

**Launch of the global online webinar on freedom of expression for members of law enforcement and police agencies:**

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**Moderator May-Britt V. R. Ronnebro**



May-Britt V. R. Ronnebro is the Secretary General of the International Executive Board of the International Police Association. May-Britt maintains partnerships with other international associations and authorities related to the police profession including the International Education Centre Gimborn, Germany, the London West University/ London Policing College, the World Association of Detective, the International Association of Women Police, the Society of Evidence Based Policing – UK, and the UNESCO. She is member of the Policing Insight Advisory Board and the Advisory Board of the Cambridge Police Executive Programme.

**Keynote Speaker Mr. Guilherme Canela De Souza Godoi, UNESCO**



Mr. Guilherme Canela is Chief of the Freedom of Expression and Safety of Journalists Section at UNESCO's Communication and Information Sector. For 8 years before his current post, Mr. Canela held the position of Communication and Information Regional Adviser for Latin America and the Caribbean at the UNESCO Montevideo Office. He also performed as Regional Coordinator of the UNESCO Initiative for the Promotion of Democracy and Freedom of Expression in judicial systems in Latin America. He has a B.A. in International Relations from the University of Brasília and a Master's Degree in Political Science from the University of São Paulo.

## **Keynote Speaker / Course Author Günther Freisleben**



Guenther Freisleben began his career as a patrol officer with the Baden-Wuerttemberg State Police. During his 45 years of service, he repeatedly switched between operational and staff functions, including the Ministry of the Interior. He retired as President of Police. In addition to several foreign assignments as a police officer, he was as Ambassador the Head of the EUBAM Mission in Israel and Palestine from 2017 to 2020.

Master of Law (LL.M. com), Master of Arts (M.A.) Andragogy, Diploma Police Science and Administration and Senior Mission Leaders Course UN and EU, Project Manager, Quality Manager

## **Keynote Speaker Mrs. Kassaye Damatie Gella**



Kassaye Damatie Gella, Ethiopian freelance journalist based in Addis Ababa specializes in current affairs, conflict and gender affairs. With seven plus years in her belt, she worked in various local media outlets TV, Radio, Print and digital media. She did her under and postgraduate studies in Journalism and Communication at Addis Ababa university. Currently Kassaye freelances for digital media called Addis Zeybe and for Wazema radio. Also she is the founder and General manager of a media start-up company, Yenie Kassa Multimedia aspiring to understand beyond the echo.

## Keynote Speaker Dr. Abdullahi Tasiu Abubakar



Dr Abdullahi Tasiu Abubakar is the Director of Doctoral Programme in the Department of Journalism at City, University of London. He was the Deputy Director of Broadcasting in the university. He teaches courses on broadcast journalism and ethics. His research focuses on media audiences, strategic communications, conflict reporting and journalism safety.

Abdullahi has a long-standing career in journalism, working as an editor and reporter for many news organisations. He was Abuja Bureau Editor of the BBC World Service in Nigeria and radio producer in London. He has worked for many Nigerian news outlets, including the *Daily Trust* newspapers, for which he is still an editor-at-large. Abdullahi has covered major news events in Nigeria, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Cameroon and won several journalism awards.

He was a visiting research fellow at the Africa Media Centre of the University of Westminster in London, and an analyst for the US-based Freedom House on the media landscape in Africa. Abdullahi advises governmental and non-governmental bodies in his areas of expertise. He is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy in the UK and External Examiner at King's College London.