

strengthened interregional cooperation and the promotion of regulatory frameworks aligned with human rights;

– **Affirming** that the right to information goes beyond mere access to content and includes the ability to produce, understand and analyze information—an essential condition for the informed exercise of freedom of expression and responsible democratic participation;

– **Recognizing** that protecting the right to information in the digital environment requires shared responsibility among public institutions, digital platforms, regulators, media actors and citizens;

– **Emphasizing** that the Salé - Morocco Conference fully reflects the dynamic of African reflection and action promoted by ACRAN, which aims to reconcile the anchoring of regulation in the realities of African societies with openness to the most relevant international experiences, and reaffirming our commitment to an inclusive multilateral vision based on universal human rights and the sovereign equality of nations;

Commitments

In this spirit, we commit to:

– **Strengthening our action** to protect information integrity and the quality of public debate by consolidating and adapting legal and regulatory frameworks to technological, professional and societal developments within the media ecosystem;

– **Pursuing a constructive and rigorous dialogue** with digital platforms, in order to defend the public interest, protect users, and ensure the effective exercise of the right to information online, in full respect of freedom of expression;

– **Consolidating ACRAN's role** as a framework for pan-African cooperation by strengthening shared mechanisms for training, monitoring, analysis and harmonization of regulatory practices, and by promoting coherent African positions—aligned with the continent's priorities and aspirations—within international digital governance fora.

Call to Action

By adopting the Salé - Morocco Declaration, we call on African public authorities, global digital platforms and multilateral organizations to undertake concrete, coordinated and sustainable actions to guarantee the effective right to reliable information in the digital environment.

Strengthening African media through dedicated public policies

– It is essential and urgent to implement coherent public policies aimed at reinforcing national and local media— both public and private—so they may fully assume their role in democratic life and in preserving social cohesion.

We emphasize the importance of safeguarding editorial independence, modernizing governance frameworks, and supporting the emergence of professional models capable of meeting technological transformations. We underline the need to promote public-interest journalism based on freedom of expression, ethics, pluralism and diversity, in order to strengthen citizens’ trust and sustain the democratic vitality of African societies.

Engagement of global digital platforms

– We call on global digital platforms to deepen their commitments to transparency and accountability, particularly in content moderation, combating disinformation and adapting their systems to African languages, cultures and social realities.

The demographic weight of the continent, the youth and creativity of its population, its innovation potential and rapid economic growth confer on Africa an increasingly prominent place in the global digital ecosystem. In this context, more structured, balanced and proactive cooperation with African regulators is not only a public-protection imperative but also a strategic investment for platforms seeking to establish long-term trust with African societies.

Support from multilateral organizations

– To ensure a strong African contribution to building a global digital environment that is fairer and more respectful of democratic values and information sovereignty, we call on multilateral organizations to actively support initiatives aimed at strengthening information integrity, while respecting the independence and vision of the continent’s regulators.

We urge them to support the development of programs to combat disinformation, enhance local capacities, expand media and information literacy, and provide essential technical assistance for consolidating African information ecosystems.