Introduction to Creating a Media Lawyers’ Network

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The Centre for Law and Democracy (CLD), with support from the Global Media Defence Fund run by UNESCO, is running the project, Promoting the Establishment of Networks of Media Lawyers Globally. The goal is to help lawyers working on freedom of expression and media law to create formal professional media lawyers’ networks at the national level. Networks of that sort can be invaluable in bolstering legal protection for media freedom, building members’ expertise and collaborating to provide legal defence to journalists and media.

This webinar provides a general introduction to the concept of a media lawyers’ network, steps which can be taken to establish one and resources developed by CLD to support the formation of such networks.

Agenda

13:00 – 13:15  Introductions; Welcome and Background to the Project
• Toby Mendel, Executive Director, CLD
• UNESCO, TBC

13:15 – 13:30  Benefits and Potential Activities of Media Lawyers’ Networks
• Laura Notess, Legal Officer, CLD

13:30 – 14:00  Open Discussion and Sharing Experiences

14:00 – 14:10  Resources Available from CLD
• Laura Notess, CLD

14:10 – 14:20  Initial Steps to Creating a Network
• Toby Mendel, CLD

14:20 – 14:30  Q&A and Final Comments