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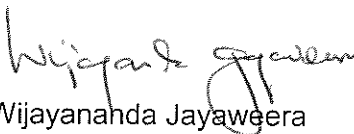
**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

UNESCO has a long history of support for journalism education and has worked with Rhodes University on several projects on journalism education. We believe that Rhodes University has the experience and expertise to successfully host a second World Congress on Journalism Education. The School of Journalism and Media Studies has excellent facilities, as well as numerous linkages. UNESCO therefore appreciates their initiative to offer to host an event that would take place in an African country in 2010. The proposal is most welcome and will help to facilitate greater integration of African journalism educators into the emerging global community of their peers.

Their previous activities in this field explain our interest in the World Journalism Education Congress, as follow-up to the first meeting that took place in Singapore in 2007.

An important international gathering of journalism educators at this point in history calls out for serious reflection, knowledge-exchange and partnerships to address contemporary challenges. UNESCO itself looks forward to taking part in such an event.

Accordingly, we are pleased to encourage the convening of a second World Congress.

  
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