

Press Council launches FAIR campaign on World Press Freedom Day 2023



On Wednesday 3 May 2023, the 30th anniversary of World Press Freedom Day, the Press Council of South Africa launches the FAIR Press campaign.

The day serves as a means of raising awareness of the significance of a free press and freedom of expression.

“The role of the media in South Africa remains of crucial importance in defending our democracy. Despite socio-economic and political challenges in a rapidly evolving environment, newsrooms in the country continue to ensure Factual, Accountable, Independent and Responsible (FAIR) journalism. Good journalism defends democracy, and a FAIR press is more important than ever in present-day South Africa,” says Latiefa Mobarra, Executive Director of the Press Council.

“Our media enjoys a high level of trust compared to

other institutions according to the Afrobarometer, issued in 2021. We need to remain vigilant and maintain this trust to ensure that we do not see a return to the repressive tactics experienced during the apartheid era.

“Our over 400 subscriber publications across the country will be displaying the Press Council’s FAIR logo, reaffirming their commitment to adhere to the Press Code and their support of the Press Council’s independent mediation and adjudication processes that will hold them accountable should they breach the Press Code.”

In the following days and weeks, subscribing publications will carry in-house advertisements promoting the FAIR campaign.

The Press Council is also releasing an updated version of “Decoding the Code, sentence by sentence”,

a book by former Press Ombud Johan Retief. It is an explanatory breakdown of the Press Code for journalists and members of the public – to make the Code more accessible and easier to understand. It is available at www.presscouncil.org.za

The Press Council’s Constituent members are in full support of the campaign. The South African National Editors’ Forum (Sanef) says: “We know the importance of independent and unbiased media, equally, we should be aware of our responsibilities as members of the Fourth Estate.” The Association of Independent Publishers (AIP) says it strongly supports the work of the Press Council and in particular, its FAIR campaign. “Factual, accountable, independent and responsible information at the grassroots level is the lifeblood of local democracy.”

The Forum of Community

Journalists (FCJ) says it is privileged to add its voice to the FAIR campaign in support of ethical journalism and in acknowledgement of the work done by the Press Council. “Often the value of the community journalism is reinforced through the support and guidance received from the Press Council and office of the Ombuds. Our industry would not have been able to continue nurturing young journalistic talents in newsrooms across South African towns without this. It is often in these small-town newsrooms where journalists, just starting their careers, first encounter and learn about the Press Code and Ombuds. The FCJ aims to ensure the wellbeing of community journalists, editors and photographers, making its support of this campaign necessary as both bodies serve with one goal in mind – ethical journalism.”



Batswadi ba kopuwa ho ngodisa bana dikolong ka nako

Ho ngodiswa ha barutwana bakeng sa isao ho se ho butswa profenseng ya Free State. Ho tloha kajeno ho fihlela ka

mafelong a Phato batswadi le bahlokamedi ba buletswe monyetla ho ngodisa bana ba tla beng ba qala ho kena sekolo, ba lebang dikolong

tse phahameng le ba fetelang dikolong tse ding. Lefapha la Thuto Free State le kgothalletsa batswadi le bahlokamedi ba bana ho sebedisa monyetla ona wa pulo ya boingodiso bakeng sa selemo sa 2024 ho ngodisa bana ka nako.

Lefapha lena le ka tlasa tsamaiso ya Letona le letjha Makalo Mohale le hlalositse hore ho phethela tshebetso ena ya boingodiso ka nako e behilweng ya kgwedi tse hlano ho tloha ka la 1 Mmesa ho fihlela ka la 31 Phato ho tla beha Lefapha maemong a matle a ho ka thakgola dithuto ka tsatsi la pele la dikolo selemong se tlang sa 2024. Kamohelo ya bana dikolong ho ya ka dilemo e tla tsamaya ka

mokgwa ona: -Grade R ke dilemo tse nne(4), ngwana a ya dilemong tse hlano ka la 30 Phupu

-Grade 1 dilemo tse hlano(5), ngwana a ya dilemong tse tshelentseng(6) ka la 30 Phupu Ditokomane tse hlokehang ke tsena:

Lengolo la tswalo

Karete ya ente

Lengolo la phetiso kapa raporoto ya sekolo seo ngwana a tswang ho sona Ditokomane tsa boitsibiso tsa batswadi

Lengolo ya tumello ho ithuta ho bana ba tswang ka ntle ho naha ena

Batswadi ba boela ba tsebiswa hore kamohelo ya bana dikolong e tla sebetswa ka mokgwa wa ho amohela le ho thusa ba fihlileng pele.