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## How to communicate research on Africa

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In a time when research on Africa is more relevant than ever, we researchers need to shape up our communication skills and put our research to work. This workshop will highlight ways to ensure that your research findings can contribute to an evidence based debate of developments on the African continent.

“When talking about research, two things seem increasingly important: the first is the growing need to demonstrate the social and economic benefits of one's research and the second is the need to communicate that research more widely - both to academic and non academic audiences.

Traditionally, journals provided the means through which – after hypotheses were carefully tested – researchers could share the results of their work and prove their worth. But the internet, and the

many diverse networks it has created, has changed the way many researchers disseminate findings, and increasingly, talk about the research process itself.”

This quote from the blog of the British national daily newspaper The Guardian frames in essence the questions we will be discussing in this workshop, which is open for everyone.

### The panelists

NILS RESARE is one of the founders of Blank Spot Project (BSP),

an independent and crowdfunded journalist network which today has 160 journalists, 30 of whom are from Africa, the Middle East, the Balkans and Russia.

ANNIKA ÖSTMAN is a journalist at Vetenskapsradion, the Science Department of the Swedish National Radio. She has been reporting on Africa with a special focus on medicine.

VICTOR ADETULA is Head of Research at the Nordic Africa Institute. His research focuses on democracy and governance, peace and conflict, Africa's international relations, political economy of Africa, Europe-Africa relations, and international development assistance.

HENRIK ALFREDSSON is a research communicator at the Nordic Africa Institute whose goal it is to reach out with knowledge of African to scholars, policy makers, politicians, media, students and the general public.

The panelists will share their experiences and give examples of how to facilitate communication. There will also be ample opportunities to discuss one's own experiences and share with others.

The workshop will be moderated by AMANDA HAMMAR, Professor at the Centre of African Studies at Copenhagen University.



This workshop is presented by NARN, the Nordic Africa Research Network. NARN aims to facilitate and enhance communication and cooperation between individuals and institutions working with research and education on Africa in the Nordic countries.

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