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### Quote of the week

*"By dominating the decision-making positions of various media outlets (including press, broadcasting, advertising, film, publishing and even public critique) men control the means of expression and are able to 'convey the ideas and values of a patriarchal order'."*

- Claudia Forster-Towne, Consultancy Africa Intelligence, Gender Issues Unit ([gender.issues@consultancyafrica.com](mailto:gender.issues@consultancyafrica.com)).

### Comment of the week

## Women, Violence, Fundraising...

The media often come under fire from gender activists for not doing enough to address gender inequalities that exist in the newsrooms. These inequalities are evident in the way the media report on women issues, portraying and stereotyping them as victims and as people with no potential to solve their own problems.

In this week's issue of NGO Pulse, we bring you an article by Claudia Forster-Towne from Consultancy Africa Intelligence's Gender Issues Unit, focusing on challenges faced by women media practitioners in Southern Africa.

Forster-Towne is of the view that by dominating the decision-making positions in various media outlets in the region, men control the means of expression and are able to convey the ideas and values of a patriarchal order. She maintains: "Ownership of media houses should reserve spaces for women owners, and these women in turn should work to produce media with a social conscience." Click [here](#) to read the full article.

South African taxi drivers need to be taught to accept and treat women as equals. Commuters, taxi associations, government and other relevant stakeholders should also condemn the increasing number of stickers in minibuses which continue to describe women in a manner that is humiliating.

In another article, Tarisai Nyamweda, a media intern at Gender Links, warns that the 'ruthless' behaviour directed toward women by taxi drivers, for how they dress and what they wear, is becoming a norm in our

*"It is often said rape victims 'asked for it' because they were dressed 'inappropriately'. But rape is a crime, and it's about criminal behaviour that scars a woman emotionally and physically. How dare we make it the woman's fault for simply wearing a certain outfit?"*

- Tarisai Nyamweda, Media Intern, Gender Links.

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society. Nyamweda, who states that this behaviour promotes violence against women, further says that, by describing a specific situation, the taxis would not stop honking as a young lady walked across the road with an air of confidence.

"She was indeed looking great in a jaw-dropping outfit, but her confidence seemed shattered by the nasty statements, insults and jeers that bombarded her from the taxi drivers," she explains. Click [here](#) to read the full article.

Last week, we published an [article](#) by Lorraine Moyo (*not her real name*) focusing on homosexuality in Africa. Click [here](#) to view how NGO Pulse users commented on the article.

If your organisation benefits from SANGONeT's wide range of activities and services, we encourage you to support our 'No Pain No Gain' fundraising campaign with a donation. Linked to the participation of SANGONeT's executive director, David Barnard, in the 2010 Kalahari Augrabies Extreme Marathon, we aim to raise R1 million in support of the ongoing development and expansion of strategic SANGONeT services such as NGO Pulse, Prodder and SANGOTeCH. Click [here](#) to learn more about the campaign and to make a donation.

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As always we invite your comments and suggestions.

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## New Jobs, Proposals & Events

## Employment Opportunities

- The Consortium for Refugees and Migrants in South Africa, a NGO tasked with promoting and protecting refugee and migrant rights, invites applications from suitably qualified

candidates for the position of **Communications and Media Officer** to be based in Johannesburg. The application deadline is 18 October 2010. For more information, click [here](#).

- Soul City, a NGO involved in multi-media health promotion and social change communication, seeks to employ a **Training and Development Manager** to be based in Johannesburg. The application deadline is 22 October 2010. For more information, click [here](#).
- Save the Children, a NGO whose mission is to inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children and to achieve immediate and lasting improvements to their lives, seeks to appoint a **Regional Programmes Manager** for its Southern African office, to be based in Pretoria. The application deadline is 28 October 2010. For more information, click [here](#).
- To view **other vacancies** in the NGO sector, click [here](#).

### Proposals, Grants & Awards

- The School of Development Studies at University of KwaZulu-Natal invites applications for its **PhD, Masters and Post-Doctoral Bursaries and Fellowships for 2011**. The submission deadline is 31 October 2010. For more information, click [here](#).
- Applications are invited for the **Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellowship Programme** which enables democracy activists, practitioners, scholars, and journalists from around the world to deepen their understanding of democracy and enhance their ability to promote democratic change. The submission deadline is 1 November 2010. For more information, click [here](#).
- The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation invites entries for the **Knight News Challenge Contest**. The submission deadline is 1 December 2010. For more information, click [here](#).
- To view **other opportunities**, click [here](#).

### New Events

- The Journalism Programme at the University of the Witwatersrand, in partnership with the International School of Transparency, University of Cape Town, South African National Editors Forum, Open Democracy Advice Centre and the Embassy of Sweden, is hosting the **National Press Freedom Seminar** on 19 October 2010 in Johannesburg. For more information, click [here](#).
- The Social Justice Coalition and the Cape Times are hosting the **Third Irene Grootboom Memorial Lecture Series** on 18 and 25 October 2010 in Khayelitsha. For more information, click [here](#).
- The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, in partnership with Jacana Media and Constitution Hill, is hosting a **Seminar and Launch** of the book: *'Paying for Politics: Party funding and political change in South Africa and the Global South'*, on 28 October 2010 in Johannesburg. For more information, click [here](#).

### Training

- The Centre for Justice and Crime Prevention, in association with the School of Public and Development Management at the University of the Witwatersrand, is conducting a **Certificate Course in Crime Prevention Management** as of February 2011 in Johannesburg. The application deadline is 12 November 2010. For more information, click [here](#).
- The Project Literacy, a NGO whose mission is to deliver a wide range of adult basic education and training programmes to educationally-disadvantaged adults, is conducting a three-day **Assessor Training** course from 15-17 November 2010 in Pretoria. For more information, click [here](#).
- The Alternative Information Development Centre is conducting the six-day **Popular Media Mindblast 2010** from 6-11 December 2010 in Cape Town. The application deadline is 10 November 2010. For more information, click [here](#).

### Latest News Flashes

### Recent LOCAL news items:

- [Motsepe Donates R10m to Jacob Zuma Foundation](#)
- [Thabo Mbeki Foundation Launched](#)
- [Machel: Economies Must Benefit the Poor](#)
- [Call to Restore the Credibility of CGE](#)
- [New Bill May Discourage Immigration - FIPSA](#)
- [DHA Confident of Meeting Zim Permit Deadline](#)
- [SAHRC Slams Zille's 'Wild Claim'](#)
- [ANC Finds Scapegoat in Print Media - Thloloe](#)

### Recent INTERNATIONAL news items:

- [RGAC Criticises 2010 Mo Ibrahim Index](#)
- [Partnership to Improve Conditions in Prisons](#)
- [Zambian NGOs Received £3m in 2008-2009](#)
- [African Leaders in Human Albino Trade, Says NGO](#)
- [Food Poisoning Claim Children's Lives](#)

### NGO Media Releases

- [Gender Links: Fourth Gender and Media Summit and Awards](#)
- [Kidz Clinic KZN: Women and Men Against Child Abuse](#)
- [SOS Coalition: The Deteriorating Situation at the SABC](#)
- [Inyathelo – SAIA: Philanthropy – So Many Ways to Make a Difference!](#)
- [Earthlife Africa Johannesburg: Sasol Day of Action](#)
- [Earthlife Africa Johannesburg: Government's Nuclear Madness](#)
- [Siyafunda CTC Opens a Computer Lab in Johannesburg](#)
- [Kaelo Communications: Rural Economic Development Summit](#)
- [Humanity House Gives A Voice to the Human Story Behind Disasters and Conflicts](#)
- [USAID Funds Revitalisation of Primary Healthcare Facilities in Ugu](#)

### Non-profit Analysis and Opinions

- [Book: The Country We Want to Live In](#)
- [Report: Global Corruption Report 2009](#)
- [Report: Always on the Run](#)
- [Report: As if We Weren't Human](#)
- [Weekly Whinge: Sufficient Schooling](#)
- [Weekly Whinge: We Are A Very Happy Bunch](#)
- [Resource: SANGONeT Development Calendar](#)
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