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### **Announcement of Upcoming Training Workshop for Community Journalists in Central Africa - Cameroon, CAR and Chad - on Fact-checking Techniques and Protecting the Audience From the Effects of Misinformation.**

**[Yaounde, Bangui, N'Djamena, 4 August 2023]** - To strengthen the fight against fake news and disinformation, the Centre for Communication and Sustainable Development (CECOSDA), through the Central African Community Journalists Network (JCAC), with financial support from the Internationale Organisation of the La Francophonie - matchmaking program between francophone initiatives to fight against misinformation, is pleased to announce a training workshop for community journalists from Cameroon, CAR and Chad. This sub-regional workshop focuses on fact-checking techniques and how to protect the audience from the harmful effects of misinformation and will take place from 26 to 27 September, simultaneously online and in-person, in Bangui, Yaounde and N'Djamena.

In today's media landscape, it is important to verify and share reliable information. With the proliferation of fake news and disinformation, it is becoming essential to equip journalists with the tools they need to check the facts and protect their audience from the damaging effects of disinformation. The workshop will be attended by local authorities in the field of communication from different countries, such as the High Authority for Media and Audiovisual of Chad (HAMA), the High Council for Communication (HCC) of CAR, National Communication Council (NCC) of Cameroon, leaders of media network such as the Union of Chadian Journalists (UJT) and Central African Community Media Network – RMCC, as well as International Organization of La Francophonie and the communication programme of the regional office of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in Yaounde, Bangui and N'Djamena. Participants will have the opportunity to learn best practices for verifying false information, how to detect a manipulated image or video and how to protect their audience against the effects of disinformation. Topics to be discussed at the workshop will include:

- Understanding the extent and consequences of fake news in the sub-region's media landscape.
- Learning fact-checking techniques to determine the genuineness of information.
- Identifying the tell-tale signs of a manipulated image or rigged video.
- Strengthening participants' ability to educate their audiences about fake news and protect them from misinformation.

We invite all community journalists of the [reseaujcac.net](http://reseaujcac.net) to participate in this workshop. Registration is open until 10 August 2023. We encourage you to register as soon as possible.

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