General communication with the press, self regulation and the Press Code)

FACILITATOR

Hon. Augustine N. Makgonatsotlhe
Ombudsman of Botswana
AOMA EXCO Regional Coordinator (Southern Africa)

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Please note that there will be no live question and answers due to time constraints. Participants may however submit relevant questions to Franky Lwelela (Lwelela@ukzn.ac.za) or Marion Adonis (adonism@ukzn.ac.za) by **10:00 on Wednesday, 25 November 2020** or use the Q & A function during the webinar. Time has been allocated for a response to questions raised before and during the session. If there is insufficient time to respond to all, the questions and answers will be made available on the AOMA/AORC website www.aoma.ukzn.ac.za.

ENQUIRIES ONLY

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SPEAKER & FACILITATOR

PROFILES



Dr. Isaac Annan works with Ghana's Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ) as Director in charge of the Human Rights Department. He has over 27 years' experience as a human rights advocate and practitioner. He is a human rights and governance expert specialising in human rights and development, the right to development, and public accountability. Dr Annan is adjunct Lecturer in the Faculties of Law at the Ghana School of Law, Central University, Wisconsin International University. Dr. Annan has served as technical/expert adviser and facilitator for various institutions, including Ghana's Ministry of Justice and Office of the Attorney-General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration, Ghana Armed Forces Staff College, the UN (i.e. OHCHR, UNDP), African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, Commonwealth Secretariat (Human Rights Unit), African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum (APCOF) based in South Africa, Amnesty International (Ghana) and the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI), among others.

Mr Chidy Martins is currently the Vice President in charge of Marketing and Membership Drive of the Institute of Chartered Mediators and Conciliators (ICMC); the former National Director of Training of the Institute of Chartered Mediators and Conciliators (ICMC); immediate past National Director of Marketing and Membership Drive of the Institute of Chartered Mediators and Conciliators (ICMC); he is also a Fellow of the Institute (I.C.M.C.); a Mediation Training Institute (MTI) International USA Accredited Conflict Manager; Member Lagos Court of Arbitration; a Member Lagos Court of Arbitration Panel of Neutrals; a Member, Ogun state Multi door Courthouse panel of neutrals; a Member, Abuja Chamber of Commerce, Alternative Dispute Resolution Centre panel of neutrals; Member, Ecowas Electoral disputes Resolution panel, 2018; an Ambassador of Peace; a Crown of Peace Award recipient, 2019; a Chartered Arbitrator; a Member, Governing Council (Board) of Imo state Multi door Courthouse and an expert in managing Diversity and Inclusion in the workplace.



Ms. Pippa Green has been a journalist, writer, and journalism teacher for more than two decades, working on newspapers, magazines and in radio. In April 2019, she was appointed Press Ombudsman, the first woman to hold the position. She has been deputy editor of the Sunday Independent and the Pretoria News (1997-2001), and political editor and head of Radio News at the SABC (1995-1997; 2002-2005). She headed the Journalism Programme at the University of Pretoria from 2009 to 2014. From 2014-2019, she worked with the Research Project on Employment, Income Distribution, and Inclusive Growth (REDI3x3), based at UCT, which investigated ways to combat ongoing unemployment, poverty and inequality, and worked as a part-time news-editor in the EWN newsroom at Cape Talk. It was here she worked on the podcast series, History for the Future, comprising interviews with former Truth and Reconciliation commissioners on their reflections on the strengths and weaknesses of the TRC and their thoughts on reconciliation in South Africa two decades after the first hearing.

Mr Augustine Ntshomane Makgonatsotlhe who is the fourth Ombudsman of the republic of Botswana is a distinguished legal practitioner and public servant who has extensive experience in the field of human rights. He was appointed into office in June 2016 and is now into his second term as Ombudsman. Mr Makgonatsotlhe currently holds the post of Regional Coordinator for the African Ombudsman and Mediators Association (AOMA) – Southern Africa Region, having been elected to the post at a General Assembly in Rwanda in 2018. From 2007 until 2016, he has served as the Secretary for Defence, Justice and Security in the Ministry of Defence, Justice and Security, where he has been responsible for ensuring that Botswana complies with her treaty obligations especially the reporting and domestication of human rights conventions, treaties and protocols under various human rights treaty bodies. As Secretary for Defence, Justice and Security, Mr Makgonatsotlhe has been further responsible for policy formulation and development of legislation.

