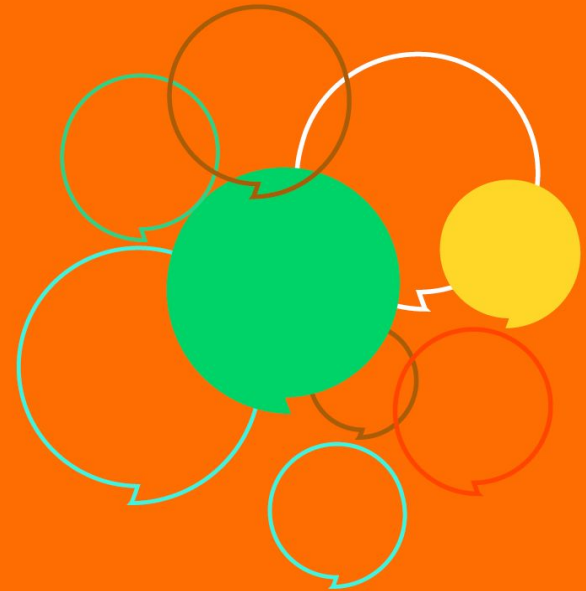


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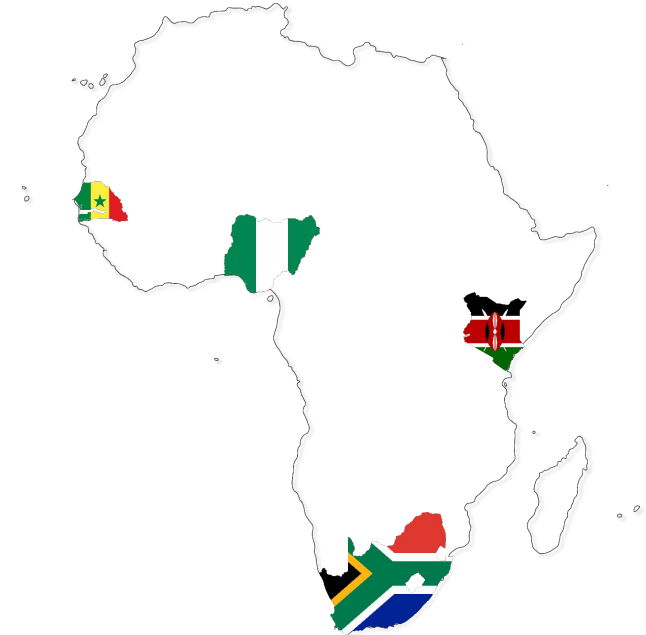
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- Africa's **first** independent fact-checking organisation
- Offices in **South Africa, Kenya, Senegal and Nigeria**
- Aim of **promoting accuracy** in public debate and media reporting





Our elections approach

- Over **10 African countries** since 2012
- A **multi-pronged approach**: fact-checking, media literacy, access to quality information, training of journalists
- Working with **media and civil society organisations**: cross-publication and the sharing of information/resources, can help reach a critical mass of people
- Working with **government agencies and social media platforms** to monitor, pre-empt, debunk and call out harmful disinformation



Fact-checking and verification training





What is covered?

- The **real-world impact** of election dis- and misinformation
- Making sense of false information: **types of election dis- and misinformation** and how they spread
- **Practical tips and skills** for identifying election-related dis- and misinformation
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- Where and **how to find credible information**, incl. advanced internet searches



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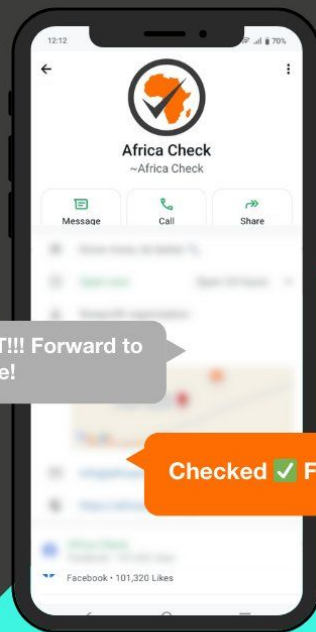
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