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Welcome to the first issue of our newsletter. Herein you will find articles on the state of Democracy and Human Rights in Africa.

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World Bank Group youth Summit 2016

The World Bank Group (WBG) Youth Summit 2016 seeks to bridge the gap that exists in society today limiting the youth's capabilities to become architects, shapers, or producers of their governance systems. It is aimed at giving youth an active voice in creating the vision for the future of education.

Read more:

http://www.worldbank.org/en/events/2016/08/22/youth-summit-2016#?cid=EXT_WBSocialShare_EXT

Women Participation in Somalia polls

As per the Somalia National Leadership Forum (NLF) resolution, 30% of the 275 seats in the National Assembly and 52% in the Senate are to be reserved for women. However the clan factor in the largely patriarchal society poses a challenge to the realization of this resolution.



International Day of Democracy

The African Democracy Forum commemorated the International Day of Democracy on 15TH September 2016 under the theme: Democracy and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. We took the opportunity to highlight the gains we have made as a continent while acknowledging the challenges that we still face and the efforts we need to make to achieve our democratic goals.

Read more on the ADF statement on <http://www.africademocracyforum.org/2016/09/15/international-day-of-democracy-african-democracy-forum-statement/>



Read more:

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201609120553.html>

Crimes against Journalist

The newly ratified African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights was tasked with the reinforcement of the fight against impunity and the safety of journalists during the seminar for senior editors, journalists, judges and lawyers from over 30 African countries at Arusha, Tanzania.



Find out more:

<https://www.newsghana.com.gh/crimes-against-journalists-to-be-addressed-by-african-courts/>

Human Rights concerns in South Sudan

The Yasmin Sooka led U.N commission team raised concerns regarding the intimidation of civil society Activists, harassment of journalists, sexual violence and other Human Right abuses in South Sudan.

More:

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFKCN11M0G0?utm_content=buffer76c0f&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer

Elections in DRC

Talks between the government and opposition leaders in Democratic Republic of Congo yielded a compromise that could see the country going to the polls next year.

More:

http://www.voanews.com/a/compromise-clear-path-elections-drc/3511024.html?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

Human Rights should be included in trade agreements

Alfred de Zayas, a United Nation's independent expert called on states and parliaments to ensure that trade agreements stipulates the primacy of Human Rights and to align existing treaties.



Find out more:

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201609130997.html>

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