



SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE

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World Radio Day 2023

The theme for the 12th edition of the World Radio Day, to be celebrated on 13 February 2023, is "Radio and Peace."

War, as an antonym to peace, signifies an armed conflict between countries or groups within a country, but may also translate into a conflict of media narratives. The narrative can increase tensions or maintain conditions for peace in a given context - for instance weigh in on the rough or smooth conduct of elections, the rejection or integration of returnees, the rise or tempering of nationalistic fervour, etc. In reporting and informing the general public, radio stations shape public opinion and frame a narrative that can influence domestic and international situations and decision-making processes.

Radio can indeed fuel conflict but in reality, professional radio moderates' conflict and/or tensions, preventing their escalation or bringing about reconciliation and reconstruction talks. In contexts of distant or immediate tension, relevant programmes and independent news reporting provide the foundation for sustainable democracy and good governance by gathering evidence about what is happening, informing citizens about it in impartial and fact-based terms, explaining what is at stake and brokering dialogue among different groups in society.

"... since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed."

That is the reason why support to independent radio must be viewed as an integral part of peace and stability. On World Radio Day 2023, UNESCO highlights independent radio as a pillar for conflict.

Read more at <https://www.unesco.org/en/days/world-radio/radio-peace> and listen to LM Breakfast with Chris Turner, ZS6GM from 06:00 to 09:00 CAT on 13 February on <http://lmradio.co.mz/>.

The World Radio Day QSO Party

To celebrate World Radio Day 2023, the SARL is hosting the WRD QSO Party from 17:00 to 21:00 UTC on Monday 13 February 2023. It is a phone only event with activity on 3 603 to 3 650 and 3 703 to 3 750 kHz. Please note that the segment 3 651 to 3 700 is contest free. Why 2 hours? There may be electrical blackouts in your area, so you can operate at least for one hour!

The exchange is your name, the radio station you listen to and your 4-character grid square. Submit your Excel log sheet by 21:59 UTC on Saturday 18 February 2023 to

secretary@sarl.org.za. The log sheet is available on the Contest page on the League web site. The 2023 World Radio Day Certificate will be e-mailed to you.

Die Wêreld Radio Dag QSO Partytjie

Om Wêreld Radio Dag 2023 te vier, bied die SARL die WRD QSO-partytjie van 17:00 tot 21:00 UTC op Maandag 13 Februarie 2023 aan. Dit is 'n slegs foon geleentheid met aktiwiteit op 3 603 tot 3 650 en 3 703 tot 3 750 kHz. Neem asseblief kennis dat die segment 3 651 tot 3 700 kompetisie vry is. Hoekom 2 ure? Daar kan elektriese stroomonderbrekings in jou area wees, so jy kan ten minste een uur lank werk!

Die uitruiling is jou naam, die radiostasie waarna jy luister en jou 4 karakter ruitblok. Dien jou Excel-logstaat in teen 21:59 UTC op Saterdag 18 Februarie 2023 by secretary@sarl.org.za in. Die logstaat is beskikbaar op die Kompetisie-bladsy op die Liga-webwerf. Die 2023 Wêreld Radio Dag sertifikaat sal per e-pos aan jou gestuur word.

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