

PRESS STATEMENT

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MCK TO HOLD MEETING WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO ADDRESS CHALLENGE OF FRAUDSTERS MASQUERADING AS JOURNALISTS

The Media Council of Kenya (MCK) is an independent national institution established by the Media Council Act, 2013 for the purposes of setting media standards and ensuring compliance with those standards as envisaged under Article 34(5) of the Constitution.

Further, pursuant to sections 6(d) and 23 of the Act, the Council undertakes to promote and enhance ethical and professional standards amongst journalists and media enterprises and accredits journalists nationwide.

It has come to our attention that there is an escalation of fraudsters masquerading as journalists and media practitioners who get access to events with the intention of extorting and harassing people.

In this regard, the Media Council of Kenya has organized a meeting with industry stakeholders this Friday, 27th January 2023, to provide a platform to deliberate on the matter and agree on practical measures to enhance professionalism and to deal with the rising cases of fraudsters posing as journalists.

The Council is committed to fostering a conducive working environment for journalists and media practitioners through improved standards and constantly engaging relevant stakeholders to address pertinent issues affecting the sector.

MCK will remain at the forefront in protecting the credibility of the media and journalists by ensuring that only accredited journalists are allowed to practice in the country, in line with our Constitutional provisions.



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