

Highlights from Day 1

DURBAN: Following the Women in News Summit, the men were ready as ever to take the stage, with the second half of Day 1 at the World News Media Congress kicking off with a roundtable on sports news as a major driver for media innovation.



#WNC17: First ever Women in News Summit under way

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“ Roundtable on Sport News and media innovation starts at [#WNC17](#)! pic.twitter.com/RHwRxKXrEo— Media Innovation Hub (@wanifra_mihub) [June 7, 2017](#) ”

This was followed by the annual small and midsize business annual meeting, this year taking [a pragmatic approach to data](#).

Next up, Guy Burger, director for freedom of expression and media development at UNESCO in Paris, facilitated the annual roundtable discussion on press freedom to assess how far we've come since 2007 and where we are now in 2017. The consensus:

“ [#WNC17](#) African Editors Forum Jovial Rantao says governments across the world are using the security situation to clamp down on journalists.— Ziyanda N (@ZiyandaNgcobo) [June 7, 2017](#) ”

“ [#WNC17](#) Rantao :There are instances where journalists are charged under military code and a lot of work needs to be done about this. ZN— EWN Reporter (@ewnreporter) [June 7, 2017](#) ”

“ The biggest threat to media freedom remains intolerant governments - SANEF [#WNC17](#) [#SMSDurban](#) [#PressFreedomUG](#) [@newisionwire](#) [@BarbaraKajja](#)— Penlope Nankunda (@Penkunda) [June 7, 2017](#) ”

“ Gender disparity in newsrooms needs to be changed: WAN-IFRA president Tomas Brunegård [#SABCNews](#) [#WNC17](#)— Antoinette.L (@AntoinetteL5) [June 7, 2017](#) ”

“ Do not stigmatise journalists who are exploited by media owners, for taking brown envelopes-views on [#PressFreedom](#) [#WNC17](#)— Dicta Asimwe (@AsimweDicta) [June 7, 2017](#) ”

“ [#WNC17](#) [@mariaressa](#) : we Journalists are not the gatekeepers any more. But [#Facebook](#) is beginning to listen. pic.twitter.com/I0bAFO65JR— Andreas Pfeiffer (@pfeifferreport) [June 7, 2017](#) ”

“ Love how [@mariaressa](#) is live tweeting while taking part in a panel discussion. [#Wan2017](#) [#WNC17](#) <https://t.co/IUDHKQFH0B>— Katy Katopodis (@KatyKatopodis) [June 7, 2017](#) ”

Turkish journalist Can Dündar shared how he survived an assassination attempt last year, saying that his editors are still in prison today. His talk was fittingly followed by the opening ceremony and Golden Pen of Freedom Award announcement, of which he was the deserving recipient. The Golden Pen of Freedom is the World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers' (WAN-IFRA's) annual recognition of "an outstanding action, in writing or deed, of an individual, a group or an institution to the cause of press freedom".

#WNC17: Turkish journalist Can Dündar receives the Golden Pen Award

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#WNC17 Golden Pen Award recipient Turkish editor Can Dündar, who recently survived an assassination attack, narrates the state of media freedom in Turkey. There are 150 journalists in jail in Turkey, today. Most detained without trial.

A post shared by Oliver Mathenge (@olivermathenge) on Jun 7, 2017 at 8:25am PDT

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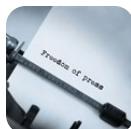
President Jacob Zuma was supposed to open the Congress and World Editors Forum, but wasn't able to as his plane was grounded in Cape Town due to the [storm](#), so minister of international relations and cooperation, Maite Emily Nkoana-Mashabane gave the opening address on his behalf.

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“ *BREAKING - The Cape Storm just saved the 69th World News Media Congress from Jacob Zuma.*

#CapeTownStorm #WNC17 pic.twitter.com/aym87cKhsF— Basil the Bulldog (@BasiltheBulldog) [June 7, 2017](#) ”

“ *International relations minister Maite Nkoana-Mashabane stands in for president Zuma at the 69th World News Media Congress [#WNC17](#)— Katy Katopodis (@KatyKatopodis) [June 7, 2017](#)* ”



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