# **British DX Club**

# Africa on Shortwave



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# **Algeria**

#### Radio Algérienne

The Entreprise Nationale de Radiodiffusion Sonore (ENRS, the National Sound Broadcasting Company, Algerian Radio, or Radio Algérienne) is Algeria's state-owned public radio broadcasting organisation. The group provides services in Arabic, French and Berber and currently operates six national stations, one international and one specifically for Africa, plus a network of regional stations.

#### International broadcasting on shortwave

Two new 300 kW shortwave transmitters located at Ouargla and Béchar in Algeria were inuagurated in July 2022 after several years of planning and after initially broadcasting the Radio Coran service in Arabic, it switched to Ifrikiya FM on 3 May 2023.

#### Ifrikya FM - La Voix Africaine

Ifrikya FM (Africa FM) is an Algerian radio station that was inaugurated on 3 May 2023 in Algiers on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day. Its objective is to contribute to the development of the African continent with educational, informative and cultural programmes produced by a dedicated team of reporters and presenters. It currently broadcasts in five languages: French, Arabic, Targui, Hausa and Bambara. As well as being aired on FM, satellite and online, it is also heard over Radio Algérienne's shortwave transmitters at Béchar and Ouragla.

Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz	Site	kW	Target area
0700-1300	Daily	Multilingual	15140	Ouargla	300	Africa (CIRAF 46,37SW)
			17600	Béchar	300	Africa (CIRAF 37SE,38SW,46E,47NW)
1900-0100	Daily	Multilingual	13640	Béchar	300	Africa (CIRAF 37SE,38SW,46E,47NW)
	-		13855	Ouargla	300	Africa (CIRAF 46,37SW)



# Angola

#### Rádio Nacional de Angola

RNA is the official state-operated radio station with headquarters in Luanda. RNA operates five radio stations in the capital (Canal A, Rádio N'Gola Yetu, Rádio Luanda, Rádio Estéreo FM, Rádio 5), eighteen regional stations (one per province) and an international radio station (International Service)

#### **RNA Canal A**

Canal A is the national service of RNA, broadcasting exclusively in Portuguese throughout Angola on a network of FM transmitters, as well as on mediumwave (1134v kHz). The shortwave transmitter that used to be heard on 4949.7v kHz (Luanda-Mulenvos 25 kW) appears not to have been reported since August 2022.

# **Ascension Island**

#### **International broadcasting on shortwave**

#### **BBC Atlantic Relay Station**

The Ascension Island transmitting station is a shortwave transmitting facility in the English Bay area of Ascension Island. The facility was opened by the BBC in 1966 to broadcast the BBC World Service to Africa and South America. The site is owned and operated by Encompass Digital Media.

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Time/UTC	Days	Station	Language	kHz	kW	Target area
0500-0600	Daily	BBC	English	9410	125	West Africa
0500-0600	Daily	Radio Ndarason International	Kanuri	6195	250	North Central Africa
0529-0600	Daily	BBC	Hausa	6135	125	West Africa
	,			7305	125	West Africa
0600-0629	Daily	BBC	French	7305	125	West Africa
	•			12095	125	Central Africa
0600-0700	Daily	BBC	English	9410	125	West Africa
	,		Ü	9915	125	Central Africa
0629-0700	Daily	BBC	Hausa	9440	125	West Africa
	•			12095	125	West Africa
0700-0729	Daily	BBC	French	15260	125	West Africa
	•			15490	250	Central Africa
0700-0800	Daily	Radio Ndarason International	Kanuri	15505	250	North Central Africa
1100-1430	Sat	BBC	Hausa	21630	250	West Africa
1200-1230	Daily	BBC	French	17640	250	West Africa
				21660	250	Central Africa
1300-1700	Sat	BBC	Hausa	21645	250	West Africa
1400-1430	Mon-Fri	BBC	Hausa	21630	125	West Africa
1400-1600	Sat	BBC	English	17640	125	West Africa
1530-1730	Sun	BBC	English	17640	125	West Africa
1600-1900	Sat	BBC	Hausa	17700	250	West Africa
1700-1730	Sun	Follow the Bible Ministries	Swahili	21660	250	East Africa
1700-1800	Mon-Fri	BBC	English	17780	125	West Africa
				17830	125	Central Africa
1800-1830	Daily	BBC	French	15490	125	West Africa
1800-1900	Daily	Radio Ndarason International	Kanuri	12050	250	North Central Africa
1800-1900	Mon-Fri	BBC	English	15400	125	West Africa
				17830	125	Central Africa
1900-1930	Sun	Follow the Bible Ministries	English	9585	250	Southern Africa
				11660	250	West Africa
1930-2000	Sat-Thu	BBC	Hausa	11660	125	West Africa
1930-2030	Fri	BBC	Hausa	11660	125	West Africa
2000-2030	Sun	Follow the Bible Ministries	Arabic	7380	250	North Africa

Note: USAGM broadcasts on shortwave (i.e. VOA) have been discontinued following President Donald Trump's decision on 15 March 2025 to reduce the USAGM. This brings to an end USAGM relays via Ascension Island.

French

9655 125 North & West Africa

Two interesting articles about Ascension Island can be found on the Encompass website: Ascension Island - An Island Radio Transmission Station by Lisa Hagin (January 2019) Spotlight on Ascension Island by Juliett Southern (February 2020).

**KBS World Radio** 

2000-2100 Daily



#### **Benin**

#### Office de Radiodiffusion et Télévision du Bénin

ORTB is the state broadcaster of Benin. Radio Benin in Cotonou was last reported on shortwave in 2006, whilst Radio Parakou, an ORTB regional station, was last heard on shortwave in 2009.

#### Botswana

#### Radio Botswana

Radio Botswana is the public broadcasting service of Botswana. It operates two services: RB1 on mediumwave and FM, and the commercial RB2 on FM only. Shortwave transmissions were discontinued several years ago.

#### International broadcasting on shortwave

#### **USAGM Botswana Transmitting Station**

The USAGM Botswana Transmitting Station is located at Moepeng Hill, near Bobonong, a town in the Central District, 80 km from Selibe Phikwe town. It opened in 1991 and operated until March 2025, when President Donald Trump issued an executive order that directed that the USAGM be eliminated "to the maximum extent consistent with applicable law". At that point all USAGM broadcasts, including relays from Botswana were discontinued.

# **Burkina Faso**

#### Radiodiffusion-Telévision du Burkina

Radiodiffusion-Télévision du Burkina (RTB) is the public television and radio company of Burkina Faso. Radio Burkina is the main national radio channel. It was last reported on shortwave in 2010.

### Burundi

#### Radio-Télévision Nationale du Burundi

Radio-Télévision Nationale du Burundi (RTNB) is a public service audiovisual group under the supervision of the Ministry of Communication of Burundi. RTNB was last reported on shortwave in 2003.

#### Target broadcasts to Burundi, Rwanda and environs

The term Rwanda-Rundi is mostly used throughout the guides to describe programmes in Kinyarwanda and Kirundi to Rwanda, Burundi and environs. Wikipedia says "Rwanda-Rundi is a group of Bantu languages, specifically a dialect continuum, spoken in Central Africa. Two dialects, Kirundi and Kinyarwanda, have been standardized as the national languages of Burundi and Rwanda respectively. These neighbouring dialects are mutually intelligible, but other dialects which are more distant ones may not be. The other dialects are spoken in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Kinyabwisha in North Kivu, Kinyamulenge in South Kivu), Uganda (Rufumbira, spoken by the Bafumbira in Kisoro District), and Tanzania; Ha, with one million speakers, is the most widely spoken".

#### **BBC Gahuza**

BBC Gahuza (BBC News) is the service in Kirundi/Kinyarwanda to East Africa (the Great Lakes area of Africa).

Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz	Transmitter site	kW
0500-0600	Sat	RwandaRundi	15400	Talata Volonondry, Madagscar	250
			17750	Dhabbaya, UAE	250
0529-0600	Sun	RwandaRundi	15400	Talata Volonondry, Madagascar	250
			17750	Dhabbaya, UAE	250
1630-1700	Mon-Fri	RwandaRundi	13740	Dhabbaya, UAE	250
			17745	Talata Volonondry, Madagascar	250

#### **TWR Africa**

TWR Africa have a weekly programme in Kirundi to Burundi.

Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz	Transmitter site	kW
1557-1657	Sun	Kirundi	13580	Mpangela Ranch, Eswatini	100

#### **Voice of America**

Voice of America broadcasts in Kirundi and Kinyarwanda have been discontinued. This follows President Donald Trump's decision on 15 March 2025 to reduce the United States Agency for Global Media (USAGM). All other VOA language services have also been terminated.

#### **Cameroon**

#### **Cameroon Radio Television**

Cameroon Radio Television (CRTV) is the state broadcasting service in Cameroon. CRTV is made up of a national radio channel and ten regional stations. Shortwave broadcasting from the national station at Yaounde was last heard in early 2000 on 4850 kHz, whilst the regional station at Buea on 6005 kHz was last reported by a listener in the region in 2011.

# **Canary Islands**

There is no shortwave broadcasting in the Canary Islands. Radio Nacional de España once had two 50 kW shortwave transmitters located on Tenerfie. The last entry in the WRTH for the International Service in Spanish to the Americas was in 1988 and this was the last official shortwave broadcasting in the Canary Islands.

# Cape Verde

#### Radiotelevisão Caboverdiana

Radiotelevisão Caboverdiana is a publicly owned company and enterprise, located in the Capeverdean capital city of Praia. The radio channel is branded as RCV. Shortwave broadcasts from Cape Verde were last reported in 1989.

# **Central African Republic**

#### **Radio Centrafrique**

Radio Centrafrique is the national public radio station of the Central African Republic. It has been broadcasting since 1958. It is placed under the supervision of the Ministry of Communication and Reconciliation. It has not been reported on shortwave since at least 2012.

#### **Radio Water for Good**

Radio Water for Good (previously known as Radio IDCI and Radio Maïngo) is a community radio station belonging to Water for Good (previously known as Integrated Community Development International), a Christian ministry founded by Jim Hocking in 2003. Radio Water for Good is located in Boali, Ombella-M'Poko and broadcasts in French, Sango, Bayaka and Fulfulde, communicating information for the prevention of AIDS and many other community development topics. Radio Water for Good has also relayed programmes from Radio Ndeke Luka in the past. Its current status on shortwave is not known. It had broadcast on 6030 kHz with a 1 kW transmitter but reports suggest that it is now off air.

# Ceuta and Melilla

There is no broadcasting in Ceuta and Melilla, two Spanish autonomous cities in North Africa.

# Chad

#### Radiodiffusion Nationale Tchadienne

Radiodiffusion Nationale Tchadienne (RNT) (English: Chadian National Radio) is the state-operated national radio broadcaster of Chad and part of L'Office national des médias audiovisuels (Onama), established in December 2019 to improve and modernise the media in Chad. RNT was last heard heard on shortwave in March 2016 when it was reported to have been briefly reactived prior to the presidential election of that year.

#### Target broadcast to the Lake Chad Basin Region

#### **Radio Ndarason Internationale**

The main role of Radio Ndarason Internationale is to serve as a tool against extreme violence. It serves as a platform to promote a local discourse among all actors affected by the current crisis in the Lake Chad region. Based on the assumption that dialogue is the necessary condition to find a peaceful solution is lasting, which in turn leads us to a better quality of life. The radio serves as a mechanism to convince people that they have a future in the region. Put in broader terms – while it is believed that a better life is possible in the Lake Chad region, the need and desire to migrate in order to settle elsewhere diminishes. The radio, in partnership with the Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC) broadcasts content in Kanembu and Kanuri in order to help stabilize the Lake Chad region by stimulating constructive dialogue between everyone involved in the current crisis. (www.ndarason.com; thanks also to David Smith of Okapi Consulting for past information)

Time/UTC	Days	Languages	kHz	Transmitter site	kW
0500-0600	Daily	Kanuri, Kanembu, Buduma and French	6195	Ascension Island	250
			9540	Wooferton, UK	250
0600-0700	Daily	Kanuri, Kanembu, Buduma and French	15505	Woofferton, UK	250
1800-1900	Daily	Kanuri, Kanembu, Buduma and French	15420	Woofferton, UK	250

#### Comores

#### Office de Radio et Télévision des Comores

Office de Radio et Télévision des Comores (ORTC) is the national broadcasting service of the Comoros. Radio Comores was last reported on shortwave in 1997.

# **Democratic Republic of Congo**

#### Radio-Télevision Nationale Congolaise

Radio Télévision Nationale Congolaise (RTNC) is the government-controlled national broadcaster of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The main RTNC station discontined shortwave operations from Kinshasa many years ago, but it was relayed by an Africa No 1 transmitter in Gabon in 2002/03. All RTNC radio stations in the provinces have discontinued shortwave operations.

#### Radio Kahuzi (BESI)

Radio Kahuzi is operated by a Christian group called Believers Express Service, Inc (BESI). The station was established by Richard and Kathy McDonald and has been broadcasting from Bukavu in South Kivua Province since 1991. After initially being on FM, a 1 kW shortwave transmitter was added in February 2001, reaching a larger portion of Central Africa. Programmes are broadcast in English, French, Lingala, Swahili and other local languages. The shortwave transmitter (6210v kHz) has been off-air for since 2020 following a lightning strike and various ongoing problems with power supply in DRC. For further information, go to the Radio Kahuzi blogspot at radiokahuzi.blogspot.com.

# Republic of Congo

#### Radiodiffusion Télévision Congolaise - Radio Congo

Radiodiffusion Télévision Congolaise is the national broadcaster of the Republic of the Congo.

In August 2022, a new 50 kW shortwave transmitter was introduced, but it was only used irregularly at first and appears not to have been reported at all since early 2024. It was on 6115 kHz and came on air around 0555v and was known to end its transmission at random times, bringing things to an abrupt end either mid-sentence/song around 1830-1900v.

# Djibouti

#### Radiodiffusion Télévision de Djibouti

Radiodiffusion Télévision de Djibouti (RTD) is the national broadcaster of Djibouti. The station is based in Djibouti City and the only media outlet of the country. RTD's shortwave transmitter has been inactive for many years.

# **Egypt**

#### **National Media Authority**

The National Media Authority manages the State-owned media. It replaces the Egyptian Radio and Television Union (ERTU) established in 1954. The National Media Authority was created in 2014 after the Ministry of Information was abolished and with the proclamation of the new Egyptian Constitution, establishing independent bodies to manage state-owned media in a move to create a public service media sector.

#### **International broadcasting on shortwave**

#### Radio Cairo

Radio Cairo is the external service of Egyptian radio.

Transmitter site: Abis, near Alexandria, Nile Delta area (HFCC registrations for A25 show 100 or 125 kW).

Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz	kW	Target area
1500-1600	Irregular	Albanian	9410	125	Southern Europe
1700-1900	Irregular	Turkish	9900	125	Turkey
1800-1900	Irregular	Italian	9470	125	Southern Europe
1900-2000	Irregular	German	9410	125	Eastern Europe
1900-2000	Irregular	Russian	9890	125	Europe
2000-2115	Irregular	French	9480	125	Western Europe
2115-2245	Irregular	English	9440	125	Western Europe
2215-2330	Irregular	Portuguese	9830	100	South America
2330-0045	Irregular	Arabic	9885	125	South America
0045-0200	Irregular	Spanish	9900	100	South America



Radio Cairo shortwave broadcasts are best described as "irregular". As in previous years, the quality of the broadcasts remain an issue with very poor modulation.

#### **Mystery Egyptian music station**

#### **Egyptian music station**

A station playing Egyptian music has been heard for a while now. Its purpose is not known.

Time/UTC Days Format kHz

0800-1100 irregular Egyptian music 9400 9550 or 9600

# **Equatorial Guinea**

#### Radio Nacional de Guinea Ecuatorial

Radio Nacional de Guinea Ecuatorial (RNGE) is the national broadcaster of Equatorial Guinea. Radio Bata is the RNGE station located on mainland Rio Muni. It's 50 kW shortwave transmitter has not been reported since 2021 on its usual frequency of 5005 kHz. Whilst it is inactive, the station has been dormant for lengthy periods of time in the past before suddenly reappearing again.

Radio Malabo is a RTVGE station located on Bioko Island. A new 20 kW transmitter and antenna was inaugurated for Radio Malabo in November 2007 (replacing an existing 10 kW unit). Having seemingly not been on air since 2011, the transmitter was last reported on 6250 kHz in July 2017, but it has not been reported since.

# **Eritrea**

#### **Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea (Dimtsi Hafash)**

Dimtsi Hafash is state run and operates two networks with programmes in several languages. Prior to the defeat of the Mengistu regime in Ethiopia in 1991, it had operated as a clandestine radio station supporting the Eritrean People's Liberation Front and other opposition groups.

There are two shortwave transmitters of 100 kW each at Asmara-Selea Daro, which in the past have broadcast Programme 1 in Tigrinya, Tigre and Kunama on 7140 kHz (parallel to 950 kHz MW) and Programme 2 in Arabic, Afar, Amharic, Oromo, Saho, Bilen, Hedareb, Nara and Somali on 7180 kHz (parallel to 840 kHz MW). However, neither shortwave transmitter appears to have been reported since at least the early part of 2022.

#### **Target broadcasts to Eritrea**

#### Radio Erena - Radio Eritrea International

Radio Erena ("Our Eritrea") is a Paris-based Tigrinya-language radio station broadcasting by satellite to Eritrea, which added shortwave broadcasts in November 2012.

*Time/UTC Days Language kHz Transmitter site kW Note*1700-1800 Daily Tigrinya & Arabic 9585 Gavar, Armenia 100 current status subject to confirmation

Please see entry below for Ethiopia for "International target broadcasting to Ethiopia and Eritrea"

# **Eswatini**

#### International broadcasting on shortwave

#### **TWR Eswatini**

TWR Eswatini went on air as TWR Swziland on 1 November 1974 and broadcasts Christian programming to Africa. **Transmitter site:** Mpangela Ranch is located near Mafutseni, central Eswatini, northeast of Manzini.

Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz	kW	Target area
1400-1443	Mon-Fri	Portuguese/Lomwe	9585	100	Northern Mozambique
1420-1435	Sun	Shangaan	6175	50	Northern Mozambique
1420-1450	Sat	Makhuwa	9585	100	Northern Mozambique
1440-1457	Thu-Sun	Afar	15105	100	Horn of Africa
1455-1525	Mon-Fri	Malagasy	9585	100	Madagascar
1500-1530	Daily	Somali	11880	100	Somalia
1530-1545	Sat/Sun	Somali	11880	100	Somalia
1530-1545	Mon/Fri	Juba Arabic	13580	100	South Sudan
1534-1619	Mon-Fri	Tigrinya	15105	100	Horn of Africa
1549-1619	Sat/Sun	Kunama/Tigre	15105	100	Horn of Africa
1557-1657	Sun	Kirundi	13580	100	Burundi
1630-1715	Mon-Fri	Amharic	9500	100	Ethiopia
1630-1700	Sat/Sun	Kambaata/Hadiya	9500	100	Ethiopia
1700-1730	Sat/Sun	Oromo	9500	100	Ethiopia
1700-1730	Daily	Yao	6100	100	Malawi/Northern Mozambique
1715-1800	Mon-Fri	Oromo	9500	100	Horn of Africa
	1400-1443 1420-1435 1420-1450 1440-1457 1455-1525 1500-1530 1530-1545 1530-1545 1534-1619 1549-1619 1557-1657 1630-1715 1630-1700 1700-1730 1700-1730	1400-1443 Mon-Fri 1420-1435 Sun 1420-1450 Sat 1440-1457 Thu-Sun 1455-1525 Mon-Fri 1500-1530 Daily 1530-1545 Sat/Sun 1534-1619 Mon-Fri 1549-1619 Sat/Sun 1557-1657 Sun 1630-1715 Mon-Fri 1630-1700 Sat/Sun 1700-1730 Sat/Sun 1700-1730 Daily	1400-1443         Mon-Fri         Portuguese/Lomwe           1420-1435         Sun         Shangaan           1420-1450         Sat         Makhuwa           1440-1457         Thu-Sun         Afar           1455-1525         Mon-Fri         Malagasy           1500-1530         Daily         Somali           1530-1545         Sat/Sun         Somali           1530-1545         Mon/Fri         Juba Arabic           1534-1619         Mon-Fri         Tigrinya           1549-1619         Sat/Sun         Kunama/Tigre           1557-1657         Sun         Kirundi           1630-1715         Mon-Fri         Amharic           1630-1700         Sat/Sun         Kambaata/Hadiya           1700-1730         Daily         Yao	1400-1443         Mon-Fri         Portuguese/Lomwe         9585           1420-1435         Sun         Shangaan         6175           1420-1450         Sat         Makhuwa         9585           1440-1457         Thu-Sun         Afar         15105           1455-1525         Mon-Fri         Malagasy         9585           1500-1530         Daily         Somali         11880           1530-1545         Sat/Sun         Somali         11880           1530-1545         Mon/Fri         Juba Arabic         13580           1534-1619         Mon-Fri         Tigrinya         15105           1549-1619         Sat/Sun         Kunama/Tigre         15105           1557-1657         Sun         Kirundi         13580           1630-1715         Mon-Fri         Amharic         9500           1630-1700         Sat/Sun         Kambaata/Hadiya         9500           1700-1730         Daily         Yao         6100	1400-1443         Mon-Fri         Portuguese/Lomwe         9585         100           1420-1435         Sun         Shangaan         6175         50           1420-1450         Sat         Makhuwa         9585         100           1440-1457         Thu-Sun         Afar         15105         100           1455-1525         Mon-Fri         Malagasy         9585         100           1500-1530         Daily         Somali         11880         100           1530-1545         Sat/Sun         Somali         11880         100           1530-1545         Mon/Fri         Juba Arabic         13580         100           1534-1619         Mon-Fri         Tigrinya         15105         100           1549-1619         Sat/Sun         Kunama/Tigre         15105         100           1557-1657         Sun         Kirundi         13580         100           1630-1715         Mon-Fri         Amharic         9500         100           1630-1700         Sat/Sun         Kambaata/Hadiya         9500         100           1700-1730         Daily         Yao         6100         100

1730-1745	Sun	Sidama	9500	100	Horn of Africa
1745-1800	Sat	Turkana	9380	100	East Africa
1802-1902	Mon-Fri	Sudanese Arabic	13800	100	Sudan
1802-1902	Sun	English	9500	100	East Africa
1820-1850	Mon-Fri	Umbundu	7410	100	Angola
1850-1905	Daily	Umbundu/Chokwe	7410	100	Angola
1905-1920	Sun	Portuguese	7410	100	Angola
1905-2001	Mon-Fri	Portuguese	7410	100	Angola
1905-1920	Sat	Umbundu	7410	100	Angola
1905-1935	Daily	Lingala	13800	100	DR Congo
1920-1935	Sun	Kuanyama	7410	100	Angola
1920-2005	Sat	Portuguese	7410	100	Angola
1935-2005	Sun	Portuguese	7410	100	Angola
1935-1950	Sat/Sun	French	13800	100	DR Congo
1935-2005	Mon-Fri	Lingala	13800	100	DR Congo

# **Ethiopia**

#### **Ethiopian Broadcasting Corporation**

The Ethiopian Broadcasting Corporation (Radio Ethiopia) is the state broadcasting service in Ethiopia. In 2015 the EBC authority was established to regulate all broadcasting in the country (radio and television) and to promote the culture and history of the nations, nationalities and people of Ethiopia. EBC was formed to utilise new technologies to reach further regions to broadcast in different languages and become a primary source of information.

#### **Radio Ethiopia National Service**

Since early September 2021, Radio Ethiopia was heard on shortwave 7110 kHz after an absence of several years. This frequency was one of three, along with 5990 and 9705 kHz, that used to broadcast the National Service across the country. One possible explanation for this reactivation was that it was intended for listeners in Tigray Region, where the government had been fighting the Tigray People's Liberation Front and was no longer in control of transmitters in Tigray. Although the war officially ended in late 2022 the shortwave transmitter remained on air but since October 2023 there have been no reports and it is assumed to be inactive again. It was on air at 0400-1000, 1300-1500 and 1600-1800.

#### **Radio Oromiya**

Radio Oromiya is operated by the Oromia Radio and Television Organisation (ORTO), the mass media organisation of the Oromia Regional State Government. The majority of broadcasts are in Oromo, one of the six official languages of Ethiopia, with some programmes in Amharic, Afar, Somali, Kiswahili, Arabic and English.

Transmitter site: Addis Ababa-Geja - 100 kW

Time/UTC Days Language kHz Note

0255-2000 Daily Oromo, others 6030 shortwave transmitter may be off-air at certain times of day

#### **Amhara Radio**

Amhara Radio is operated by the Amhara Mass Media Agency (AMMA), the media organisation of the Amhara Regional State Government. It serves the community with programmes in four Ethiopian languages (Amharic, Afanoromo, Awi, Himtana) and English. Its broadcasting operation is based in Bahir Dar, but it has 10 branches throughout the Amhara region and one branch in Addis Ababa.

Transmitter site: Addis Ababa-Geja - 100 kW.

Time/UTC Days Language kHz Note

0255-2100 Daily Amharic, others 6090 shortwave transmitter may be off-air at certain times of day

#### Fana Broadcasting Corporate S.C.

Radio Fana (Fana is Amharic for "Torch"), now known as Fana Broadcasting Corporate S.C., was originally operated by the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF, the ruling coalition). It is now said to be a private news media company, focusing mostly on political, social and economic issues within Ethiopia.

Transmitter site: Addis Ababa-Geja - 100 kW

Time/UTC Days Languages kHz
0255-2100 Daily Amharic, Oromo, Somali and Afar 6110



#### Opposition and other target broadcasts to Ethiopia

There are currently several broadcasts on shortwave that support opposition groups in Ethiopia, particularly those active in Oromia and Amhara. Some of these may be subject to noise jamming by the Ethiopian authorities.

#### Oromia National Media - Radiyo Arraata Biyyoolessa Oromiyaa (ONM-ABO)

ONM-ABO describes itself "as a free, impartial and non-profitable media serving genuine reporting on Oromia. Our main objective is to run a media that increase social awareness in east Africa by means of increasing intellectual dialog and society engagement from all walks of life. The service will reach the public through media and social media targeting 50 million people ...". Broadcasts are brokered by IRRS.

Time/UTC Days Language kHz Transmitter site kW 1500-1530 Mon/Tue/Wed/Fri/Sat Oromo 15425 Galbeni, Romania 300

#### **Moresh Voice of Amhara International Radio**

Moresh Voice of Amhara International Radio is an opposition target broadcast to Ethiopia broked by Radio Miami International.

*Time/UTC Days Language kHz Transmitter site kHz* 1600-1630 Sat Amharic 15710 Issoudun, France 250

#### **Voice of Fano (Fano Deims)**

Voice of Fano is produced by the Black Lion Amhara Movement and and broadcasts in support of the One Amhara Movement. The broadcast is brokered by Radio Miami International via Issoudun. It was first reported by Andre in Johannesburg on 1 May 2024. For further information, please see Andre's SWL YouTube channel for "Inside Voice of Fano 15215 kHz: The story of a clandestine radio station" at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fGvHSME7gGY

*Time/UTC Days Language Transmitter site kHz kW* 1700-1830 Wed/Sat Amharic Issoudun, France 15215 250

#### International broadcasting to Ethiopia and Eritrea

Shortwave is still used by several broadcasters for regular services to Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa in general.

#### **BBC**

Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz	Transmitter site	kW
1730-1750	Mon-Fri	Amharic	9780	A'Seela, Oman	250
			15685	Santa Maria di Galeria, Vatican	250
1750-1810	Mon-Fri	Oromo	9780	A'Seela, Oman	250
			15685	Santa Maria di Galeria, Vatican	250
1810-1830	Mon-Fri	Tigrinya	9780	A'Seela, Oman	250
			15685	Santa Maria di Galeria, Vatican	250
1830-1850	Mon-Fri	Amharic	9780	A'Seela, Oman	250
			12095	Santa Maria di Galeria, Vatican	250
1850-1910	Mon-Fri	Oromo	9780	A'Seela, Oman	250
			12095	Santa Maria di Galeria, Vatican	250
1910-1930	Mon-Fri	Tigrinya	9780	A'Seela, Oman	250
			12095	Santa Maria di Galeria, Vatican	250

**Note**: the last few minutes of the broadcasts in Amharic at 1830, Oromo at 1850 and Tigrinya at 1910 feature content produced by BBC Learning English (see <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/">https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/</a> for further details of this service)

#### **Deutsche Welle**

Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz	Transmitter site	kW
1600-1700	Daily	Amharic	15275	Issoudun, France	500
	•		17800	Issoudun, France	500
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Adventist V	Vorld Radi	<u>o</u>			
Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz	Transmitter site	kW
1730-1800	Daily	Oromo	15440	Nauen, Germany	250
1800-1830	Daily	Tigrinya	15440	Nauen, Germany	250
1830-1900	Daily	Amharic	15440	Nauen, Germany	250
<b>Bible Voice</b>	<b>Broadcas</b>	<u>ting</u>			
Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz	Transmitter site	kW
1600-1630	Sun-Tue	Oromo	15310	Nauen, Germany	100
1600-1630	Thu/Fri	Tigrinya	15310	Nauen, Germany	100
1700-1730	Tue-Thu	Amharic	15310	Nauen, Germany	100
1700-1730	Sat/Sun	Tigrigna	15310	Nauen, Germany	100

#### **IBRA Radio**

Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz	Transmitter site	kW
1400-1430	Daily	Tigrinya	11630	Dhabbaya, UAE	250
1600-1630	Daily	Afar	11655	Dhabbaya, UAE	250
1615-1630	Mon-Wed	Guragena	9540	Dhabbaya UAE	250
1615-1630	Thu-Sun	Amharic	9540	Dhabbaya UAE	250
1630-1700	Daily	Amharic	9540	Dhabbaya, UAE	250
1700-1730	Daily	Oromo	9630	Dhabbaya, UAE	250
1800-1830	Thu-Sun	Tigrinya	6035	Dhabbaya, UAE	250

#### Pan American Broadcasting

PAB's African Radio Service broadcasts a weekly Christian programme to Ethiopia in Amharic.

Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz	Transmitter site	kW
1630-1700	Sun	Amharic	17815	Issoudun, France	150

#### **TWR Africa**

Time/UTC	Days	ys Language		Transmitter site	kW
0330-0345	Sun/Mon	Amharic	9655	Dhabbaya, UAE	250
0330-0345	Thu	Sidamo	9655	Dhabbaya, UAE	250
0330-0345	Tue	Oromo	9655	Dhabbaya, UAE	250
1440-1457	Thu-Sun	Afar	15105	Manzini, Eswatini	100
1534-1619	Mon-Fri	Tigrinya	15105	Manzini, Eswatini	100
1549-1619	Sat/Sun	Tigrinya/Kunama	15105	Manzini, Eswatini	100
1630-1700	Sat/Sun	Kambaata/Hadiya	9500	Manzini, Eswatini	100
1630-1715	Mon-Fri	Amharic	9500	Manzini, Eswatini	100
1700-1730	Sat/Sun	Oromo	9500	Manzini, Eswatini	100
1715-1800	Mon-Fri	Oromo	9500	Manzini, Eswatini	100
1730-1745	Sun	Sidama	9500	Manzini, Eswatini	100

#### Vatican Radio

Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz	Transmitter site	kW
0830-0950	1st Sun/month	Amharic (Liturgy)	15595	Santa Maria di Galeria, Vatican	250
			17790	Santa Maria di Galeria, Vatican	250
1530-1600	Daily	Amharic	13830	Santa Maria di Galeria, Vatican	250
	•		15565	Santa Maria di Galeria, Vatican	250
1730-1800	Daily	Tigrinya	13830	Santa Maria di Galeria, Vatican	250
	-		15565	Santa Maria di Galeria, Vatican	250

#### **Voice of America**

Voice of America broadcasts in Amharic, Oromo and Tigrinya have been discontinued. This follows President Donald Trump's decision on 15 March 2025 to reduce the United States Agency for Global Media (USAGM). All other VOA language services have also been terminated.

#### Gabon

#### Radio-Télevision Gabonaise

Radio-Télevision Gabonaise (RTG) is the state broadcasting service in Gabon. RTG was last heard on SW in 2008.

#### Moyabi

The Moyabi Transmitting Station was inaugurated in 1979 and over the years hosted Africa No 1, the commercial service for French-speaking Africa operating from studios in Libreville, as well as relays of Radio France Internationale, Swiss Radio International and Radio Japan, and others. At the end of the B07 season, Radio Japan discontinued the last remaining relay by an international broadcaster, whilst Africa No 1 continued on 9580 kHz until May 2013. The transmitting station is no longer operational.

Please see The Moyabi Story (last revised February 2017) on the British DX Club website for further details about the history of this site.

#### The Gambia

#### **Gambia Radio and Television Service**

Gambia Radio and Television Service (GRTS) is the state broadcasting station in The Gambia. Shortwave broadcasting was discontinued many years ago.

#### Ghana

#### Ghana Broadcasting Corporation

Ghana Broadcasting Corporation (GBC) is the public broadcasting service in Ghana. It operates two national and ten regional channels, all on FM. GBC was last reported on shortwave in 2007.

#### Guinea

#### Radio Télévision Guinéenne - Radio Guinée

Radio-Télévision Guinéenne (RTG) is the state broadcasting organistaion of Guinea. Radio Guinée's shortwave transmitter most recently operated on 9650 kHz (Conakry-Sinfonia - 50 kW) and was heard widely, but appears to have been off-air since July 2021.

# **Guinea-Bissau**

#### Radiodifusão Nacional da Guiné-Bissau

Radiodifusão Nacional da Guiné-Bissau (RDN) is the state broadcasting service in Guinea-Bissau. Rádio Nacional was last reported on shortwave in 1987.

# **Ivory Coast**

#### Radiodiffusion-Télévision Ivorienne

Radiodiffusion-Télévision ivoirienne (RTI) is the publicly owned radio and television authority of Ivory Coast. RTI was last reported on shortwave in 1996.

# Kenya

#### **Kenya Broadcasting Corporation**

Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC) is the state-run media organisation of Kenya. It broadcasts in English and Swahili, as well as in most local languages of Kenya. KBC's regional services operated on shortwave in the past, but they have now been discontinued with the last being heard in 2006.

#### International broadcasting to East Africa in Swahili

Shortwave is still used by several broadcasters for regular services to East Africa (Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda) in Swahili. Swahili, also known as Kiswahili as it is referred to in the Swahili language, is a Bantu language originally spoken by the Swahili people, who are found primarily in Kenya, Tanzania, and Mozambique (along the East African coast and adjacent littoral islands). Estimates of the number of Swahili speakers, including both native and second-language speakers, vary widely. They generally range from 150 million to 200 million; with most of its native speakers residing in Kenya and Tanzania.

Due to concerted efforts by the government of Kenya and Tanzania, Swahili is one of three official languages (the others being English and French) of the East African Community (EAC) countries, namely Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda. It is the lingua franca of other areas in the African Great Lakes region and East and Southern Africa. Swahili is also one of the working languages of the African Union and of the Southern African Development Community. The East African Community created an institution called the East African Kiswahili Commission (EAKC) which began operations in 2015. The institution currently serves as the leading body for promoting the language in the East African region, as well as for coordinating its development and usage for regional integration and sustainable development.

#### **Akashvani External Services (India)**

Time/UTC 1 1215-1315 [	•	<b>Language</b> Swahili	<b><i>kHz</i></b> 15410	Transmitter site Bengaluru	<b>kW</b> 250
<b>China Radio</b>	Internatio	<u>nal</u>			
Time/UTC I	Days	Language	kHz	Transmitter site	kW
1600-1700 [	Daily	Swahili	5985	Beijing	500
			7245	Xian	500
1700-1800 D	Daily	Swahili	5985	Beijing	500
	-		7215	Xian	500
			13645	Bamako, Mali	100
			15125	Bamako, Mali	100

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Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz	Transmitter site	kW			
1700-1730	Sun	Swahili	21660	Ascension Island	250			
IRIB World	Service (Ir							
Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz	Transmitter site	kW			
0450-0550	Daily	Swahili	15120	Sirjan	500			
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Radio Fran				T				
Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz	Transmitter site	kW			
0430-0500	Daily	Swahili	11790	Issoudun	500			
0530-0600	Daily	Swahili	17660	Issoudun	250			
1500-1600	Daily	Swahili	21690	Issoudun	500			
Vatican Ra		_						
Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz	Transmitter site	kW			
1600-1615	Sat	Swahili	13830	S. Maria di Galeria	250			
			15565	S. Maria di Galeria	250			
1600-1630	Mon-Fri	Swahili	13830	S. Maria di Galeria	250			
				S. Maria di Galeria	250			
1600-1630	Sun	Swahili	13830	T. Volonodry, Mdg	250			
				S. Maria di Galeria	250			
Voice of Ti								
Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz	Transmitter site	kW			
0500-0600	Daily	Swahili	15320	Emirler	250			

# Lesotho

#### **Lesotho National Broadcasting Service**

LNBS is the state broadcasting service in Lesotho. LNBS was last heard on shortwave in early 2004.

# Liberia

#### Radio ELWA

Radio ELWA is a Christian radio station in Monrovia. It currently broadcasts on 94.5 FM and 6050v kHz. The ELWA website states "Our current schedule of roughly nineteen (19) hours of English broadcast per day and one and one-half hour of Liberian Language broadcast in Grebo, Kru, Gola, Bassa, Kpelle, Kissi, Dan and Krahn is supported almost entirely by local funds. Roughly seventy-five percent of ELWA Radio's income to date has resulted in charges from public service announcements, requests, donations, and local program producers, and from pastors and churches who sign up for air time to broadcast their programs".

**Transmitter site**: ELWA compound, Monrovia - 1 kW. **Time/UTC Days Language kHz**0600-1000
Daily
English/local languages
6050
1700-2230
Daily
English/local languages
6050

# Libya

#### **Libyan Radio and Television Corporation**

The Libyan authority that owns and operates the state media, Libyan Radio and Television Corporation (LRTC) has three main stations that air in Tripoli: Al-Wataniya, Radio Libya FM and the youth oriented Al-Shababiya. All operate on FM.

On shortwave, Radio-Television Libya was first heard in October 2011 with a post-Gaddafi external service in French on 11600 kHz and this was the replacement for Gaddafi's Voice of Africa. In September 2012, French was replaced by an Arabic service but this has not been heard since September 2013.

# Madagascar

#### Radio Madagasikara - Radio Nacional Malagasy

Radio Madagasikara - Radio Nacional Malagasy (RNM) is the state-run broadcasting service in Madagascar.

RNM shortwave transmissions appeared to have become less reliable in the years leading up to mid-2021, when it was last reported. Since then there have been no reports of them on either of their existing frequencies of 5010v or 6135 kHz.

#### International broadcasting on shortwave

#### World Christian Broadcasting - Madagascar World Voice

Madagascar World Voice is a shortwave radio station located in Mahajanga. The station began transmissions from Madagascar in 2016 and is operated by World Christian Broadcasting as a sister station of KNLS in Alaska.

**Transmitter site:** Mahajanga, Boeny Region. 2 x 100 kW transmitters.

Time/UTC	Days	Language	Programme	Transmitter	kHz	Target area
0200-0400	Daily	Spanish	La Voz Alegre	WMV-2	6180	South America
0200-0400	Daily	English	Your New Life Station	WMV-3	13760	South Asia
0400-0500	Daily	English	African Pathways	WMV-2	11825	North, West & Central Africa
0400-0500	Daily	Chinese	The Light of Life	WMV-3	17530	East Asia
1800-1900	Daily	Russian	Your New Life Station	WMV-2	9885	Russia
1800-1900	Daily	English	African Pathways	WMV-3	13670	North, West & Central Africa
1900-2000	Daily	Russian	Your New Life Station	WMV-2	9845	Russia
1900-2000	Daily	Arabic	Radio Feda	WMV-3	13670	North Africa, Middle East
2000-2100	Daily	Arabic	Radio Feda	WMV-2	13710	North Africa, Middle East
2000-2100	Daily	English	African Pathways	WMV-3	11965	North, West & Central Africa
2100-2200	Daily	Chinese	The Light of Life	WMV-2	11610	North Africa
2100-2300	Daily	Portuguese	Palavra Alegra	WMV-3	9765	South America
2200-2300	Daily	Arabic	Radio Feda	WMV-2	11610	North Africa

#### **Madagascar Global Relay Station**

Malagasy Global Business S.A. (MGLOB S.A) operates the Talata Volonondry shortwave station in Madagascar. The company was established in 2012 by the former staff of Radio Netherlands Worldwide which owned and managed the station for more than 40 years (the Radio Netherlands relay station in Madagascar went into full operation in mid-1972). Transmitter site: Talata Volonondry, a rural commune in Analamanga Region, in the Central Highlands of Madagascar.

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Time/UTC	Days	Station	Language	kHz	kW	Target area
0230-0330	Daily	AWR	Malagasy	6065	125	Madagascar
0330-0400	Daily	Radio Tamazuj	Juba Arabic	7315	250	South Sudan
0400-0430	Mon-Fri	BBC	Somali	13790	250	Horn of Africa
0400-0500	Daily	BBC	English	12095	250	East Africa
0430-0500	Daily	Radio Dabanga	Sudanese Arabic	11650	250	Sudan
0500-0600	Sat	BBC	RwandaRundi	15400	250	East Africa
0529-0600	Sun	BBC	RwandaRundi	15400	250	East Africa
1200-1300	Daily	Radio France Int.	French	17660	250	Central Africa
1200-1400	Daily	BBC	English	21565	250	South-East Asia
1400-1415	Mon-Fri	TWR Asia	Hindi	17700	250	South Asia
1400-1415	Sat	TWR Asia	Bundeli	17700	250	South Asia
1400-1415	Sun	TWR Asia	Harayanvi	17700	250	South Asia
1400-1500	Mon-Fri	BBC	Somali	15420	250	Horn of Africa
1415-1430	Mon	TWR Asia	Awadhi	17700	250	South Asia
1415-1430	Tue/Thu	TWR Asia	Hindi	17700	250	South Asia
1415-1430	Wed	TWR Asia	Marwari	17700	250	South Asia
1415-1430	Fri	TWR Asia	English	17700	250	South Asia
1415-1430	Sun	TWR Asia	Braj Bhasha	17700	250	South Asia
1415-1445	Sat	TWR Asia	English	17700	250	South Asia
1430-1500	Daily	TWR Asia	Urdu	15440	250	South Asia
1500-1530	Sun-Thu	BBC	Arabic	15280	250	Middle East
1500-1600	Daily	AWR	Malagasy	6055	125	Madagascar
1600-1630	Sun	Vatican Radio	Swahili	13830	250	East Africa
1630-1700	Daily	Vatican Radio	English	13830	250	Southern Africa
1630-1700	Mon-Fri	BBC	RwandaRundi	17745	250	East Africa
1700-1800	Daily	Radio Dabanga	Sudanese Arabic	11640	250	Sudan
1800-1830	Daily	BBC	French	13790	250	Central Africa



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# Malawi

<u>Malawi Broadcasting Corporation - Radio 1</u>
The Malawi Broadcasting Corporation is the state broadcasting station in Malawi. Shortwave broadcasts from MBC were last heard in 2002.

#### Mali

#### Office de Radio et Télévision du Mali - Radio Mali

ORTM is the state-operated broadcasting service in Mali.

Transmitter site: Bamako - 100 kW.

Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz
0555-0800	Daily	French, Bambara and other national languages	5995
0800-1800	Daily	French, Bambara and other national languages	9635
1800-0000	Daily	French, Bambara and other national languages	5995

Radio Mali has news in English at approximately 1850-1905 UTC on Saturdays.



#### **International broadcasting on shortwave**

#### **CGTN Radio / China Radio International**

CGTN Radio / China Radio International has used two 100 kW shortwave transmitters in Mali since 1988 for relays to Africa in various languages. The transmitters are located at Bamako and operated by Société Malienne de Transmission et de Diffusion.

Transmitter site: Bamako - 100 kW.

Time/UTC	Days	Languages	kHz	Target area
1310-1400	Daily	French	13685	Central Africa, Indian Ocean Islands
			17880	Central Africa, Indian Ocean Islands
1400-1500	Daily	English	13685	Central & East Africa
			17630	North-East Africa
1500-1600	Daily	English	13685	Central & East Africa
			17630	North-East Africa
1600-1700	Daily	Arabic	15125	North-East Africa
			17880	North Africa
1700-1800	Daily	Swahili	13645	East Africa
			15125	East Africa
1800-1830	Daily	Hausa	11640	West Africa
			13645	West Africa
1830-1930	Daily	Arabic	11640	North-East Africa
			13685	North Africa
1930-2000	Daily	Portuguese	11640	South-East Africa
			13630	South-East Africa
2000-2100	Daily	English	11640	Central & East Africa
			13630	Central & East Africa
2100-2130	Daily	English	11640	Central & East Africa
			13630	Central & East Africa
2130-2230	Daily	French	11975	North Africa
			13630	Central Africa, Indian Ocean Islands

# Mauritania

#### **Radio Mauritanie**

Radio Mauritanie is the state radio broadcaster in Mauritania. It was last reported on shortwave (7245 kHz) in 2012.

# **Mauritius**

#### **Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation**

The Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation is the public broadcasting service in Mauritius. It was last mentioned in the WRTH on shortwave in 1978.

# Mayotte

#### Mayotte La Première

Mayotte La Première is the public radio channel of France Télévisions broadcast in the overseas department of Mayotte.

#### Morocco

#### **SNRT Moroccan National Radio**

Société Nationale de Radiodiffusion et de Telévision (SNRT) (English: National Radio Company of Radio and Television) is the public broadcaster of Morocco. SNRT currently runs four national radio stations and eleven regional radio stations along with Medi 1 Radio that was recently acquired (see below). Shortwave transmissions were discontinued in 2012.

#### Medi 1 - Radio Mediterranée Internationale

Medi 1 (also known as Radio Méditerranée Internationale) is a Moroccan radio network. Previously a private radio station, Medi 1 has been under the majority control of state-owned broadcaster SNRT since 2024. It started broadcasting in 1980 and is based in Tangier with broadcasts throughout the Maghreb on longwave 171 kHz and in towns and cities around Africa on FM. Programmes are in Arabic and French. It discontinued shortwave broadcasts in 2017 (it had broadcast on 9575 kHz)

# Mozambique

#### Rádio Moçambique

Rádio Moçambique is the national state radio network. It is the only radio network that reaches the entire country. It is also the main source of national news for all Mozambicans. It broadcasts on mediumwave and FM. All shortwave transmitters were officially decommissioned in 2001.

# Namibia

#### **Namibian Broadcasting Corporation**

The Namibian Broadcasting Corporation (NBC) is the state broadcasting service of Namibia. NBC operates one 24-hour radio station in English (NBC National Radio, renamed National FM in 2017) and nine so-called Language Services. NBC was last heard on shortwave in 2004.

# Niger

#### Office de Radiodiffusion et Télévision du Niger

Office de Radiodiffusion et Télévision du Niger (ORTN) is the state-operated broadcasting service in Niger. It operates the national radio service called La Voix du Sahel. La Voix du Sahel was last heard on shortwave in 2012 (9705 kHz)..

# Nigeria

#### **Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria**

The Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN) is Nigerian state radio broadcasting organisation. Its flagship station is the syndicated radio network Radio Nigeria, with FM stations across the 36 states and Zonal station in the 6 geopolitical zones. FRCN stations no longer operate on shortwave.

#### Voice of Nigeria

Voice of Nigeria (VON) is the official international broadcasting station of Nigeria broadcasting from Abuja. Founded in 1961, the Voice of Nigeria began as the External Service of the then Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation (now Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria).

Voice of Nigeria appears not to have been reported on shortwave since June 2023. The transmitter site is at Abuja-Lugbe and VON's long-established frequencies were 7255 (7254.9), 9690, 11770 (11769.9) and 15120 kHz.

On 22 February 2025, the VON website reported the following: "Voice of Nigeria, (VON) and the National Automotive Design and Development Council, (NADDC) are collaborating to enhance the development of the Automotive sector in the country. The Director General, VON, Mallam Jibril Baba Ndace who led a delegation on a courtesy visit to the Director General of NADDC, Olawemimo Osanipin said the visit was aimed at partnering with the council in giving global visibility to the activities of the NADDC. Mallam Ndace noted that activities of the NADDC are in line with global best practices and deserves to be showcased to the world. According to him, "I'd like to on behalf of management and staff of Voice of Nigeria offer Voice of Nigeria platform to you to be able to tell your own story of what you are doing on behalf of Nigeria. We are working to return our shortwave transmitter that will enable Voice of Nigeria to speak to over 10 million people, Africans and people around the world. Some of the facilities we have there are the best and only in Africa and with the support of the President, Commander-in-Chief by the grace of God, that will be back. When you speak to us in English, you are speaking indirectly in eight languages, you speak to us in Hausa, you have several other to also speak to because on a daily basis, we create and push content in eight languages", Mallam Ndace explained". Full report at https://von.gov.ng/von-naddc-partner-to-develop-automotive-sector-2/

On 20 June 2025: VON Plans Antenna Reactivation, Broader African Broadcast: "The Director-General of the Voice of Nigeria (VON), Mallam Jibrin Baba Ndace, has announced a strategic plan to reposition the station as a leading continental broadcaster, beginning with the reactivation of its rotating antenna to significantly enhance broadcast coverage across Africa. This announcement was made during a courtesy visit by the Deputy National President of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), Comrade Bimbola Oyetunji, at VON headquarters in Abuja. Mallam Ndace outlined his vision to reposition VON as a leading voice in Africa, highlighting plans to:

- Reactivate the Digital Radio Mondiale (DRM) shortwave transmitter & rotating antenna, the largest in Africa
- Add three new languages to its broadcast lineup: Chinese Mandarin, Bahasa Indonesia, and Portuguese, bringing the total to 11 languages
- Recruit freelance reporters across major cities in Africa
- Create high-quality content that will showcase the rich cultural heritage of Nigeria and Africa
- Highlight the importance of peace, security, and stability in Nigeria and Africa.

Full story at : https://von.gov.ng/von-plans-antenna-reactivation-broader-african-broadcast/

#### International broadcasting to Nigeria and its environs

Shortwave is still used by several broadcasters for regular services to Nigeria and neighbouring areas in several native languages (i.e. excluding broadcasts to the region in English). There are over 520 native languages spoken in Nigeria. The official language is English. The English-based creole Nigerian Pidgin is the most common lingua franca, spoken by over 60 million people. The most commonly spoken native languages (when including it spoken as a second-language) are Hausa (over 63 million), Yoruba (over 47 million), Igbo (over 31 million), Ibibio (over 10 million), Ijaw cluster (over 5 million), Fulfulde (13 million), Kanuri (7.6 million), and Tiv (5 million).

Adventist World Radio						
Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz	Transmitter site	kW	
		Hausa	15440	Nauen, Germany	250	
1930-2000 Daily Ibo		15440	Nauen, Germany	250		
2000-2030	Daily Yoruba		15440	Nauen, Germany	250	
2030-2100	Daily	Pidgin	15440	Nauen, Germany	250	
BBC						
Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz	Transmitter site	kW	
0529-0600	Daily	Hausa	6135	Ascension Island	125	
			7305	Ascension Island	125	
0629-0700	Daily	Hausa	9440	Ascension Island	125	
			12095	Ascension Island	125	
1100-1430	Sat	Hausa	21630	Ascension Island	250	
1300-1700	Sat	Hausa	21645	Ascension Island	250	
1400-1430	Mon-Fri	Hausa	21470	Dhabbaya, UAE	250	
			21630	Ascension Island	250	
1600-1900	Sat	Hausa	17700	Ascension Island	250	
1930-2000	Sat-Thu	Hausa	11660	Ascension Island	125	
			15400	Woofferton, UK	125	
1930-2030	Fri	Hausa	11660	Ascension Island	125	
			15400	Woofferton, UK	250	
China Radi	o Internatio	<u>onal</u>				
Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz	Transmitter site	kW	
1630-1730	Daily	Hausa	11790	Kunming	500	
			13870	Kashi	500	
1730-1830	Daily	Hausa	11790	Kunming	500	
			13660	Kashi	500	
1800-1830	Daily	Hausa	11640	Bamako	100	
			13645	Bamako	100	
Ifrikya FM						
Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz	Transmitter site	kW	
0700-1300	Daily	Multilingual	15140	Ouargla	300	
	,	Ü	17600	Béchar	300	
1900-0100	Daily	Multilingual	13640	Béchar	300	
	·	J	13855	Ouargla	300	
IRIB World	Service (Ir	an)				
Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz	Transmitter site	kW	
0550-0650	Daily	Hausa	15120	Sirjan, Iran	500	
1820-1920	Daily	Hausa	11740	Sirjan, Iran	500	

#### Radio France Internationale

Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz	Transmitter site	kW
0600-0630	Daily	Hausa	11995	Issoudun, France	250
			13740	Issoudun, France	250
0700-0730	Daily	Hausa	15325	Issoudun, France	250
			17620	Issoudun, France	250
1600-1700	Daily	Hausa	17620	Issoudun, France	250
			17850	Issoudun, France	500
2000-2030	Daily	Hausa	11700	Issoudun, France	250

#### **Voice of America**

Voice of America broadcasts, including those in Hausa have been discontinued. This follows President Donald Trump's decision on 15 March 2025 to reduce the United States Agency for Global Media (USAGM). All other VOA language services have also been terminated.

# Réunion

#### Réunion Première

Réunion Première is the public radio/television broadcaster owned by France Télévisions for the overseas department of Réunion. ORTF had operated a 4 kW shortwave transmitter on Réunion which became inactive in the mid-1970's.

### Rwanda

#### **Radio Rwanda**

Radio Rwanda is part of the Rwandan Broadcasting Agency, the public broadcaster in Rwanda. It has broadcast on shortwave (last on 6055 kHz) from a 100 kW transmitter located at the Deutsche Welle Relay Station in Kigali, but ceased when it closed on 28 March 2015.

#### Saint Helena

#### **South Atlantic Media Services**

Radio St Helena (MW 1548 kHz) closed on Christmas Day 2012 and was replaced by the **South Atlantic Media Services (SAMS)**, broadcasting on FM only.

Radio St Helena Day was an annual broadcast on shortwave. Transmissions were beamed to different parts of the world on 11092.5 kHz. The first "Radio St Helena Day" broadcast took place in 1990 when Cable and Wireless allowed their 1 kW SW transmitter to be used and the annual event took place until 1999. After a break of seven years, a new 1 kW SW transmitter and aerial mast was in place on St Helena thanks to a project run by Robert Kipp, and "Radio St Helena Day" once again became a highlight of the DX year. The last RSHD broadcast was on 14 November 2009.

# São Tomé e Príncipe

#### Rádio Nacional de São Tomé e Príncipe

Radio Nacional de São Tomé e Príncipe is the state's public broadcaster. It was last reported on shortwave in 1988.

#### **USAGM São Tomé Transmitting Station**

The USAGM São Tomé Transmitting Station at Pinheira was opened in 1992. It was operational for 32 years with the last shortwave transmissions made on 28 July 2024, after which the station was decommissioned.

# Senegal

#### Radiodiffusion Télévision Sénégalaise

Radiodiffusion Télévision Sénégalaise (RTS) is the public broadcasting company of Senegal. It was last reported on shortwave in 1997.

# **Seychelles**

#### **SBC Radio**

Seychelles Broadcasting Corporation is the public broadcasting radio service of the Seychelles.

#### Sierra Leone

#### Sierra Leone Broadcasting Corporation

Sierra Leone Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC) is the public broadcasting service in Sierra Leone. It is owned by the government and is operated by Independent Media Commission under the supervision of the Ministry of Information and Communications.

The SLBC was formed in April 2010, when the Sierra Leone government owned Sierra Leone Broadcasting Services (SLBS) merged with the United Nations peacekeeping radio station. The old SLBS was last heard on shortwave in 2002.

# **Somalia**

Almost all radio services in Somalia are on FM nowadays, with the exception of Warsan Radio. Since Al Shabaab lost power in Mogadishu in 2012, radio has flourished in the country and there is a wide range of stations available. Radio Mogadishu broadcasts in several towns and cities in Somalia on FM in support of the Federal Government of Somalia.

#### **Warsan Radio**

Warsan Radio, previously known as Democratic Media Concern, was founded in 2002. It was funded by a Somali community living in the Diaspora and broadcast regularly on FM until the equipment (including the transmitter) was captured by Al Shaabab and renamed Radio Andalus. The station was off air from late 2009 until 2013. It now broadcasts as Warsan Radio again on 88.8 FM in Baydhabo and also on shortwave 7750 kHz. Its programming includes relays of BBC Somali (see times below for BBC Somali)

Transmitter site: Baydhabo, South West State.

Time/UTCDaysLanguagekHzkW0300-1930DailySomali7750 (upper sideband)0.1

Warsan Radio was confirmed on 7750 kHz USB on 10 February 2025 at 1400 UTC with a relay of BBC Somali, parallel to the BBC relays on 12095 and 15420 kHz (see BBC Somali schedule below) (Tony Rogers)

#### **International broadcasting to Somalia**

#### **BBC Somali**

BBC Somali broadcasts to Somali speakers throughout East Africa on shortwave. Programmes consist of international and local news, current affairs, business, sport, culture and phone-in's.

Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz	Transmitter site	kW
0400-0430	Daily	Somali	13790	Talata Volonondry, Madagascar	250
			17745	Dhabbaya, UAE	250
1400-1500	Mon-Fri	Somali	12095	A'Seela, Oman	250
			15420	Talata Volonondry, Madagascar	250

BBC Somali broadcasts English Premier League football commentaries at weekends.

Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz	Transmitter site	kW
1100-1700	Sat/Sun	Somali	17745	Dhabbaya, UAE	250
1700-1900	Sat/Sun	Somali	17745	A'Seela. Oman	250

#### **Bible Voice Broadcasting**

Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz	Transmitter site	kW
1630-1700	Sat/Sun	Somali	15310	Nauen, Germany	100

#### Radio ERGO

Radio Ergo is on air every day across Somalia and the Somali-speaking region with original humanitarian news and information in Somali. They provide Somali audiences with the critical information they require to make better informed choices on issues affecting their lives. Radio Ergo is run by international NGO, International Media Support (IMS).

Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz	Transmitter site	kW
1200-1300	Daily	Somali	21595	Dhabbaya, UAE	250
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Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz	Transmitter site	kW
1500-1530	Daily	Somali	11880	Manzini, Eswatini	100
1530-1545	Sat/Sun	Somali	11880	Manzini, Eswatini	100

#### Vatican Radio

Vatican Radio has a weekly programme in Somali

Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz	Transmitter site	kW
1615-1630	Sat	Somali	13830	Talata Volonondry, Madagascar	250
			15565	Santa Maria di Galeria. Vatican	250

#### **Voice of America**

Voice of America broadcasts, including those in Somali, have been discontinued. This follows President Donald Trump's decision on 15 March 2025 to reduce the United States Agency for Global Media (USAGM). All other VOA language services have also been terminated.

# **Somaliland**

Somaliland, officially the Republic of Somaliland, is a self-declared state internationally recognised as an autonomous region of Somalia. The government of the defacto state of Somaliland regards itself as the successor to the former British Somaliland protectorate, which, in the form of the briefly independent State of Somaliland, united as scheduled on 1 July 1960 with the Trust Territory of Somaliland (previously known as Italian Somaliland) to form the Somali Republic.

#### Radio Hargeisa

Radio Hargeisa is the Somaliland public service broadcaster, Its headquarters are at Ministry of Information, Hargeisa. It is no longer broadcasting on shortwave and appears to have been last reported on 7120 kHz in 2018.

# **South Africa**

#### South African Broadcasting Corporation

The South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) is the public broadcaster in South Africa. It operates 19 radio stations. The last domestic service on shortwave was Radio Sonder Grense, which ended with the closure of the Meyerton transmitter site in 2019.

#### **Channel Africa**

Channel Africa is the international broadcasting service of the SABC. In February 2019, the South Africa-based company, Sentech, announced that they would close the Meyerton Transmitting Station effective 31 March 2019. Channel Africa used the Meyerton site for all of their shortwave broadcasts. The closure ended Channel Africa's shortwave service. Channel Africa now broadcasts through the Intelsat 20 satellite and also streams on the Internet at <a href="http://www.channelafrica.co.za/">http://www.channelafrica.co.za/</a>

#### **Meyerton Transmitting Station**

The Meyerton Transmitting Station is operated by Sentech, the signal distributor for the South African broadcasting sector. The organisation began operations in 1992 as the signal distributor of the South African Broadcasting Corporation. Sentech now operates as a commercial enterprise that is owned by the Government of South Africa via the South African Ministry of Communications and has its own board of directors. All shortwave broadcasting ceased from Meyerton on 31 March 2019.

# **South Sudan**

#### **South Sudan Radio**

There is no shortwave broadcasting in South Sudan. The South Sudan government operates a loosely coordinated network of local radio stations across the country under the umbrella of South Sudan Radio. These stations are on FM.

#### **International broadcasting to South Sudan**

#### Radio Tamazuj

Radio Tamazuj is a daily news service and current affairs broadcaster covering South Sudan, the southern states of Sudan, and the borderlands between the two countries. Typical programming includes reporting and discussion of politics, governance, peace-building, law, justice, culture, economy, education, gender, and human rights.

Time/UTC Days Languages kHz Transmitter site kW 0330-0400 Daily Juba Arabic (Arabic pidgin) 7315 Talata Volonondry, Madagascar 250



#### **South Sudan in Focus**

"South Sudan in Focus" was a programme produced by the Voice of America. It was first aired on 23 September 2010 as "Sudan in Focus" and evolved into a 30-minute programme about South Sudan and the region in general. It was discontinued in March 2025, when President Donald Trump issued an executive order that directed that the USAGM be eliminated "to the maximum extent consistent with applicable law" and all VOA services were stopped.

#### Sudan

#### Sudan Radio and Television Corporation

SRTC Sudan Radio is the state-controlled broadcasting service in Sudan. It is believed that broadcasts from Omdurman are currently off air due to the on-going civil war in the country.

#### Sudan Radio / Voice of Africa on shortwave

The General Programme from Sudan Radio was aired on shortwave throughout the day, except for an evening period when the transmitter was switched to carry the Voice of Africa external service. The transmitter at Al-Aitahab, Omdurman, was on air between 0300-2100 but has not been reported on either 7205 or 9505 kHz since early 2022.

#### **International broadcasting to Sudan**

#### **Deutsche Welle - Sudan Now**

Deutsche Welle commenced broadcasts in Arabic to Sudan on 19 June 2023.

Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz	Transmitter site	kW
1215-1300	Wed	Arabic	15275	Issoudun, France	250
			17800	Issoudun, France	250
1830-1915	Wed	Arabic	15275	Nauen, Germany	250
			17840	Nauen, Germany	250

#### Radio Dabanga

Radio Dabanga is a project of the Radio Darfur Network, a coalition of Sudanese journalists and international (media) development organisations, supported by a consortium of international donors, humanitarian community organisations and local NGOs. Radio Dabanga is conceived, operated and facilitated by Free Press Unlimited in the Netherlands.

Time/UTC	Days	Languages	kHz	Transmitter site	kW
0430-0500	Daily	Sudanese Arabic	11650	Talata Volonondry, Madagascar	250
1700-1800	Daily	Sudanese Arabic	11640	Talata Volonondry, Madagascar	250

#### TWR - Hope for Sudan

TWR's Hope for Sudan project is a Monday to Friday broadcast consisting of a collection of programmes that includes Women of Hope, The Way of Righteousness, Talmatha, The Prophets, Power in Persecution and more.

Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz	Transmitter site	kW
1802-1902	Mon-Fri	Sudanese Arabic	13800	Manzini, Eswatini	100

#### Tanzania

#### Tanzania Broadcasting Corporation

Tanzania Broadcasting Corporation (TBC) was established under the Public Corporation Act 1992 to provide public service broadcasting through radio and television. In 2007, Radio Tanzania Dar es Salaam and the national television (TVT) were merged into Tanzania Broadcasting Corporation. There is no longer any shortwave broadcasting in Tanzania.

For international broadcasts to East Africa in Swahili, please see the entry above for Kenya.

# Togo

#### **Radio Lome**

Radio Lome is a state-owned radio operator subordinated to the Ministry of Communication and Media. In January 2022, the government in Togo adopted legal provisions to merge the country's audiovisual media (TVT, Radio Lome, and Radio Kara) into a single entity that will operate as Radio et Television du Togo (RTVT). The transition process is ongoing. Radio Lome was last reported on shortwave in 2003.

# Tristan da Cunha

#### **Atlantic FM**

Tristan da Cunha was served by a 40 watt shortwave transmitter, but Radio Tristan da Cunha left shortwave in 1991 in favour of FM only. The local radio station on the island is now called Atlantic FM.

# **Tunisia**

#### Radio Tunisienne

Radio Tunisienne (officially known as Établissement de la Radio Tunisienne) is the public radio broadcaster in Tunisia. It runs five nationwide channels and a network of regional channels. The National Channel in Arabic is the primary outlet. All transmissions on shortwave were discontinued in 2013 as a cost-cutting measure.

# **Uganda**

#### **Uganda Broadcasting Corporation**

The Uganda Broadcasting Corporation (UBC) is the public broadcasting organisation in Uganda. It was founded as a result of the "Uganda Broadcasting Corporation Act, 2004", which merged the operations of Uganda Television (UTV) and Radio Uganda. It started broadcasting on 16 November. UBC Radio was last heard on shortwave in 2015.

For international broadcasts to East Africa in Swahili, please see the entry above for Kenya.

# **Western Sahara**

Western Sahara is a disputed and partially Moroccan-occupied territory in the Maghreb region of North Africa, bordered by Morocco to the north, Algeria to the northeast, Mauritania to the east and south, and the Atlantic Ocean to the west.

#### **National Radio of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic**

National Radio of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic is operated by the Polisario Front in support of independence for Western Sahara. The transmitter is located at the Sahrawi refugee camp in Rabouni, close to the south-western Algerian town of Tindouf. It operates on mediumwave 1550 kHz. The station was last heard on shortwave in 2011.

# Zambia

#### **Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation**

The Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation (ZNBC) is a Zambian television and radio station, formerly state owned, now technically a statutory body but still essentially under government control. There are three domestic services: Radio 1, broadcasting in the seven major languages of Zambia; Radio 2 in English; and Radio 4, also in English. The now defunct Radio 3 was the international service used mainly by liberation movements in other countries in the region. It closed in 1992, having been considered to have outlived its usefulness. ZNBC Radio 1 was last heard on shortwave in August 2022.

#### International broadcasting on shortwave

#### **Voice of Hope - Africa**

The Califonia-based Strategic Communications Group, the parent organistation of Voice of Hope, purchased the former Christian Vision shortwave facility in Zambia in late 2014. It broadcasts Christian programmes for listeners in Africa.

Transmitter site: Makeni Ranch, 35 km outside Lusaka - 100 kW.

Time/UTC	Days	Language	kHz	Target area
0400-0800	Daily	English	9680	Central & Southern Africa
1400-1600	Daily	English	9680	Central & Southern Africa
1600-2100	Daily	English	4965	Central & Southern Africa

The Wavescan DX programme is on Sundays at 0700 on 9680 kHz and 1800 on 4965 kHz.

The programme schedule effective 1 December 2024 can be found on the Voice of Hope website at: https://voiceofhope.com/schedule/voh-africa\_program\_grid.pdf

### Zanzibar

#### **Zanzibar Broadcasting Corporation**

The Zanzibar Broadcasting Corporation (ZBC) is the public broadcasting station in Zanzibar. It had broadcast on shortwave for East Africa (mornings) and the Arabian Peninsula (evenings), but neither the morning transmission (0250-0600 on 6015 kHz) or the evening transmission (1500-2100 on 11735 kHz) have been reported since October 2021.

# **Zimbabwe**

#### **Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation**

The Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation (ZBC) is the state-owned broadcaster in Zimbabwe. It was established as the Rhodesian Broadcasting Corporation (RBC), taking its current name in 1980. ZBC currently has six radio stations, but there are no longer any services operating on shortwave. The Voice of Zimbabwe external service was last heard on shortwave in 2012.

#### **Target broadcast to Zimbabwe**

#### **Voice of America - Studio 7**

Studio 7 was a service of the Voice of America broadcasting to Zimbabwe. It aimed to provide extensive and comprehensive coverage of political, economic and social developments in Zimbabwe and broadcast in Shona and Ndebele with each language programme running for 30 minutes. In addition, Studio 7 aired Livetalk, a 60-minute call-in Radio-on-TV (simulcast) talk show, Monday through Friday. Studio 7 was discontinued following President Donald Trump's decision on 15 March 2025 to reduce the USAGM.