



Nordic Africa Research Network at the Nordic Africa Days in  
Uppsala 23-24 September, 2016

**Workshop on 23 September, 2016, at 16.00-18.00, Blåsenhus room 12:128**

## **”How to communicate research on Africa”**

The Nordic Africa Research Network is organising a workshop on ”How to communicate research on Africa” in conjunction with the Nordic Africa Days in Uppsala. The workshop is open to everyone who wants to participate and will take place on 23 September at 16.00-18.00. We would recommend you to sign up for the workshop at [info@narn.se](mailto:info@narn.se) prior to the conference so we know approximately how many we can expect to attend.

### **Why this theme?**

**In a period when Africa is more relevant than ever, it is time to refine your communication skills and put your research to work. The workshop will highlight ways to ensure that your research findings can contribute to an evidence based debate of developments on the African continent.**

Extract from The Guardian Blog Higher Education Network

*”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.”*

**NARN** will give you an opportunity to discuss the benefits and means of communicating research to a larger audience. Two journalists, Nils Resare (Blank Spot Project) and Annika Östman (Vetenskapsradion), Victor Adetula (NAI Head of Research) and Henrik Alfredsson (NAI communication) 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, Centre of African Studies at Copenhagen University.

Welcome to the workshop! Read more about us at [www.narn.se](http://www.narn.se)



**Nils Resare** and Martin Schibbye set up Blank Spot Project in 2015, which now has 160 partners and 3000 subscribers. It is independent and has been able to raise financial resources through crowdfunding. BSP aims to conduct high quality journalism. In its network there are about 30 leading journalists from Africa, Middle East, Balkan and Russia.



**Annika Östman** at Vetenskapsradion (Radio Sweden on science), in Uppsala, has been reporting on Africa with special focus on medicine and most recently on the epidemic Ebola.



**Henrik Alfredsson** is research communicator at the Nordic Africa Institute.



**Victor Adetula** is currently Head of Research at the Nordic Africa Institute Uppsala-Sweden and Professor of International Relations and Development at the University of Jos (Nigeria). He is a Development Consultant in African development process, democracy & governance, elections, human rights, peace building & conflict management.



**Amanda Hammar** is a Professor of African Studies and Director of the Centre of African Studies at Copenhagen University, and a member of the NARN Board. Her current research areas included displacement economies and urban property, governance and citizenship.