



University of Media, Arts and Communication

School of Journalism and Media Studies (SOJAMS)

Presents

State of Journalism, Media & Communication Conference (SJMCC) 2026

CALL FOR PAPERS

Theme: Navigating the Future: Journalism, Media, and Communication in a Dynamic World

Mode: Virtual

Conference dates: July 15-16, 2026

The School of Journalism and Media Studies, University of Media, Arts and Communication, invites researchers, academics, media practitioners, policy makers, industry professionals and students to submit abstracts for the first ever **State of Journalism, Media and Communication Conference (SJMCC 2026)**.

SJMCC is a platform for academics, researchers, scholars and industry experts to present papers and critically discuss emerging issues in the journalism, media and communication field from varying perspectives.

CONFERENCE TRACKS

Paper submissions can be related to, but not limited to the following areas:

- AI, the media, journalism and communication in the new age
- Impact of technology on media and democracy

- Fact checking, misinformation and disinformation
- Media's role in development
- Media ownership and business models in the current age
- State of media, journalism and communication education
- Global perspectives on media and communication
- Science, risk, health and environmental journalism
- Investigative journalism, anti-corruption reportage and processes
- Gender and the media
- Communication, media and social development

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Prof. Kwame Karikari

Founder, Media Foundation for West Africa

Member, Constitutional Review Committee, Republic of Ghana

CONFERENCE CHAIR

Prof. Eric Opoku Mensah

Vice Chancellor, UniMAC

DATES TO NOTE

Abstract Submission Deadline: May 1, 2026

Notification of Acceptance: May 15, 2026

Full paper submission Deadline: June, 15, 2026

Registration: June 1, 2026

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Submission Guidelines

Authors should submit an abstract of 200–300 words. The abstract must clearly outline the research problem, underlying assumptions, main arguments, objectives and research questions, as well as the theoretical framework and research methods employed. Where applicable, authors should also briefly indicate key findings. Submissions must present original research and demonstrate strong potential to contribute meaningfully to existing knowledge and ongoing scholarly debates in journalism, media, and communication.

Conference fees:

Ghanaian participants: GH¢ 300

International participants: USD 30

Students: GH¢ 100

For inquiries, contact the secretariat at sjmccsecretariat@unimac.edu.gh

We welcome your participation in what promises to be a stimulating and thought-provoking conference.

Registration is now open. Please use the link below to complete your registration.

Registration Link <https://unimac.edu.gh/conference/sojams-sjmcc-2026/>