PRE-ELECTIONS DIGITAL SAFETY TRAINING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS AND CIVIL SOCIETY.

Date: 11th October, 2022

Time: 9.00 am

Location: Transcorp Hilton.

Host: Meterverse (Facebook)

- **Overview/Meeting Objectives.**

The objective of the meeting was: to bring together key existing and new Meta partners focusing on issues affecting human rights civic engagement in the digital space and also address areas of concerns, share interventions that have been introduced to enhance online protections for users.

The meeting started with a welcome address from Meta Representatives and introduction from participants alongside their individual expectations for the event.

President Lawyers Alert Rommy Mom, introducing himself and giving his expectations for the event.

The event was broken down into session and all handled by the Meta team.

Meta Transparency on Government Takedown Request: The Policy Manager for Human Rights, AMET, Cagatay Pekyorur took this session and explained in detail what a Government Takedown Request meant and further clarified that, this is a request received from the Government of a country over a content or post circulating on any of Meta's platform.

Pekyorur explained that if such requests are made by the Nigerian Government for instance, such a content cannot be taken down immediately until their investigation is done and that such content *reach* pending when the investigation is done will be limited until they have verified the content

has not violated their community standards. He also mentioned that if it is a case of kidnap, or terrorism, Meta will go through such individual's profile and if harmful contents and information are found, such individual information and details will be handed over to the Government/authority.

Digital Security for Activists: The policy Manager for Human Rights, SSA Farai Morobane, handled this session and encouraged the use of different passwords for an organization's social media accounts and mail so it is difficult to hack.

The use of two-factor authentication was emphasized and participants were put through how to set it up, noting this will tighten the security of the Organization's social media accounts and protect it from hackers.

In the case when an organization account is hacked, a website was given to send a mail to report such incidence on Facebook help account.

Facebook.com/hacked

Facebook.com/securitycheckup

Safety Policy Presentation: The safety/ security are steps one can activate to enable privacy, and managing their profile setting to decide who can access their post, like & comment and who can find them on social media.

If a post has been taken down due to violation of the community standards, an individual/ organization can make an appeal over the post.

This session was taken by Slyvia Musalagani, Safety Policy Manager, AMET who also mentioned the importance of having a page, stating it is more secure, gives room for more control and filter words.

She explained how to turn a Facebook profile into a page, linking it to the organization's Instagram account if willed and having multiple page managers.

Harmful Content Pipeline in local languages: This was an interactive session as participants were broke into groups to come up with harmful words and short sentences in local languages such as Hausa, Yoruba, Igbo and Pidgin that should be stroke out and reported if and when used on Meta's platforms.

Farai Morobane with a group during the break out session with participants.

Closing and next steps: Public Policy Manager, Anglophone West Africa. Ebuka Ebuka Ogbodo gave the closing remark and expressed gratitude to all participants for their attentiveness and participation at the event and pledge that Meta will continue to support and partner with Human Rights organization in ensuring a safe digital platform also noting their willingness to work with organization's involved in fact checking during the coming general election.

Images: President Lawyers Alert, Rommy Mom, Country Director Amnesty International Osai Ojigho and Mojisola Ohgunlana-Nkang of Abuja Raids.

Group picture of participants.