

New study on Southern African media laws launched

The Nelson Mandela Institute has published a new study on media laws in four southern African countries. "SADC Media Law: A Handbook for Media Practitioners" gives an overview of media laws and journalistic practices in Malawi, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

The study surveys each country's media landscape and analyses laws governing press freedom, including those concerning access to information, defamation and privacy. It also outlines the regulatory structures controlling print and electronic media in each country, as well as ethical codes used by journalists. Interviews with various journalists provide a glimpse into the challenges facing the media.

Funded by the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), a German foundation, the study will include other southern African countries in upcoming years.

The handbook is available in print or electronic PDF format from KAS. Visit:

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