

President Geingob launches revised Code of Ethics on WPF

UNESCO Windhoek Office: More than one hundred invited guests from the media, civil-society organisations, government, diplomatic corps, universities and the United Nations (UN) System in Namibia convened in Windhoek to commemorate World Press Freedom Day (WPF) on 10 May 2017.

The President of the Republic of Namibia, His Excellency Dr. Hage Geingob attended the ceremony and officially launched the Editors Forum of Namibia's (EFN) revised Code of Ethics.

The WPF commemoration took place under the global theme 'Critical Minds for Critical Times: Media's role in advancing peaceful, just and inclusive societies.'



The President of the Republic of Namibia, H.E. Dr. Hage Geingob.

After a revering introduction by the Minister of Information and Communication Technology, Honourable Tjekero Tweya, the President gave a keynote speech urging journalists to practice their profession with a clear conscience, liberated by accountability. He also assured the media that his government will remain committed to advancing press freedom in Namibia.

The UN Resident Coordinator (RC) to Namibia, Ms. Kiki Gbeho made a speech on behalf of the UN System in Namibia and read the message of the UNESCO Director-General, Ms. Irina Bokova. She also applauded the President for attending the event and reminded the audience about the Windhoek Declaration, a critical event in media history that traced the connection between a fully independent media and a successful participatory democracy.



United Nations (UN) Resident Coordinator in Namibia, Ms. Kiki Gbeho

Apart from launching the revised Code of Ethics, the EFN also used this platform to announce that the Namibian Media Ombudsman, Clement Daniels is stepping down and the position is open for application. During the ceremony, Daniels, President Geingob and Makhubu received the Windhoek Declaration Scroll for safeguarding the values of press freedom.