



Dear Reader,

UMWA NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S INSIDE:

New home look | Capacity Building | Celebrating women | Awards

Welcome to the second edition of our Newsletter. We hope you are doing well and keeping up with your 2022 resolutions. This year has so far been great and this is what we have accomplished.





New Home Look

On 22nd January, UMWA took a step to advance the women in media umbrella. This was marked by a facelift that included tree/flower planting to beautify its home.



It was also a team building activity that brought the UMWA board members and staff together with lots of nyama choma. This step was concluded with structural face renovation of the premises to now, a more warm and dazzling environment.



CAPACITY BUILDING



COVID 19 & COMMUNITY RADIO STATIONS

With no exception of media, especially community media, Covid-19 and the Post factors significantly reshaped the operation and survival of many, Mama FM inclusive in talk! On January 17th, 2022, with support from UNESCO/IPDC, we conducted a two-day session to document how Covid-19 has affected the performance of community radio stations in Uganda.

Together with representatives from Radio Apac, Nakaseke FM, Speak FM, Mama FM, Tiger FM and Buwama FM. Among the shared views were we shared challenges, experiences, and ideas on how to improve the current state of community radios in Uganda. It was collectively reflected that, whereas community radios have a network (COMNETU), it is relevant that the body is activated and strengthened for up scaled performance of the stations.



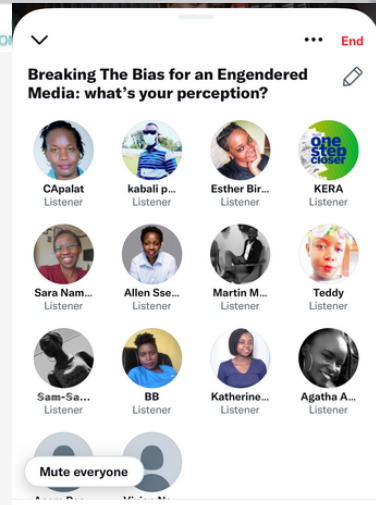
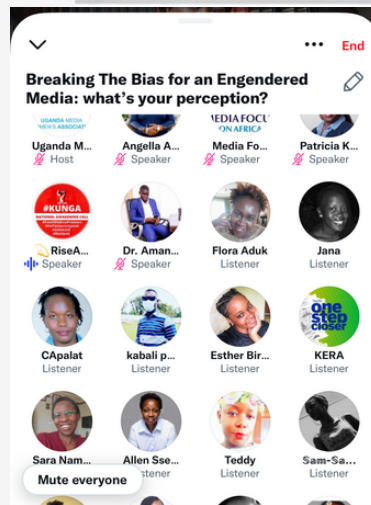
TRAINING ON PROJECT PROPOSAL WRITING

On 31st March we held a two-day capacity building session for community radio stations on proposal writing. This centred on concept note writing, stakeholder mapping and writing a problem statement.

The training was intended to equip community radio station managers on how to writing winning proposals to get funds to sustain the radio stations.



CELEBRATING WOMEN-MARCH



WE HOSTED OUR VERY FIRST TWITTER SPACE

The women's month was fruitful. We celebrated it with two major activities that brought different people together to break the bias and engender the media.

On 8th March, we hosted our very first Twitter space on breaking the bias for an engendered media. The space had over 35 guests and we were privileged to have Dr. Patricia Litho, Ms Angella Asiimwe, Mr. Robert Sempala, Ms Jan Ajwang and the Media focus on Africa grace the session with insightful discussions. We look forward to having more of these spaces to discuss issues of gender and media.

WOMEN IN MEDIA BREAKFAST MEETING

Similarly, on 29th March we held a breakfast meeting to appreciate and recognize the tremendous work done by women in media. This was towards engendering the Ugandan media through promoting women visibility in news media and to reflect on interventions/initiatives undertaken through the last ten years towards enhancing gender sensitivity within media. The meeting drew a collective reflection from different stakeholders on gender issues in the media as women and other supportive actors to contribute fundamentally to improving engendering actions of; newsroom practicability, advocacy interventions and policy reframing towards gender responsiveness.

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY MAMA



What is life without its living! On 22 April we were honoured to celebrate the good life of our Executive Director, Margaret Sentamu. A loving, caring and empathetic mother who has passionately mentored female journalists through the years. To life, health and blessings dear “madam”.



The day was a double blessing for UMWA as we were honoured with a visit from the Women in News (WIN) who came to create a relationship for future partnership. Thank you Carol Nakazibwe the WIN country Coordinator, Jane Godia and Susan Makore for WAN-IFRA Women In News.



WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY AWARDS

May has started on a good note.



we won 2 awards!

On 3rd May, The UMWA team leader, Margaret Sentamu was recognized by Uganda Journalists Association (UJA) for her contribution towards fighting for the rights and safety of young female Journalists in Uganda. This was at hotel Africana while commemorating World Press Freedom day.



In the same vein, on 5th May, Uganda Media Women's Association was recognized and awarded by The Uganda Media Sector Working Group for her outstanding contribution to media development and for creating a platform for women journalists to thrive.

COMMITMENT TO UMWA

Are you interested in becoming a part of the UMWA family? Check out www.umwamamafm.co.ug to register and become a member.



Reach out to us on info@umwamamafm.co.ug or 0393113848/0772469363 for more information.

Follow us on our social media platforms to get updates on all our activities and invite friends to like and follow our pages so that they don't miss out.

Happy May!
With Love, UMWA Team.