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### **ARTICLE 19 Publishes Checklist for the Implementation of Declaration of Principles on Freedom of Expression in Africa**

ARTICLE 19 today published a checklist specifically designed for civil society organisations in Africa and elsewhere who wish to conduct a thorough analysis of the implementation status of the African Union's 'Declaration of Principles on Freedom of Expression in Africa'. The checklist allows civil society organizations working on issues relating to freedom of expression and access to information to establish the deficiencies in terms of concrete provisions for the fulfilment and protection of freedom of expression. For this reason some of the questions cover areas broader than the issue of freedom of expression itself. The checklist interprets each article of the Declaration in a comprehensive manner, providing substantial details on how freedom of expression should be fulfilled and provided for.

The checklist can therefore be used for the following exercises:

- 1) Researching and writing shadow reports to be submitted to the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights
- 2) Establishing areas of focus for freedom of expression campaigns and advocacy initiatives to influence policy or legislative reviews.

The checklist can be downloaded at <http://www.article19.org/pdfs/publications/africa-foe-checklist.pdf>

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