REPORT ON MISINFORMATION , DISINFORMATION AND MALINFORMATION
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SPEAKER : MR HAMISI MWATONDO

- ## *Background and Objectives*

Young people are the digital users and mostly fall prey of false information thus spreads information that may lead to violence from the digital space and even inciting them to on site violence , this webinar responded to a simple observation from frontline peacebuilding, governance and PCVE work: harmful information can spread across borders and communities in minutes, while professional verification usually takes far longer.
The objectives of the webinar were ;

- ***Explain the differences between misinformation, disinformation and malinformation, and situate these within the broader concept of information integrity.***
- ***Recognise how information is manipulated through false context, selective editing, misleading headlines, recycled content, impersonation and AI-generated material.***
- ***Examine how Kenya's political and electoral environment - and comparable dynamics in other countries - intensifies information disorder.***
- ***Understand how information disorder can contribute to polarisation, hate speech, xenophobia and, in some circumstances, violent extremism, without overstating the link.***
- ***Apply a practical verification framework to claims, photographs, videos, screenshots and online sources.***
- ***Introduce AmaniCheck as an emerging Kenyan tool for making verification more accessible to ordinary users, and discuss its relevance for the wider region.***

- ## *Opening Remarks*

The Opening Remarks were made by Kasim who presented the Objectives and background of the Webinar followed with simulteanous interpretation by Mr Rok Kozelj . A brief presentation was made by one of the Regional Coordiantors Fatuma. Yvette introduced the speaker Mr Hamisi from Kenya East Africa to do his presentation.

- ## *SPEAKERS BIOGRAPHY*

Mr Hamisi Mwatondo is a peace and security practitioner and MEL specialist working on information integrity on the Kenyan coast. He is currently pursuing a Master's in Communications and Media, building on a BA in International Relations and Diplomacy with IT . He is the founder and sole builder of Amani Check, a bilingual (English and Kiswahili) civic AI platform for fact-checking, misinformation resilience and PCVE education, now in pilot ahead of Kenya's 2027 electoral cycle. He has presented the platform at the Pwani University Transdisciplinary Conference and engaged institutions including NCIC and IGAD on how communities can counter misinformation, disinformation and malinformation in local languages and contexts. Hamisi is Programme Manager at Jamii Action Centre in Kwale County, where he leads a team of eight on youth, women and children's participation in decision-making. He is also MEL Officer and Programs Officer at the Kenya Muslim Youth Alliance (KMYA), where his work covers information integrity, PCVE and civic engagement across Kenya. His evidence-based approach draws on peacebuilding practice, data science training from ALX Africa and grassroots work with youth and faith communities. He was a Top 30 Under 30 honouree at the Kenya Climate Innovation Conference (2026) and received the Young Changemakers Award (2025).

- ## *SPEAKERS PRESENTATION*

The session was carried out as an investigation rather than a lecture. Participants encountered a real viral claim, form an initial judgment, and then work through it step by step - discovering how source, date, location and context change the picture. This experiential approach was used throughout: a live “three headlines, one event” exercise on framing, a short “emotion test” on how posts are designed to trigger fear, anger or urgency, and a hands-on verification walk-through using the STOP → TRACE → CROSS-CHECK → CONTEXT → DECIDE framework. The country case study was Kenya, using the 2017 and 2022 election cycles and the 2024 Gen Z-led protests as illustrative material, since these provide well-documented examples of framing, competing narratives and cross-platform spread. Shorter examples from Uganda ,DRC, Malawi , Somalia and Tanzania were included which reflected the region rather than one country, and participants contributed by bringing examples from their own countries.

Materials and Tools used during the session

- ***PowerPoint deck***
- ***Screenshots and short video clips of selected real social-media posts for the opening case study***
- ***Live access to AmaniCheck for the demonstration segment***

- ***Verification tools referenced live: Google Lens, Google Fact Check Explorer, TinEye, InVID/WeVerify, Wayback Machine***
- ***A short post-session handout containing the verification checklist***

Q&A Session

The Young Activists raised questions , comments making the session very interactive and cooperative to the speaker.

- ***CLOSING REMARKS***

Kasim made the closing remarks.