

**International Forum on the theme:
“The challenge of social media regulation:
modalities of collaboration between African
media regulators and digital platforms”**

Yaounde, 9 November 2023

YAOUNDE DECLARATION

We, the Presidents of Media regulatory authorities of the African Communication Regulatory Authority Network (ACRAN), meeting in Yaounde, Cameroon, from 8 to 9 November 2023,

- Driven by a deep conviction of the necessity of a common regulatory approach to social media content;
 - Cognizant of the dangerous ramifications resulting from disinformation through digital platforms;
 - Keen on promoting the desire of African media regulators to ensure that the content policies of digital platforms take account of our cultural values;
- **Acknowledge** major common issues and challenges, relating particularly to social media regulation, media literacy and the fight against disinformation, hate speech, child protection and vulnerable groups;

- **We commit** to promote best practice in the regulation of social media content, in compliance with national and international laws; to uphold as cardinal values, the freedom of expression, the promotion of Human Rights, human dignity.
- **Have decided** to increase our meetings and our monitoring actions with a view to establishing an ongoing think-tank between ACARAN and digital platforms.

Done in Yaounde, 9 November 2023

Presidents and Head of delegations

