

Broadcast workshop to examine African conflict reporting

African radio journalists, interested in the role of their medium in the reporting of violence, conflict and war, can now sign-up for an interactive five-day training program at South Africa's Institute for the Advancement of Journalism (IAJ).

The hands-on training course, scheduled for Johannesburg between March 22 and 26, will explore whether African radio reporters have a role to play in helping to build dialogue, or whether this conflicts with the role of media as a social watchdog.

Participants will use discussions to sharpen their techniques, and deepen their contextual coverage, particularly of African conflicts. The course is designed for broadcast journalists, but is open to all working journalists, especially those from conflict areas on the continent.

At the end of the course participants will:

- Reach a better understanding of the dynamics of conflict and violence reporting within the principles of objective reporting.
- Be able to apply journalism ethics in violent and conflict reporting;
- Approach violent and conflict-related stories with an intention of creating a dialogue among communities.

The deadline for applications is March 12.

To book a seat, contact the IAJ's Mosotho Stone on (+27-11) 484-1765, fax (+27-11) 484-2282, or e-mail at . IAJ's Web site is <http://www.iaj.org.za>.

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