

Chris Roper's 'night, Knight' announcement gets social media buzz

Social media is buzzing with the news that *Mail & Guardian Online's* editor-in-chief of six years, Chris Roper, has resigned...



Roper initially made the bittersweet announcement in a Facebook post, [reports News24](#), adding that he's taking up a new position as a Senior Knight Fellow at the International Center for Journalists (ICFJ).

Twitter went wild after the announcement last night, with Roper tweeting:

“ I've never had my own hashtag before... I feel like I've finally arrived. <https://t.co/IsV0Iez1N6>- Chris Roper (@ChrisRoper) [May 6, 2015](#) ”

His new role will involve the International Center for Journalists' Code for Africa (CfAfrica) data journalism initiatives in Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa and Tanzania.

[The ICFJ](#) is dedicated to promoting free, independent press around the world, having explored journalism ethics for the past 30 years.

No replacement has been announced yet for Roper, clarifies [The Mail & Guardian Online](#).