



i24NEWS ANNOUNCES SENIOR EDITORIAL TEAM, ON-AIR TALENT IN THE U.S.

NEW YORK – February 9, 2017 – In bringing to the U.S. market its globally recognized brand, **i24NEWS** announced its U.S. senior editorial team as well as the on-air talent that will be appearing and providing a unique approach to domestic and international news for American audiences and viewers around the world. Launching February 13, 2017 at 6:00 a.m. ET, **i24NEWS** in the U.S. will deliver to its audience localized news infused with global conversation through perspectives shared from **i24NEWS** counterparts throughout the world.

Said Frank Melloul, CEO of i24NEWS: “We have established at **i24NEWS** an extraordinary team of award-winning journalists with decades of international and local experience. By bringing to viewers a high-quality forum for disseminating, analyzing, and discussing current events, and leveraging the global views offered by **i24NEWS** teams stationed around the globe, we are able to offer a new and unique form of broadcast news to the U.S. marketplace. We are excited to welcome today the faces of this vision moving forward.”

Senior Editorial Team & Talent

- **David Shuster** – Anchor and Managing Editor
- **Michelle Makori** – Anchor and Managing Editor
- **Dan Raviv** – Senior Washington Correspondent
- **Robert Wheelock** - Director of News and Operations
- **Steve Langford** – New York Bureau Chief
- **Bruce Williams** – Executive Producer
- **Gustavo Serrano** – Executive Producer
- **Nina Larsen** – Diplomatic Correspondent
- **Amital Isaac**—Assignment Manager

Bios and background information can be found on the following pages.

Programming Schedule

Programming for **i24NEWS** in the U.S. will include hard news and interviews with a focus on both domestic and international news. The U.S. channel will broadcast in English and provide content from its studios in New York City, Washington, D.C., Tel Aviv and Paris throughout the day, and will report live from the U.S. from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. ET.

6:00-7:00PM ET: “ClearCut with Michelle Makori”

The opening show connecting **i24NEWS** international coverage, offering a fast-paced and insightful breakdown of top stories from around the world. From politics to economics, business and technology, and how they all intersect, Michelle will bring the day’s most important and impactful developments to **i24NEWS** viewers.

7:00-9:00PM ET: “Crossroads with David Shuster and Michelle Makori”

David and Michelle will analyze and contextualize the biggest stories from around the globe. This hour will feature our interviews and guest segments, as well as in-depth discussion and analysis.

9:00-10:00PM ET: “Stateside with David Shuster”

This comprehensive and engaging news show will focus on the top stories in the U.S. and around the globe, as well as the connections and complexities that link the U.S. and Middle East. From conflict to coexistence, all of it will take center stage via field reports, in studio expert analysis, and guest interviews.

At its initial launch, **i24NEWS** will be available in the U.S. on Altice USA's Optimum TV (Optimum TV Channel 102) and Suddenlink TV systems (for channel location please see local lineup).

i24NEWS was founded in 2013 by Patrick Drahi, the founder and controlling shareholder of Altice N.V. (Euronext: ATC, ATCB), and has become a leading international news organization around the world. With its global headquarters in Tel Aviv, **i24NEWS** is available in millions of households worldwide including Europe, Africa, Asia and the Middle East. For more details about the launch of **i24NEWS** in the U.S. [click here](#).

i24NEWS EDITORIAL TEAM AND TALENT

- **David Shuster – Anchor and Managing Editor**

Shuster is an Emmy Award-winning broadcast news journalist with more than 20 years of national and international experience. He is Anchor and Managing Editor of "Stateside with David Shuster" and co-anchors "Crossroads with David Shuster and Michelle Makori".

Previously, Shuster served as a prime-time news anchor for Al Jazeera America. He led AJAM's political coverage, hosted the weekly interview program "Talk to Al Jazeera," and anchored AJAM's "live coverage".

Before AJAM, Shuster hosted his own shows on MSNBC and anchored that network's prime time coverage of "breaking news". At MSNBC, Shuster also served as the primary back-up host for "Countdown with Keith Olbermann" and "Hardball with Chris Matthews."

As an NBC News correspondent, Shuster reported from the field for the *Today Show*, *NBC Nightly News* and *MSNBC*. He also previously worked as a Washington, D.C.-based correspondent for the *Fox News Channel*, lead investigative and political reporter for *KATV* (ABC) in Little Rock, Arkansas and was a field producer and assignment editor in CNN's Washington, D.C. bureau.

He won an Emmy Award in 1996 for his Investigative Reporting and a Bugle Award in 2006 for his coverage of veterans' issues.

- **Michelle Makori – Anchor and Managing Editor**

Makori is Anchor and Managing Editor of "ClearCut with Michelle Makori" and co-anchors "Crossroads with David Shuster & Michelle Makori".

Makori joined *i24NEWS* from CCTV (now China Global Television Network), where she was a key member of the team that launched CCTV-America, China Central Television's U.S. based global English Channel. Makori was the New York-based Anchor and Producer of "Global Business America", CCTV's flagship global economic and business news show. During her five years at CCTV, Makori anchored live coverage of major financial and economic events.

Prior to joining CCTV, Makori was an Anchor and Reporter for Bloomberg TV and a Reporter with CNN Money. During her five year tenure at Bloomberg, Makori interviewed political and business leaders from around the globe, initially joining as the world & national news anchor during Bloomberg's morning broadcasts and then taking on the role of New York Business Anchor during the Asian Opening Bell hours. Makori was also a contributor to Bloomberg's Arts and Culture program "Muse".

Born in Israel, raised in South Africa and living in America for over a decade, Makori speaks six languages and brings a truly global perspective to the newsroom.

- **Dan Raviv – Senior Washington Correspondent**

Raviv was most recently a Washington D.C.-based national correspondent for CBS News for 19 years. Prior to that he reported for more than two decades from 35 countries for CBS News Radio, where he anchored hours of radio coverage of historic American events and was the host of the CBS News Weekend Roundup, a radio magazine broadcast heard coast to coast.

Prior to joining the CBS News Washington D.C. bureau, Raviv was based in Miami, where he covered political campaigns and the Oklahoma City bombing, in addition to foreign assignments in Cuba, Peru, Britain, and Israel. Before that, Raviv was based in London, where he covered events ranging from the Falkland Islands war to Middle East terrorism to the fall of the Berlin Wall.

He joined CBS News Radio in 1976, after working for WCBS-AM, New York. Raviv began his broadcasting career at WEEI-AM, Boston, in 1974.

Raviv is the author of several books, including the best seller *Every Spy A Prince*; and the tale of an entertainment company's bankruptcy, *Comic Wars*. His many awards include two from the Overseas Press Club of America for his coverage of the Persian Gulf crisis.

- **Robert Wheelock – Director of Operations**

Previously Wheelock was a senior executive producer at Al Jazeera and a 25-year veteran of ABC News where he served as a senior broadcast producer for ABC News' special events unit and as the Washington, D.C.-based senior producer for "Weekend News", "This Week With David Brinkley" and "Good Morning America". Prior to ABC, Wheelock worked at NBC News as both a senior producer for the "Today Show" and the London bureau chief.

Wheelock has won four Emmy Awards, an Alfred I. duPont Award and two Peabody Awards. He has covered some of the most important and momentous events in recent history such as the September 11 attacks on the United States, the election of President Barack Obama, Pope John Paul II's funeral, President Ronald Reagan's funeral and the Iraq War.

- **Steve Langford – New York Bureau Chief**

Langford, a journalist for four decades, has worked as a reporter and producer in three countries and half a dozen states. Langford has worked on radio and television, on local, national and international news. Most recently, he served as a correspondent at CBS New York for four years.

For six years Langford reported on the Howard Stern Show on SiriusXM Radio and prior to that he worked in local television in Montreal, New York, Miami, Cincinnati and San Antonio. He has worked on national news programs in New York and Los Angeles. Langford's radio work includes a three-year stint as NBC Radio's reporter in Paris, as well as satellite radio from New York and local news in Montreal, Quebec City, and New York.

- **Bruce Williams – Executive Producer**

Williams is the executive producer of "ClearCut with Michelle Makori". Williams joined *i24NEWS* from CNN, where he was Senior Producer and Showrunner of CNN's top-rated morning program "Early Start", which he helped launch four years earlier. Williams led the show's coverage of breaking news and events. He was also part of the editorial teams behind CNN's "New Day", "CNN Tonight with Don Lemon", "Starting Point with Soledad O'Brien", and "Campbell Brown: No Bias, No Bull". Williams also contributed to the network's Peabody Award-winning coverage of the 2011 Arab Spring as a Producer on CNN's American Morning.

Williams was honored with an Emmy Award in 2006 as Producer of "Today in New York" at NBC's flagship TV station, where he also supervised coverage of news events such as the Northeast Blackout of 2003 and coordinated sports specials during the 2006 Torino Olympics and the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

- **Gustavo Serrano – Executive Producer**

Serrano is the Executive Producer of “Stateside with David Shuster”. Serrano is an Emmy nominated producer who has written and produced at international and domestic news organizations including MTV News Latin America, WNYW and WNBC in New York, ABC News and Al Jazeera.

Serrano has also produced several nationally syndicated talk programs hosted by Montel Williams, Dr. Phil, and Anderson Cooper. At those programs Serrano produced entire hours dedicated to the 9/11 attacks, Hurricane Katrina, The U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and the presidential campaigns of George W. Bush and Barack Obama.

Before joining *i24NEWS* Serrano was serving as Executive Producer for Tegna Media and prior to Tegna was at “Good Morning America” where he produced and wrote breaking news stories.

- **Nina Larsen – Diplomatic Correspondent**

Nina began her broadcast career in Washington D.C. at the BBC, becoming their South Asia producer and covering the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

She anchored and reported for Reuters Television in Washington, moving to Fox News to cover Secretaries of State Rice and Clinton at the State Department - later serving as Fox News' Jerusalem based Middle East reporter. On returning to D.C., she covered U.S. politics and foreign policy for CCTV America.

Nina is Anglo/Irish/American and has lived between the U.S. and U.K. her whole life - she holds an MA in English literature from Oxford University and attended Harvard's Kennedy School as a post graduate.

Journalism is a family business - her father was the BBC's Latin America correspondent and BBC World Service newsroom editor in chief.

- **Amital Isaac – Assignment Manager**

Isaac was a producer for ABC News' "Good Morning America" out of Washington, D.C. where she produced political segments for coverage of the 2016 presidential election. Before that she was a Video Producer for ABC News Digital, served as a Researcher for the NBC News Medical Unit led by Dr. Nancy Snyderman, associate produced the PBS NOVA documentary entitled "Ground Zero Supertower", and produced graphics on the overnight shift for MSNBC.

A born and raised New Yorker, Amital speaks English, French, Hebrew and Spanish. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in French Literature from Columbia University, a Bachelor of Arts in Jewish Art and Material Culture from the Jewish Theological Seminary, and a Master of Arts in Broadcast Journalism from the City University of New York's Graduate School of Journalism where she did a subject concentration in Health and Science Reporting.

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