

In the course, participants engage with:

- How to identify the core elements of the principles of freedom of expression, media freedom, and access to information.
- The policy and practical components required by a democratic media ecosystem.
- Regulatory and other measures that build media pluralism and diversity.
- The mechanisms of self-regulation, co-regulation, statutory regulation and regulatory independence in democratic media ecosystems.
- How to identify the practical and policy dimensions introduced by online media, online expression, and online information access.
- Strategies for effective civil society engagement with policy and practice in support of democratic Africa media ecosystems.

Participants can take the course, including participation in its discussion forums, assignments and assessments, free of charge. Participants who want to also receive a Verified Certificate of Achievement for the course, endorsed by edX and Wits University, pay USD49.

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