



M20 Summit programme

The M20 Summit is a two-day international conference running on the sidelines of the G20 programme in South Africa. The Summit focus is on the role of media and journalism to foster information integrity as a cornerstone for human rights, effective governance, international cooperation and public trust needed for social and economic development.

The conference amplifies voices from emerging G20 economies, African and other media stakeholders in exploring actionable proposals that align with the priorities of the G20 and unique challenges faced by developing nations.

The Summit topics cover the issues raised in the [M20 policy briefs](#), and other matters related to the role of media and information integrity in the G20.

The major funders of the M20 Summit are Brand SA and Standard Bank – other partners and supporters are listed [here](#). The South African public broadcaster will provide live coverage on TV, radio and online, including a live stream of the Summit on [SABC Plus](#).

Sunday 31 August 2025

18:00	M20 Summit welcome dinner in partnership with B20 SA at The Venue MC: Duduzile Ramela <u>Speakers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heather Robertson, SANEF• Cas Coovadia, B20 SA• Kirston Greenop, Standard Bank• William Bird, MMA
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Monday 1 September 2025

08:00	Arrivals and registration – The Venue
08:45	MC: welcome, programme and other announcements Liezle Wilson



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09:00	M20 Summit opening session Sbu Ngalwa, SANEF & TAEF
09.20	Keynote address Solly Malatsi, SA Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies
09:45	The M20 origins and agenda Moderator: William Bird, MMA <u>Panel:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● India: Siddharth Varadarajan, The Wire ● Brazil: Paula Miraglia, Momentum Journalism & Tech task force ● South Africa: Izak Minnaar, SANEF
10:30	BREAK
11:00	Scenesetter: global developments on information integrity, media viability and the future of journalism Moderator: Zoé Titus, GFMD & NMT Media Foundation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anya Schiffrin, Columbia SIPA <u>Panel:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anriette Esterhuysen, Association for Progressive Communications ● Jesper Højberg, International Media Support ● Leslie Richer, African Union
11.40	Information integrity - M20 policy brief 1 Moderator: Churchill Otieno, The African Editors' Forum Framing the topic: Commissioner Ourveena Geereesha Topsy-Sonoo, Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights <u>Panel:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Katharina Zuegel, Forum on Information and Democracy, M20 policy brief 3 ● Phathiswa Magopeni, Network of Independent Media Councils in Africa (NIMCA) & Press Council of SA ● Nomsa Chabeli, Global Task Force on Public Media & SABC ● Giovana Fleck, RNW Media Q&A
13.00	LUNCH

14.00	<p>Media viability</p> <p>Moderator: Kate Skinner, Association of Independent Publishers</p> <p>Framing the discussion: Paula Fray, SA Competition Commission's Media and Digital Platforms Market Inquiry & fraymedia Foundation</p> <p><u>Panel:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moore, Deutsche Welle Akademie - M20 policy brief 6 • Khadija Patel, International Fund on Public Interest Media • Styli Charalambous, Daily Maverick • Goolam Ballim, B20 SA/SBG <p>Q&A</p>
15:30	BREAK
16:00	<p>AI and news media</p> <p>Moderator: Juliet Nanfuka, Cipesa</p> <p>Discussion starter: Zara Schroeder, Research ICT Africa on Media, Power, Politics and Economics: AI and the G20 - M20 policy brief 4</p> <p><u>Panel:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guilherme Canela, UNESCO • Amy Mitchell, Center for News, Technology & Innovation • Athandiwe Saba, Code for Africa • Paul McNally, Develop AI • Emmanuel Dogbevi, The African Editors' Forum <p>Q&A</p>
17:30	<p>Wrapping up, announcements</p> <p>Thandi Smith, MMA</p>
18:00	<p>Networking dinner</p> <p>Hosted by the Forum on Information and Democracy, DW Akademie, IFPIM, RNW Media, BBC Media Action and the International Center for Journalists, at The Conservatory, 39 Melrose Boulevard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glenda Daniels, SANEF • A Digital Services Tax to Fund Journalism - Emma Gruden, Forum on Information and Democracy • The new Media Viability Manifesto strategy and its implementation - Ines Drefs, DW Akademie • William Bird, MMA

Tuesday 2 September 2025

08.30	Arrivals and registration
08:45	MC: welcome, programme and other announcements Liezle Wilson
09:00	Journalists and truth under attack Moderator: Katy Katopodis, SANEF <u>Speakers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Glenda Daniels, SANEF: Assaults on journalists' safety, M20 policy brief 7 ● Hopewell Chin'ono, foreign correspondent and documentary filmmaker <u>Panel:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Yemisi Akinbobola, African Women in Media ● Dario Milo, High Level Panel of Legal Experts on Media Freedom ● Tshepo Madlingozi, South African Human Rights Commission ● Anja Wehler-Schoeck, Tagesspiegel ● Nicole Fritz, Campaign for Free Expression & Free Expression Legal Network Q&A
10:30	BREAK
11:00	Quickfire inputs on key issues for the information ecosystem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moderator: Zubeidah Kananu, Kenya Editors' Guild <u>Presenters:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ivana Bjelic Vucinic, Global Forum on Media Development: media development funding flows in Africa ● Amanda Strydom, Code for Africa: how African newsrooms can protect their IP - response to M20 policy brief 2 ● Marystella Simiyu, IPI Africa: public service news and digital public infrastructure ● Manfred Kluge, Initiative 18: free, safe and sustainable media ● Phakamile Madonsela, MMA on child rights - M20 policy brief 5
12.00	Media and digital platforms Guy Berger in discussion with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Khaled Mansour, Meta Oversight Board ● Richard Gingras, Village Media ● Adv Pansy Tlakula, SA Information Regulator ● Fortune Sibanda, TikTok
13.00	LUNCH



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14:00	Ambassadors' Roundtable: shaping information integrity for a digital future Part 1: Children and digital rights Moderator: Gomolemo Pooe, Article 12 Part 2: Platform accountability and online safety Moderator: Claire Dehosse, Alt Advisory <u>Panel:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador of Germany to South Africa, Andreas Peschke • South African G20 ambassador, DIRCO, Anesh Maistry • Embassy of France, Jean Spiri • Embassy of Brazil, Rodrigo Govedise
15:30	BREAK
16:00	M20 Summit Declaration and next steps Moderator: Izak Minnaar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janet Heard, SANEF: M20 Summit Declaration • Rashweat Mukundu, IMS: The future of the M20 • Message from Dan Gilmor Discussion
17:00	Closing Final words: Reggy Moalusi, SANEF & William Bird, MMA
18:00	Documentary: No Other Land, courtesy of International Media Support Due to limited space, 40 delegates will be allocated seats on a first come, first served basis – on Monday morning, please watch out for the invitation to attend.