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Week in Review

A highly selective capture of strategic developments, research, commentary, analysis and announcements spanning Human Rights Action, Humanitarian Response, Health, Education, Development, Heritage Stewardship, Peace-Conflict. Achieving a balance across these broad themes is a challenge and we appreciate your observations and ideas in this regard.

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Biodiversity

United Nations Biodiversity Conference

COP 16 / CP-MOP 11 / NP-MOP 5

Cali, Colombia, 21 October - 1 November 2024 [Schedule](#)

Overview

The Conference encompasses the Sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 16), the Eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, and the Fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization. It will include a high-level ministerial segment...

Biodiversity COP 16: Important Agreement Reached Towards Goal of “Making Peace with Nature”

November 2, 2024 CBD Secretariat

CALI, Colombia — The 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 16) was suspended in the morning of Nov. 2 but not before **countries agreed on an expanded role of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in saving biodiversity and a groundbreaking agreement on the operationalization of a new global mechanism to share benefits from digital genetic information.**

The strong results, built on a spirit of compromise, and dialogue, demonstrate that multilateralism can still achieve results in a fractious time. After roughly 12 hours of meeting in the Plenary session, at roughly 9 am COP 16 lost quorum and was suspended before approval of a few last items. It will resume at a later date and venue to complete the agenda.

The results at COP 16 are important strides towards achievement of the 23 targets for 2030 laid out in the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF), adopted at the previous meeting of the Convention’s 196 Parties in Montreal in 2022.

With billions of people depending on nature’s contributions, threats to biodiversity intensifying, and financial resources in short supply, the stakes at COP 16 were high.

Astrid Schomaker, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity, commented, “Over the last weeks, we have seen the largest, whole-of-society mobilization for biodiversity unfold in Cali, triggering interest from around the globe. We have seen Indigenous Peoples and local communities, civil society, businesses and financial institutions, sub-national governments, cities and local authorities, women and youth present remarkable initiatives and action. And through it all, this COP delivered a seminal message: the time has come to make peace with nature. From Cali, this UN Biodiversity Conference sent a powerful call to action. It has never been clearer that the implementation of the Kunming-

Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the Paris Agreement in a synergistic fashion will make peace with nature within reach."...

Among the notable achievements after 12-days of negotiations: *[selected]*

:: Call Fund is Launched: Sharing the Benefits of Digital Genetic Information

Having agreed at COP 15 to establish a multilateral mechanism, including a global fund, to share the benefits from uses of digital sequence information on genetic resources (DSI) more fairly and equitably, delegates at COP 16 advanced its operationalization – a historic decision of global importance.

This complex decision addresses how pharmaceutical, biotechnology, animal and plant breeding and other industries benefiting from DSI should share those benefits with developing countries and Indigenous Peoples and local communities.

Under the agreed guidelines, large companies and other major entities benefiting commercially from DSI uses should **contribute to “the Cali Fund,” based on a percentage of their profits or revenues**. The model targets larger companies most reliant on DSI and exempts academic, public research institutions and other entities using DSI but not directly benefiting.

Developing world countries will benefit from a large part of this fund, with allocations to support implementation of the KMGBF, according to the priorities of those governments.

At least half of the funding is expected to support the self-identified needs of indigenous peoples and local communities, including women and youth within those communities, through government or by direct payments through institutions identified by indigenous peoples and local communities. Some funds may support capacity building and technology transfer.

Strong monitoring and reporting will ensure industries see the impact of their contributions in a transparent and open way, and regular reviews will build the mechanism’s efficiency and efficacy over time.

This agreement marks a precedent for benefit-sharing in biodiversity conservation with a fund designed to return some of the proceeds from the use of biodiversity to protect and restore nature where help is needed most.

:: Strengthening the role of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in Biodiversity Efforts

In a landmark decision at COP 16, Parties adopted a new Programme of Work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities. This transformative programme sets out specific tasks to ensure the **meaningful contribution of indigenous peoples and local communities towards the three objectives of the Convention ((a) the conservation of biological diversity, b) the sustainable use of biological diversity, and c) the fair and equitable sharing of benefits)**, as well as the implementation of the KMGBF. Through this Programme, rights, contributions and traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples and local communities are further embedded in the global agenda.

Parties also agreed to establish a new permanent subsidiary body on article 8j and other Provisions, with its modus operandi to be developed over the next two years. The new Subsidiary Body is expected to elevate issues related to the implementation of Article 8j and enhance the engagement and participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in all convention processes.

A further decision was taken to recognize the role of people of African descent, comprising collectives embodying traditional lifestyles, in implementing the Convention and in the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

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:: Synthetic Biology

Synthetic biology was a prominent topic at COP 16, with an eye toward its potential benefits while considering the risks. To address inequity in the participation of developing countries in the synthetic biology field, the decision introduces **a new thematic action plan** to help address the capacity-

building, technology transfer and knowledge-sharing needs of Parties, and Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities. By helping countries assess and apply synthetic biology technologies, COP 16 aims to foster innovation while safeguarding biodiversity.

An expert group will guide identification of synthetic biology's potential benefits and review the potential impacts of recent technological developments – a unique opportunity to explore synthetic biology in relation to the CBD's three fundamental objectives and in implementing the KMGBF.

:: Invasive Alien Species

COP 16's decision on **invasive alien species addresses one of the top five direct drivers of biodiversity loss**, highlighting the need for international cooperation, capacity-building, and technical support for developing countries. It proposes guidelines for managing invasive alien species, touching on issues such as e-commerce, multicriteria analysis methodologies and others.

New databases, improved cross-border trade regulations, and enhanced coordination with e-commerce platforms aim to address gaps in managing invasive species risks and align with the goals of KMGBF, where cross-sectoral and collaborative approaches are central to biodiversity protection...

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Rule of Law; Global Stability

Failure to respect rule of law risks collapse of global stability

Elders Statements

30 October 2024

Statement:

The Elders express their alarm at the escalating crises facing the world: a proliferation of conflicts, abuse of human rights and insufficient progress on protecting the planet.

The foundations of the post-1945 international order are rotting through neglect, complacency and sabotage, exacerbating the profound lack of trust between countries and a rise in violent conflicts. Hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians are dying as a result.

We struggle to find the words to convey our horror at the destruction unleashed by Israel's government on the people of Gaza, the West Bank and Lebanon in its disproportionate response to the terrorist attacks by Hamas. We remain outraged at Russia's war of aggression on Ukraine, which grinds on relentlessly. And we are revolted by the scale of the killing, total impunity and humanitarian catastrophe in other countries, not least Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

This increasing chaos stems from various causes: violations of international law by many countries (including major powers) over many years, non-compliance and rejection of international agreements, and paralysis within the decision-making bodies charged with preventing and resolving conflicts.

The pursuit of national objectives by military means rather than diplomacy is precisely the opposite of what the architects of the United Nations intended, and what most people in the world still want, which is peace.

The failure of states – including the permanent members of the UN Security Council – to uphold their responsibilities has created a vacuum which geopolitical rivalry and bellicose confrontation is filling. Repeated vetoes on the Security Council are an abuse of the position of permanent members which is

increasingly questioned in a multipolar world where other countries are playing a more constructive role.

The upcoming American presidential election will have long-lasting and global repercussions. Whoever wins on 5 November will bear a heavy responsibility to uphold the legacy of the USA as one of the principal creators of the multilateral system that has underpinned global peace and security since the Second World War.

All of humanity is confronted with existential threats – the climate and nature crisis, pandemics, nuclear weapons and unregulated Artificial Intelligence – that can only be addressed by countries defusing these geopolitical tensions and working together.

Leaders and citizens alike share a responsibility to reject this slide into disorder and anarchy and restore the peaceful resolution of disputes through diplomacy and the rule of law.

The Elders

Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland and Chair of The Elders

Ban Ki-moon, former UN Secretary-General and Deputy Chair of The Elders

Graça Machel, Founder of the Graça Machel Trust, Co-founder and Deputy Chair of The Elders

Gro Harlem Brundtland, former Prime Minister of Norway and former Director-General of the WHO

Helen Clark, former Prime Minister of New Zealand and former head of the UN Development Programme

Elbegdorj Tsakhia, former President and Prime Minister of Mongolia

Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

Hina Jilani, Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan and co-chair of the Taskforce on Justice

Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, former President of Liberia and Nobel Peace Laureate

Denis Mukwege, physician and human rights advocate, Nobel Peace Laureate

Juan Manuel Santos, former President of Colombia and Nobel Peace Laureate

Ernesto Zedillo, former President of Mexico

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Journalist Killings

85% of journalist killings remain unpunished worldwide

UNESCO 2 November 2024

Download the report

UNESCO's new report notes the persistence of a very high rate of impunity for the killings of journalists: 85% of all killings recorded by the Organization since 2006 are considered unresolved. While UNESCO notes an improving trend - the rate was 89% six years ago and 95% twelve years ago - States must significantly increase their efforts to deter new crimes against journalists.

On the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes Against Journalists, UNESCO calls on all states to act on their commitments to end impunity for killing journalists. According to a new UNESCO report, the impunity level is still shockingly high, at 85%, down only 4 points in six years.

New UNESCO tools for prevention and recovery

To advance advocacy against impunity, UNESCO is launching today its annual campaign to raise awareness of the issue of impunity, to be featured in newspapers all over the world. This year's theme is "There's a story behind the story."

On 6 November, UNESCO is holding a global conference on Safety of Journalists in Crises and Emergencies with the African Union in Addis Ababa. UNESCO will present its Global Repository of National Safety Mechanisms for Journalists, which consists of 56 national mechanisms for the protection of journalists and at least 12 national action plans.

UNESCO will also publish a guide for psychologists working with journalists in emergency situations in partnership with the International Women's Media Foundation (IWMF). It is designed to provide psychologists with practical tools to offer immediate psychological support during crises, with a particular focus on the needs of women journalists. The goal is to stabilize emotional and cognitive processes disrupted by traumatic events, enabling journalists to make rational decisions critical for their survival while minimizing impulsive actions that could place them at greater risk.

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Global Education

Global education monitoring report, 2024/5, Leadership in education: lead for learning

UNESCO - Global Education Monitoring Report Team

2024 :: 403 pages

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.54676/EFLH5184> ISBN: 978-92-3-100716-3

251M children and youth still out of school, despite decades of progress (UNESCO report)

31 October 2024

The global out-of-school population has reduced by only 1% in nearly ten years, according to the UNESCO Global Education Monitoring Report 2024 unveiled today. Chronic under-investment in education, particularly in low- and lower-middle income countries, is one of the main causes. In synergy with the G20, chaired this year by Brazil, UNESCO calls on its Member States to leverage innovative financing mechanisms such as debt-for-education swaps.

According to the UNESCO Global Education Monitoring Report 2024, 110M more children and youth have entered school since the UN Sustainable Development Goal on education was adopted in 2015, with more children in school today than ever before. Completion rates are also on the rise: 40M more young people are completing secondary school today than in 2015.

However, during the same period, the out-of-school population has reduced by only 1%. As a result of this global stagnation, 251M children and youth are still not in school worldwide. Regional disparities remain stark: 33% of school-aged children and youth in low-income countries are out of school, compared to only 3% in high-income countries. More than half of all out-of-school children and adolescents in the world are in the sub-Saharan African region...

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Human Rights

China: Emergency Response Law Revised to Enhance Information Reporting, Rights Protection, and Resource Management

Global Legal Monitor & Legal Reports – Library of Congress/USA

Article

On November 1, 2024, the revised Emergency Response Law of the People's Republic of China took effect. The law was originally enacted in 2007 and revised by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress on June 28, 2024....

Safeguards for Personal Rights

The new law requires emergency measures to match the threat's nature and severity, and where multiple options are available, to prioritize those that best protect individuals, organizations, and the environment with minimal harm, adjusting them as conditions evolve for accuracy and effectiveness. (Art. 10.) Additionally, it prioritizes the protection of vulnerable groups, including minors, the elderly, persons with disabilities, pregnant and nursing women, and those in urgent need of medical care (art. 11), ensuring their rights and needs are safeguarded during emergencies.

The new law introduces several provisions on personal data protection, addressing concerns over the excessive use of health codes during the pandemic. Government may request necessary information for emergency response, but only within legal limits, ensuring confidentiality. Authorities must also safeguard citizens' communication freedom and privacy of correspondence. (Art. 83.) Entities involved in emergency efforts must follow legal procedures when accessing personal data and ensure its security. These entities are prohibited from illegally collecting, using, disclosing, or selling such information. (Art. 84.) Personal data collected for emergencies can only be used for that specific purpose and must be destroyed afterward, unless legally required for retention. In such cases, authorities must ensure legality, necessity, and data security. (Art. 85.)

The revision to the Emergency Response Law was prompted by new challenges that have arisen in recent ... Continue reading "China: Emergency Response Law Revised to..."

Contributor: Zhang, Laney

Date: 2024-10-31

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Gaza/OPT

Gaza: Strike hits health centre as polio vaccine campaign resumes in ravaged north

UN News 2 November 2024

The long-awaited final phase of a UN-supported polio vaccine campaign began on Saturday in bombarded, besieged northern Gaza even as **reports emerged that one vaccination centre had been hit during a humanitarian pause, according to UN agencies on the ground.**

Hours after the campaign rolled out, reports indicated that a healthcare centre in the north had been hit, injuring six people, including four children, in a location where a humanitarian pause had been in place, according to the World Health Organization (WHO) chief.

"We have received an extremely concerning report that the Sheikh Radwan primary healthcare centre in northern Gaza was struck today while parents were bringing their children to the lifesaving polio vaccination in an area where a humanitarian pause was agreed to allow vaccination to proceed, " said Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus in a social media post. He said a WHO team was at the site just before.

"This attack, during humanitarian pause, jeopardises the sanctity of health protection for children and may deter parents from bringing their children for vaccination," he said. "These vital humanitarian-area-specific pauses must be absolutely respected."...

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Statement by Principals of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee: Stop the assault on Palestinians in Gaza and on those trying to help them

1 November 2024

We, the leaders of 15 United Nations and humanitarian organizations, urge, yet again, all parties fighting in Gaza to protect civilians and call on the State of Israel to cease its assault on Gaza and on the humanitarians trying to help.

The situation unfolding in North Gaza is apocalyptic. The area has been under siege for almost a month, denied basic aid and life-saving supplies while bombardment and other attacks continue. Just in the past few days, hundreds of Palestinians have been killed, most of them women and children, and thousands have once again been forcibly displaced.

Hospitals have been almost entirely cut off from supplies and have come under attack, killing patients, destroying vital equipment, and disrupting life-saving services. Health workers and patients have been taken into custody. Fighting has also reportedly taken place inside hospitals. Dozens of schools serving as shelters have been bombed or forcibly evacuated. Tents sheltering displaced families have been shelled, and people have been burned alive. Rescue teams have been deliberately attacked and thwarted in their attempts to pull people buried under the rubble of their homes.

The needs of women and girls are overwhelming and growing every day. We have lost contact with those we support and those who provide lifesaving essential services for sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence.

And we have received reports of civilians being targeted while trying to seek safety, and of men and boys being arrested and taken to unknown locations for detention. Livestock are also dying, croplands have been destroyed, trees burned to the ground, and agri-food systems infrastructure has been decimated.

The entire Palestinian population in North Gaza is at imminent risk of dying from disease, famine and violence.

Humanitarian aid cannot keep up with the scale of the needs due to the access constraints. Basic, life-saving goods are not available. Humanitarians are not safe to do their work and are blocked by Israeli forces and by insecurity from reaching people in need. In a further blow to the humanitarian response, the polio vaccination campaign has been delayed due to the fighting, putting the lives of children in the region at risk.

And this week, **the Israeli Parliament adopted legislation that would ban UNRWA and revoke its privileges and immunities. If implemented, such measures would be a catastrophe for the humanitarian response in Gaza**, diametrically opposed to the United Nations Charter, with potential dire impacts on the human rights of the millions of Palestinians depending on UNRWA's assistance, and in violation of Israel's obligations under international law.

Let us be very clear: There is no alternative to UNRWA.

The blatant disregard for basic humanity and for the laws of war must stop.

- International humanitarian law, including the rules of distinction, proportionality and precautions, must be respected. IHL obligations do not depend on reciprocity. No violation by one party ever releases the other from its legal obligations.
- Attacks against civilians and what remains of civilian infrastructure in Gaza must stop.

- Humanitarian relief must be facilitated, and we urge all parties to provide unimpeded access to affected people. Additionally, commercial goods must be allowed to enter Gaza.
- The wounded and sick must receive the care they need. Medical personnel and hospitals must be spared. Hospitals should not turn into battlegrounds.
- Unlawfully detained Palestinians must be released.

Israel must comply with the provisional orders and determinations of the International Court of Justice. Hamas and other Palestinian armed groups must release the hostages immediately and unconditionally and must abide by international humanitarian law.

Member States must use their leverage to ensure respect for international law. This includes withholding arms transfers where there is a clear risk that such arms will be used in violation of international law.

The entire region is on the edge of a precipice. An immediate cessation of hostilities and a sustained, unconditional ceasefire are long overdue.

Signatories:

- Ms. Joyce Msuya, Acting Emergency Relief Coordinator and Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
- Ms. Nimo Hassan, MBE, Chair, International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA)
- Mr. Jamie Munn, Executive Director, International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA)
- Ms. Amy E. Pope, Director General, International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- Mr. Volker Türk, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
- Ms. Abby Maxman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Oxfam
- Ms. Paula Gaviria Betancur, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons (SR on HR of IDPs)
- Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Ms. Anacláudia Rossbach, Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat)
- Mr. Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- Dr. Natalia Kanem, Executive Director, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- Ms. Catherine Russell, Executive Director, UN Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- Ms. Sima Bahous, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director, UN Women
- Ms. Cindy McCain, Executive Director, World Food Programme (WFP)
- Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization (WHO)

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WFP sounds alarm: urgent action needed as food insecurity in Gaza reaches critical levels

29 October 2024

ROME – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) warns that the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza could soon escalate into famine unless immediate action is taken. As winter approaches, the lack of food and other vital humanitarian supplies entering the Strip will likely lead to catastrophic consequences...

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New UN report: Impacts of war have set back development in Gaza by as much as 69 years

Without lifting economic restrictions, enabling recovery, and investing in development, the Palestinian economy may not be able to restore pre-war levels and advance forward by relying on humanitarian aid alone.

October 22, 2024

[Download the assessment](#)

Cairo – A new assessment that the UN Development Programme (UNDP) and the UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA) launched today estimates that **poverty in the State of Palestine will rise to 74.3 percent in 2024, affecting 4.1 million people, including 2.61 million people who are newly impoverished.**

The assessment, titled '*Gaza War: Expected socioeconomic impacts on the State of Palestine*' also projects that the **gross domestic product (GDP) will contract by 35.1 percent in 2024 compared with a no-war scenario, with unemployment potentially rising to 49.9 percent.**

The new assessment builds on and updates findings of two earlier assessments published in [November 2023](#) and [May 2024](#). The new assessment also examines the extent and depth of deprivation, employing Multidimensional Poverty indicators and includes recovery prospects in the State of Palestine after a ceasefire is reached.

The assessment suggests that a comprehensive recovery and reconstruction plan, combining humanitarian aid with strategic investments in recovery and reconstruction along with lifting economic restrictions and promoting recovery-enabling conditions, could help put the Palestinian economy on a restorative track to realign with Palestinian development plans by 2034. But this scenario can only play out if recovery efforts are unrestricted...

More key findings from the assessment:

- By the end of 2024, development as measured by the Human Development Index (HDI) could drop to levels not seen since HDI calculations for the State of Palestine began in 2004. However, using linear backward extrapolation, the assessment projects that:
- For the State of Palestine, the HDI will fall to 0.643—a level estimated for 2000, setting development back by 24 years.
- For Gaza the HDI is projected to drop to 0.408—a level estimated for 1955, erasing over 69 years of progress.
- The HDI for the West Bank is expected to decline to 0.676, reflecting a loss of 16 years, which is likely to further worsen, the assessment warns, if military incursions into the West Bank expand.
- The assessment finds that the war has also severely exacerbated the extent of deprivation as measured by the Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI).
- For the State of Palestine, the MPI is projected to rise sharply from the 10.2 percent measured in 2017 to an estimated 30.1 percent in 2024. The most affected dimensions, where all indicators have significantly worsened, include housing conditions, access to services, and safety.
- The greatest increases in deprivation rates across MPI indicators are observed in freedom of movement, monetary resources, unemployment, access to healthcare and school enrolment. The number of people living in multidimensional poverty has more than doubled during this period, rising from 24.1 percent to 55.4 percent...

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:: Agency/Government/IGO Watch

We will monitor a growing number of relevant agency, government and IGO organizations for key media releases, announcements, research, and initiatives. Generally, we will focus on regional or global level content recognizing limitation of space, meaning country-specific coverage is limited. Please suggest additional organizations to monitor.

United Nations – Secretary General, Security Council, General Assembly [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.un.org/press/en>

Meetings Coverage/Press Releases [Selected]

1 November 2024 SC/15883

Security Council Adopts Presidential Statement, Expresses Deep Concern about Challenging Situation in Central African Region

The Security Council today unanimously adopted a presidential statement on the Central African region, introduced by the representative of the United Kingdom, President for November, expressing deep concern about the challenging security situation in the subregion.

1 November 2024 GA/12651

Human Rights Council Advancing Work Despite International Atmosphere, President Tells General Assembly, as Delegates Denounce 'Disgrace' of Humanitarian Situation in Gaza

Protection of civilians in conflicts where violations run rampant has been a top priority for the Human Rights Council, the body's chief told the General Assembly today, as Member States called the humanitarian situation in Gaza a "disgrace" to the entire international human rights order.

31 October 2024 SC/15880

During Security Council's Second Ukraine Meeting in Two Days, Speakers Voice Alarm at Presence of Third-Party Military Personnel, Arms Transfers to Warring Parties

Debating the continuing transfer of arms supplies to the warring parties in Ukraine, speakers in the Security Council meeting requested by the Russian Federation voiced concerns over the potential diversion and proliferation of weapons in this and other conflicts, with many calling the military cooperation between Moscow and Pyongyang "alarming".

30 October 2024 SC/15877

Delegates Alarmed over Reported Russian-Democratic People's Republic of Korea Military Cooperation, as Top UN Official Says Escalating War in Ukraine Causing More Suffering

The Russian Federation's invasion of Ukraine continues to inflict suffering on civilians, as well as inflame regional and global tensions, a senior United Nations official told the Security Council today, as speakers voiced alarm over the reported military cooperation between Moscow and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), with troops from Pyongyang expected to participate in ground operations.

29 October 2024 SC/15871

We Are 'At the Most Dangerous Juncture in the Middle East in Decades', Warns Special Coordinator, Urging All Efforts to De-escalate Situation

The unrelenting violence in the Middle East is further diminishing the prospects for a sustainable resolution in the region, warned Tor Wennesland, Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, as he urged all efforts to de-escalate the situation towards an immediate ceasefire and, ultimately, the two-State solution, as Member States joined the Security Council during its quarterly open debate on the situation in the region and the question of Palestine.

28 October 2024 SC/15868

[Emphasizing Need to End Cycle of Violence in Middle East, Security Council Urges Israel, Iran to Cease Military Actions in Preventing All-Out War in Region](#)

All parties must exercise maximum restraint and immediately de-escalate to break the dangerous cycle of retaliation and prevent a full-blown war in the Middle East, speakers told the Security Council today during yet another emergency meeting on the escalating crisis in the region, following Israel's 25 October air strikes against Iran, which earlier in the month launched missile strikes against Israel.

UN Human Rights – OHCHR [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/latest>

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Syrian Arab Republic

[Syria being pulled into the catastrophic conflict engulfing the region, UN Commission warns](#)

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Impunity

[Türk calls on States to end impunity for crimes against journalists](#)

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[Ukraine: Torture by Russian authorities amounts to crimes against humanity, says UN Commission of Inquiry](#)

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International order

[Bridging the North-South divide key to fostering global democratic order: UN expert](#)

Country reports Special Procedures

28 October 2024

[A/79/508: Situation of human rights in the Russian Federation - Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Russian Federation, "Torture in the Russian Federation: a tool for repression at home and aggression abroad".](#)

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 02 Nov 2024]

https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/news?field_content_category=162&field_entity=1203

Council News

[South Sudan's fragile peace prospects rest on addressing the impunity and corruption that drive human rights violations, experts tell UN General Assembly](#)

30/10/2024

Sudan: UN Fact-Finding Mission documents large-scale sexual violence and other human rights violations in newly issued report

29/10/2024

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRC/Pages/CRCIndex.aspx>

Latest news

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Children/Pages/ChildrenIndex.aspx>

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No new digest content identified.

SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://childrenandarmedconflict.un.org/virtual-library/press-release-archive/>

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SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.un.org/sexualviolenceinconflict/>

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No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/poverty/pages/srextremepovertyindex.aspx>

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Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/culturalrights/pages/srculturalrightsindex.aspx>

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France: Hijab bans in sports are discriminatory and must be reversed, say experts

Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/ipeoples/srindigenouspeoples/pages/sripeoplesindex.aspx>

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Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/migration/srmigrants/pages/srmigrantsindex.aspx>

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UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 02 Nov 2024]

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[News comment: Thailand takes major step towards ending statelessness](#)

1 November 2024 *Press releases*

[UNHCR calls for urgent help for 228,000 flood-affected people in West Africa](#)

31 October 2024 *Press releases*

[UN agencies warn of spiraling Sudan crisis as civilians face grave risks and famine threat grows amid access barriers](#)

25 October 2024 *Press releases*

[News comment: UN High Commissioner for Refugees calls for global support as more people flee to Uganda](#)

22 October 2024 *Press releases*

UN OCHA Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs [to 02 Nov 2024]

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[Today's top news: Occupied Palestinian Territory, Lebanon, Sudan](#)

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[Extreme floods test survival and resilience in a conflict-ridden part of Nigeria](#)

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Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 02 Nov 2024]

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IOM [International Organization for Migration] [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://www.iom.int>

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[Stop the Assault on Palestinians in Gaza and on those Trying to Help Them - Statement by IASC Principals](#)

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[IOM Expands Mpox Appeal to Reach Migrants and IDPs Across Africa](#)

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[UNRWA is Irreplaceable](#)

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[Displacement in Sudan Crosses 11 Million as Devastating Crisis Reaches New Heights: IOM Chief](#)

Live Broadcast 29 Oct 2024

[Briefing on Sudan: IOM Director General Amy Pope](#)

UNAIDS [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://www.unaids.org/en>

News, Stories, Updates

Press release

[G20 commits to fighting the inequalities driving AIDS and other pandemics. Leaders back new initiative to widen production of medicines in every region](#)

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, 1 November 2024 — Ministers at the G20 Ministerial in Rio De Janeiro have made new commitments to tackle AIDS and other pandemics, through addressing the inequalities driving them, both globally and nationally.

The commitments have been welcomed as a potential breakthrough against AIDS and other pandemics by international experts including Nobel Prize Winning Economist Joseph E. Stiglitz, world-leading epidemiologist Sir Michael Marmot, and former First Lady of Namibia Monica Geingos. The experts, who are the Co-Chairs of the Global Council on Inequality, AIDS, and Pandemics established by UNAIDS, have been in Brazil as part of the Council's engagement of the G20.

G20 leaders have committed, for the first time, to prepare to confront future pandemics by tackling the inequalities which drive them—addressing the social determinants driving pandemics. Committing to measure and address social determinants—factors like education, income inequality, and discrimination that have proven as important to pandemic preparedness and response as medical care—reflects an important step in addressing key drivers of health emergencies...

UNICEF [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.unicef.org/media/press-releases>

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Statement 01 November 2024

Stop the assault on Palestinians in Gaza and on those trying to help them

NEW YORK/GENEVA/ROME, 1 November 2024 – "We the leaders of 15 United Nations and humanitarian organizations urge, yet again, all parties fighting in Gaza to protect civilians, and call on the State of Israel to cease its assault on Gaza and on the humanitarians trying to help. "The situation unfolding in Nor...

Statement 01 November 2024

Polio vaccination campaign to resume in northern Gaza

EAST JERUSALEM/AMMAN/GENEVA/NEW YORK;1 November 2024 - "A third phase of the polio vaccination campaign is set to begin tomorrow in part of the northern Gaza Strip after being postponed from 23 October 2024 due to lack of access and assured, comprehensive humanitarian pauses, intense bombardment, and mass ev...

Statement 31 October 2024

War in Lebanon inflicting devastating physical and emotional impacts on children

NEW YORK, 31 October 2024 "The ongoing war in Lebanon is upending children's lives, and in many cases, inflicting severe physical wounds and deep emotional scars. "According to the Lebanese Ministry of Public Health, 166 children have been killed since October 2023, while at least 1,168 have been injur...

Statement 31 October 2024

UNICEF statement on Israeli legislation on UNRWA

NEW YORK, 30 October 2024 "UNRWA is the main UN agency providing essential services and protection to Palestinians in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and is the backbone of the humanitarian response in Gaza. As the Secretary-General has said, 'there is no alternative to UNRWA.' "UNRWA is the only U...

Statement 28 October 2024

At least ten children reportedly killed in escalating violence in Sudan's Al Jazirah State

NEW YORK, 28 October 2024 – "I am deeply alarmed by the spiralling violence against children and families in Sudan's Al Jazirah State. Reports of mass killings, widespread sexual violence against women and girls, and the destruction of homes and livelihoods are appalling. "In just the past week, at least 124 peopl...

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WHO & Regional Offices [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.who.int/news>

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1 November 2024 *Statement*

Statement by Principals of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee – Stop the assault on Palestinians in Gaza and on those trying to help them

We the leaders of 15 United Nations and humanitarian organizations urge, yet again, all parties fighting in Gaza to protect civilians, and call on the State of Israel to cease its assault on Gaza and on the humanitarians trying to help...

1 November 2024 *News release*

Global Model WHO youth delegates urge swift action on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response

1 November 2024 *News release*

Quadripartite partners organize High-Level One Health meeting in collaboration with Brazil's Ministry of Health at the G20 Summit

The Quadripartite collaboration on One Health – comprising the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) – co-organized the G20 High-Level Meeting on One Health on 30 October 2024. This event featured a panel discussion titled "Creating an Enabling Environment for One Health Implementation," emphasizing the critical need for robust governance and multisectoral coordination to advance the One Health approach, supported by real-life examples from various countries...

The panel discussion aimed to foster dialogue and create an enabling environment for One Health at global, regional, and national levels. It highlighted the necessity of effective governance, multisectoral coordination, legal frameworks, political commitment, and sustainable financing to tackle global health challenges. Ministerial speakers from G20 countries shared valuable insights and experiences, facilitating knowledge exchange to identify collaborative efforts that can enhance impact. Engaging high-level leaders reinforced the commitment of G20 nations to advance One Health implementation and laid the groundwork for future collaboration...

1 November 2024 *News release*

G20 health ministers rally support for WHO's Investment Round

1 November 2024 *Statement*

Polio vaccination campaign to resume in northern Gaza

A third phase of the polio vaccination campaign is set to begin tomorrow in part of the northern Gaza Strip after being postponed from 23 October 2024 due to lack of access and assured, comprehensive humanitarian pauses, intense bombardment, and mass evacuation orders. These conditions made it impossible for families to safely bring their children for vaccination and to organize campaign activities...

30 October 2024 *News release*

WHO lists additional mpox diagnostic tests for emergency use

29 October 2024 *News release*

WHO and partners activate Global Health Emergency Corps for the first time in response to mpox outbreak

29 October 2024 *News release*

Tuberculosis resurges as top infectious disease killer

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WHO Regional Offices

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WHO African Region

:: 31 October 2024

African health ministers, delegates adopt declaration on climate change and health

:: 30 October 2024

South Sudan intensifies efforts to curb cholera outbreak

:: 28 October 2024

WHO in Africa, WomenLift Health sign pivotal agreement to strengthen women's leadership in health

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: 1 Nov 2024

PAHO to facilitate access to maternal vaccines to protect babies in the Americas from respiratory syncytial virus

Washington, D.C., November 1, 2024 (PAHO) – Starting in the first quarter of 2025, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), through its Regional Revolving Funds, will provide countries of the Americas with affordable access to the vaccine against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), a leading cause of pediatric hospitalization and death from...

:: 1 Nov 2024

Tuberculosis resurges as top infectious disease killer

New global report shows that while cases continue to rise in the Americas, improvements in diagnosis and treatment are helping to reduce deaths1 November 2024 – The World Health Organization (WHO) published a new report on tuberculosis (TB) revealing that globally, approximately 8.2 million people were newly diagnosed with TB in 2023 - the...

:: 31 Oct 2024

PAHO issues epidemiological alert for measles cases in the Americas

Washington, DC, October 31, 2024 (PAHO) – The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) has issued an epidemiological alert due to the recent identification of clusters and cases of measles in the Americas, urging countries to intensify their vaccination and surveillance efforts. In the alert published on Monday, PAHO reported that, in 2024 up to...

:: 29 Oct 2024

PAHO observes International Day of Care and Support, calling for support for dependent people and their caregivers

Washington, DC, October 29, 2024 (PAHO) – The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) joins in the observance of the International Day of Care and Support today, to highlight the vital role of care at all stages of life. PAHO urges the implementation of policies that not only support dependent people but also strengthen the care workforce. As...

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

No new digest content identified.

WHO European Region EURO

:: 31 October 2024 *News release*

WHO European Region Member States adopt two landmark health emergency action plans: Preparedness 2.0 strategy and action plan and the Emergency Medical Teams regional action plan 2024–2030

:: 31 October 2024 *News release*

WHO European Region Member States adopt new vision for resilient and sustainable health systems

:: 30 October 2024 *Media release*

Dr Hans Henri P. Kluge nominated by Member States to serve as WHO Regional Director for Europe for a second 5-year term

:: 29 October 2024 *News release*

Advancing the implementation of the One Health approach in the WHO European Region

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: **WHO and the UK sign an agreement to support patients from Gaza in Egypt**

28 October 2024

WHO Western Pacific Region

No new digest content identified.

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WHO - Emergency situation reports

Latest WHO official reports for emergency situations. Latest WHO official reports for emergency situations.

No new digest content identified.

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Disease Outbreak News (DONs)

Latest WHO Disease Outbreak News (DONs), providing information on confirmed acute public health events or potential events of concern.

[1 November 2024 | Marburg virus disease - Rwanda](#)

[31 October 2024 | Malaria - Ethiopia](#)

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Weekly Epidemiological Record

<https://www.who.int/publications/journals/weekly-epidemiological-record>

Vol. 99, No. 44, pp. 641–652 1 November 2024

PDF: <https://iris.who.int/bitstream/handle/10665/379414/WER9944-eng-fre.pdf>

:: Routine vaccination coverage – worldwide, 2023

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New WHO Publications

<https://www.who.int/publications/i>

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[Global tuberculosis report 2024](#)

29 October 2024

[Joint external evaluation of the International Health Regulations \(2005\) core capacities of the United...](#)

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[WHO pharmaceuticals newsletter - No. 4, 2024](#)

28 October 2024

[Governance of the private healthcare sector in low- and middle-income countries: a scoping review of...](#)

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World Organisation for Animal Health [OIE] [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.oie.int/en/>

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UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://www.unfpa.org/press/press-release>

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No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.undp.org/news-centre>

News Centre

Thriving nature is an indicator of successful human development

Statement by Marcos Neto, UN Assistant Secretary-General, and Director of UNDP's Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, as delivered at the High Level Plenary, COP16 at Cali, Colombia
October 30, 2024

New UN report: Impacts of war have set back development in Gaza by as much as 69 years

Without lifting economic restrictions, enabling recovery, and investing in development, the Palestinian economy may not be able to restore pre-war levels and advance forward by relying on humanitarian aid alone.

October 22, 2024

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://sdgs.un.org/>

News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/default.htm>

<http://unstats.un.org/sdgs/>

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No new digest content identified.

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.unenvironment.org/>

Resources [Selected]

28 Oct 2024 | *Press Release*

World must act faster to protect 30% of the planet by 2030

The international community has made some headway on pledges to protect 30% of the Earth by 2030 but progress must accelerate, the official progress report from the UN Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has found.

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.undrr.org/>

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Press release

G20 Ministerial Declaration on Disaster Risk Reduction

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.un.org/en/articles-by-property-w-date/81254>

Articles - Selected

01 Nov 2024 | DESA

Social development in times of converging crises: A call for global action

1 November 2024 - Global shocks and crises have become more intense, widespread and interlinked, creating consequential challenges to social development. Pandemics, violent conflicts and a spate of climate-related disasters have hit the most vulnerable people and societies the hardest.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/all-news-recent>

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ILO research explores private sector perspectives on business resilience in small island developing states

Business resilience in the Pacific and Caribbean

31 October 2024

ILO Director-General calls for enhanced international cooperation to address global labour challenges

28 October 2024

UNESCO [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.unesco.org/en/newsroom>

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Press release

85% of journalist killings remain unpunished worldwide (UNESCO report)

On the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes Against Journalists, UNESCO calls on all states to act on their commitments to end impunity for killing journalists. According to a new UNESCO report, the impunity level is still shockingly high, at 85%, down only 4 points in six years.

2 November 2024

251M children and youth still out of school, despite decades of progress (UNESCO report)

31 October 2024

G20: UNESCO calls for greater gender equality in science

28 October 2024

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.icomos.org/en/>

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No new digest content identified.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/press/allpress.html?ref=fp>

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UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

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News 29 October 2024

[World Urban Forum 12 \(WUF12\) unites global leaders to address urbanization challenges](#)

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.fao.org/home/en/>

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[New UN report warns of conflict-induced famine and catastrophic hunger in 5 major hotspots alongside the looming La Niña climate threat in others](#)

Acute food insecurity is set to increase in magnitude and severity in 22 countries and territories
25/10/2024

World Food Programme [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.wfp.org/news>

Selected News Releases [Selected]

1 November 2024

[WFP calls for cash to frontload South Sudan operations amid warnings of rising hunger](#)

JUBA – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) is urgently appealing to donors to provide early funding for next year's operations in South Sudan so the food agency can preposition food to prevent spiralling operational costs and hunger through 2025.

31 October 2024

[New UN report warns of conflict-induced famine and catastrophic hunger in 5 major hotspots alongside the looming La Niña climate threat in others](#)

Acute food insecurity is set to increase in magnitude and severity in 22 countries and territories

29 October 2024

[WFP sounds alarm: urgent action needed as food insecurity in Gaza reaches critical levels](#)

ROME – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) warns that the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza could soon escalate into famine unless immediate action is taken. As winter approaches, the lack of food and other vital humanitarian supplies entering the Strip will likely lead to catastrophic consequences.

29 October 2024

[WFP responds to devastating floods in Mali that have affected 350,000 people](#)

BAMAKO – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) is ramping up its lifesaving response to people affected by the devastating floods in Mali. Since the start of the rainy season in June, unusually

heavy downpours have caused flooding in many regions forcing the government to declare a state of national catastrophe in August, while appealing for immediate support to 350,000 people affected.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.icao.int/>

Latest News and Highlights [Selected]

Aviation's green transition is industry's "greatest opportunity", ICAO Secretary General tells airline leaders

28/10/24

IMO [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.imo.org/>

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No new digest content identified.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://public.wmo.int>

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G20 declaration: reduce vulnerabilities and address inequalities

News 01 November 2024

A G20 Disaster Risk Reduction Ministerial Declaration on “reducing vulnerabilities and addressing inequalities” has reaffirmed the need for accessible and inclusive Multi-hazard Early Warning Systems (MHEWS) and to enable early and anticipatory action, placing people's lives and livelihoods at its core.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.upu.int/en/News-Media/Press/Press-Releases>

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No new digest content identified.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.unido.org/news>

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No new digest content identified.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.iso.org/news>

News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/>

Press releases [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.cbd.int/>

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United Nations Biodiversity Conference COP 16 / CP-MOP 11 / NP-MOP 5

Cali, Colombia, 21 October - 1 November 2024

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DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.] [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.darpa.mil/news>

No new digest content identified.

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USAID [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases>

Press Releases [Selected]

USAID Provides More Than \$26 Million to Global Financing Facility to Support Health Workers and Strengthen Primary Health Care

November 1, 2024

The United States, through USAID, announced it provided an additional \$26.7 million to the Global Financing Facility (GFF) in a continued push to support health workers and advance primary health care. The announcement will be highlighted on the sidelines of next week's GFF 19th Investors' Group meeting and Trust Fund Committee meeting in Abuja, Nigeria. This funding will strengthen country and global efforts to increase access to resilient, responsive, and sustainable primary health care and health workforces.

USAID Announces New Project to Strengthen Systems that Prevent, Detect, and Respond to New and Emerging Health Threats

October 30, 2024

Today, the United States Agency for International Development announced a new project that will strengthen the capacity of our partner countries to prevent, detect, and respond to the increasing occurrence and severity of epidemics, pandemics, and novel infectious disease threats.

USAID Announces More Than \$57 Million to Drive Agricultural Innovation

October 29, 2024

The United States, through USAID, committed \$57.4 million, working with Congress, to accelerate food security initiatives and advance novel climate-smart agricultural solutions to reduce global hunger, poverty, and undernutrition. Announced at the 2024 World Food Prize Borlaug Dialogue in Iowa, more than \$38 million will support Feed the Future – the U.S. government's global hunger initiative - Innovation Labs.

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [U.K.] [nee DFID] [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/foreign-commonwealth-development-office>

Press releases; Speeches

FCDO Indo-Pacific Minister statement on North Korea ICBM launch

31 October 2024 — *Press release*

The UK has condemned the launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile by North Korea on 30 October.

Middle East: Foreign Secretary's statement, 28 October 2024

28 October 2024 — *Statement to Parliament*

Foreign Secretary David Lammy gave an oral statement to the House of Commons on the situation in the Middle East.

UK sanctions Putin's interference actors

28 October 2024 — *Press release*

The UK has sanctioned 3 Russian agencies and 3 senior figures who are attempting to undermine and destabilise Ukraine and its democracy.

ECHO [to 02 Nov 2024]

https://ec.europa.eu/echo/news-stories/news_en

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News article 30 October 2024

EU releases €1.5 million in response to the impact of tropical cyclone Trami in the Philippines

In response to the impact of tropical cyclone Trami in the Philippines (where it was named Kristine), the EU has approved €1.5 million in humanitarian aid to help the most affected populations.

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African Union [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://www.au.int>

Press releases [Selected]

Pan-African Youth Forum

November 01, 2024 to November 04, 2024

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://asean.org/category/news/>

Secretariat News [Selected]

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European Commission

<https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/home/en>

Latest [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

OECD [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.oecd.org/>

Newsroom [Selected]

OECD kicks off accession process with Thailand

Press release 30 October 2024

OECD Secretary-General Mathias Cormann publicly launched the process of Thailand's accession to the OECD in Bangkok today, formally handing over the Roadmap for accession by the second largest economy in Southeast Asia.

The OECD Council adopted the Roadmap for the Accession of Thailand on 10 July 2024, following the decision to begin accession discussions with Thailand on 17 June. Following Indonesia, Thailand became the second accession country from Southeast Asia, one of the most dynamic growth regions in the world...

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 02 Nov 2024]

https://www.oas.org/en/media_center/press_releases.asp

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Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://new.oic-oci.org/SitePages/latestnews.aspx>

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Israeli Occupation Authorities Launch a Campaign against the Olive Harvest Season for the Third Consecutive Week

Weekly Report of the Media Observatory of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) on Israeli Crimes against the Palestinians • Israeli Occupation Authorities Launch a Campaign

2024-10-29

OIC Calls on the International Community to Confront the Invalid Measures of Israel, the Occupying power, against UNRWA

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) condemned in the strongest terms the vote by the Knesset of Israel, the occupying power, on an invalid bill

2024-10-29

Group of 77 [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://www.g77.org/>

Latest Statements and Speeches [Selected]

Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Mr. Marvin Ikondere, Permanent Mission of Uganda to the United Nations, on agenda item 78, **"United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law"**, at the Sixth Committee of the UN General Assembly (New York, 1 November 2024)

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UNCTAD [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://unctad.org/media-centre>

Press Releases

29 Oct 2024 –

UNCTAD calls for a "rethink" of development strategies amid global economic slowdown and rising social discontent

UNCTAD/PRESS/PR/2024/023

Geneva, Switzerland

- Low growth, high debt, weak investment and the fragmentation of global trade are exacerbating economic divides between industrialized and developing countries in a context of turbocharged technological revolution, demanding a fresh approach to achieving sustainable and inclusive growth.

- Growing South- South trade, the green transition and demand for critical minerals can open opportunities for growth for developing countries but will require new development policies and multilateral support to face debt, environmental, trade and investment challenges.

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 015 Oct 2022]

<http://www.wcoomd.org/>

Latest News

29 October 2024

[Exploratory Study on the possible Strategic Review of the Harmonized System: A Step Toward Modernization](#)

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.unwto.org/news>

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All Regions Tourism Data

[UN Tourism and ILO Launch Employment Dataset to Support Monitoring of the SDGs](#)

30 Oct 2024

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 02 Nov 2024]

http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news_e.htm

WTO News and Events [Selected]

[European Council President: For multilateralism to work we need trust, trade and to transform](#)

1 November 2024

The President of the European Council, Charles Michel, has called on the international community to rebuild trust, boost trade and transform multilateral institutions to make the world more peaceful and prosperous. Mr Michel was delivering on 1 November the fifth lecture in the Presidential Lecture Series at the WTO's headquarters in Geneva.

[United States gives USD 180,000 to support food, animal and plant health standards](#)

28 October 2024

The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is contributing USD 180,000 (approximately CHF 156,000) to the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) to help developing economies meet international food safety, animal and plant health standards, and facilitate safe trade. The contribution will help advance STDF work to improve access to global and regional markets for developing economies and least-developed countries (LDCs). FDA has contributed between USD 180,000 and USD 200,000 USD annually, for a total of USD 2,140,000 since 2014, pledging similar support for 2025.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.ipu.org/news/press-releases>

Press releases

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[10 actions to strengthen national climate commitments](#)

International Court of Justice [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://www.icj-cij.org/en/press-releases>

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No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 02 Nov 2024]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

<https://www.icc-cpi.int/>

News

[Ntaganda case: ICC Appeals Chamber delivers judgment on reparative justice](#)

Press Release 1 November 2024

[Kony Case: Pre-Trial Chamber III to hold the confirmation of charges hearing in absentia](#)

Press Release 29 October 2024

[ICC President addresses United Nations General Assembly to present Court's annual report](#)

Press Release 29 October 2024

International Law Commission [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://legal.un.org/ilc/>

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International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.itlos.org/en/main/latest-news/>

Latest News

28 October 2024

[New arbitrator appointed in the arbitral proceedings instituted by Ukraine against the Russian Federation](#)

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World Bank [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/all>

All News [Selected]

[Transforming Health: The World Bank's Shift from Crisis Response to Building Health System Resilience in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

Synopsis Transitioning from immediate response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the World Bank is spearheading a resilience-focused health systems transformation in Latin America and the Caribbean, emphasizing...

Date: November 01, 2024 Type: Result Brief

[Mauritania hosts the Nouakchott+10 Forum: A new direction for livestock and pastoralism in the Sahel and West Africa](#)

MEDIA ADVISORY Nouakchott, October 31, 2024 - The Islamic Republic of Mauritania will host a high-level forum on livestock and pastoralism in the Sahel and West Africa from November 6 to 8, 2024...

Date: October 31, 2024 Type: Press Release

Enhanced Migration Policies Can Help Drive Growth and Competitiveness in Europe and Central Asia

WASHINGTON, Oct 31, 2024—Aging populations are making migration increasingly vital for unlocking economic growth, boosting competitiveness, and tackling inequalities in Europe and Central Asia (ECA), according...

Date: October 31, 2024 Type: Press Release Language: English

The Journey Ahead: Supporting Successful Migration in Europe and Central Asia

DOWNLOAD Report | OVERVIEW The Journey Ahead: Supporting Successful Migration in Europe and Central Asia provides an in-depth analysis of migration trends in Europe and Central Asia (ECA) and the...

Date: October 31, 2024 Type: Publication Language: English

Pandemic Fund Raises US\$982 million in New Commitments from Governments and an Additional US\$1.8 billion in Co-financing from International Partner Organizations in the First Three Months of its Resource Mobilization Campaign

RIO DE JANEIRO, October 31, 2024 — On the margins of today's G20 Finance and Health Ministers' Joint Meeting held today, the Pandemic Fund announced that it has mobilized US\$2.8 billion over the past three...

Date: October 31, 2024 Type: Press Release

IMF [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.imf.org/en/News>

News

November 1, 2024

Asia's Economies Can Embrace Services to Boost Growth and Productivity

Manufacturing has been the engine of growth in Asia, but a transition to modern, tradable services could be new source of growth and productivity

African Development Bank [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/press-releases>

[We generally limit coverage to regional or Africa-wide initiatives, recognizing that a number of country-level announcements are added each week]

African countries push for \$25 billion replenishment of the African Development Fund as Sudan tops up its pledge

28-Oct-2024 - Sudan has increased its pledged contribution to the replenishment of the African Development Fund to \$3 million, its Minister for Finance and Economic Planning Dr Gebreil Ibrahim Mohamed Fediel announced.

African Development Bank Spearheads Plans to Preserve Continental Biodiversity

28-Oct-2024 - The African Development Bank has outlined a comprehensive plan to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) in Africa. The framework, adopted at COP15 in December 2022, sets ambitious targets to halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030 while working toward harmony with nature by 2050.

Asian Development Bank [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://www.adb.org/news/releases>

[We generally limit coverage to regional or Asia-wide initiatives, recognizing that a number of country-level announcements are added each week]

31 Oct 2024

[ADB Says Climate Change Could Reduce GDP in Developing Asia and the Pacific by 17% by 2070](#)

New ADB research finds the impacts of climate change could reduce GDP in developing Asia and the Pacific by 17% by 2070 under a high-end greenhouse gas emissions scenario, rising to 41% by 2100.

30 Oct 2024

[ADB Commits to Strengthening Disaster Resilience in New Action Plan](#)

ADB has strengthened its disaster resilience commitment in Asia and the Pacific in a new action plan.

29 Oct 2024

[ADB Issues its First Biodiversity and Nature Bond](#)

ADB has issued its first biodiversity and nature theme bond to finance a pool of eligible projects across Asia and the Pacific.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.aiib.org/en/news-events/news/index.html>

[We generally limit coverage to regional or Asia-wide initiatives, recognizing that a number of country-level announcements are added each week]

Washington, D.C., Oct. 28, 2024

[AIIB and SFD Forge Strategic Partnership to Tackle Global Development Challenges](#)

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) signed a Memorandum of ...

IDB – Inter-American Development Bank [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.iadb.org/en/home/press-room>

News

[Latin America and the Caribbean Ministers of Finance to Work on Biodiversity](#)

Cali, COLOMBIA - The members of the Regional Climate Change Platform of Economy and Finance Ministries of Latin America and the Caribbean announced the establishment of a new working group to support the integration of biodiversity conservation into fiscal and financial policies across the region...
October 30, 2024

[IDB and IDB Invest Approve Over \\$2 Billion for Biodiversity in 2023](#)

CALI, Colombia – The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and IDB Invest approved together more than \$2 billion in nature finance in 2023, nearly 13% of total approvals, with more than half meeting the higher standard of nature-positive financing. The announcement was made by the IDB Executive Vice...
October 29, 2024

[Amazon Indigenous Organizations to Strengthen Bioeconomy Capacities with IDB Support](#)

Indigenous peoples support fund kicks off with Peru projects

October 28, 2024Cali, COLOMBIA – Peru's indigenous organization AIDSEP has become the first such group to get a project approved by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), a move that will improve its bioenterprise management capabilities and the quality of production of 25 indigenous enterprises in nine Amazon regions.

It will also invest in the execution of Indigenous Life Plans, upholding their perspective on economic development, food sovereignty and territorial protection, as well as in the implementation of its indigenous bioeconomy business incubator. This incubator, the first of its kind, combines innovation, technology, and capacity building of indigenous technicians, promoting indigenous territorial governance at the local, regional and national levels...

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.ifad.org/web/latest/news>

News

Press release 31 October 2024

Ukraine joins IFAD as 179th Member State

IFAD welcomes Ukraine as the 179th member state, marking the start of a vital partnership aimed at fostering rural resilience and bolstering food security amidst global, regional and national

Islamic Development Bank [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.isdb.org/>

News

No new digest content identified.

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:: Week in Review

:: Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch - *Selected Updates from 30+ entities*

:: INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch - *Media Releases, Major Initiatives, Research*

:: Foundation/Major Donor Watch - *Selected Updates*

:: Journal Watch - *Key articles and abstracts from 100+ peer-reviewed journals*

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:: INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch

We monitor media releases and other announcements around key initiatives, new research and major organizational change from a growing number of global NGOs, collaborations, and initiatives across the human rights, humanitarian response and development spheres of action. WE will not reference fundraising announcements, programs, events or appeals, and generally not include content which is primarily photo-documentation or video in format.

Action Contre la Faim – Action Against Hunger [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

Communiqués de presse

Liban

« J'ai tout perdu à cause de la guerre au Liban »

article 30 octobre 2024

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://alima.ngo/>

Our Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://newsroom.amref.org/category/press-releases/>

Selected Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://aravind.org/>

Aravind News

No new digest content identified.

Blue Shield International [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://theblueshield.org/category/bsi-international-news/>

BS International News

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://www.brac.net/#news>

Latest

November 03, 2024

[Heat poverty: Field notes from a slum during the hottest year on record](#)

Clubhouse International [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://www.clubhouse-intl.org/news.html>

News/Events

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://pro.drc.ngo/resources/news/?t=Press+Release>

Press Releases

[DRC condemns the banning of UNRWA from operating in Israeli controlled areas](#)

The ban of UNRWA by the Israeli Parliament, which will come into force in early 2025, is in breach of the UN Charter, as well as a blatant assault on the rights of Palestinians and a fundamental attack on the UN and its principles.

Posted on 29 Oct 2024

ECPAT [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://ecpat.org/news/>

ECPAT News

No new digest content identified.

EIFL – Electronic Information for Libraries [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.eifl.net/>

EIFL works with libraries to enable access to knowledge for education, learning, research and sustainable community development

EIFL agreement with Cambridge University Press

28 Oct 2024

EIFL and Cambridge University Press have renewed their agreement for a further year until December 2025. The renewed agreement includes free and (...)

Licensing Programme - Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Botswana, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire (...)

Fountain House [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.fountainhouse.org/news>

News

No new digest content identified.

GE2P2 Global Foundation [to 02 Nov 2024]

www.ge2p2.org

News/Analysis/Publications-Digests/Statements

:: [Vaccines and Global Health: The Week in Review](#) - Current edition

:: [Informed Consent: A Monthly Review – October 2024](#)

:: [Public Consultations Watch :: Global Calls for Input/Public Comment – 16 Oct 2024 – Issue 24](#)

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://hi.org/en/>

News

Tropical storm Trami in Philippines: HI to bring assistance to the affected communities

Emergency / Philippines | PUBLISHED ON October 31st 2024

Facilitating access to healthcare for Altiplano communities in Bolivia

Laws / Rehabilitation / Bolivia and Andean states | PUBLISHED ON October 30th 2024

Heifer International [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.heifer.org/blog/newsworthy/index.html>

News

Heifer International and FruitPunch AI Launch Artificial Intelligence Challenge in India to Unlock Economic Value for Women Farmers

By Heifer International | October 28, 2024

The project will develop AI tools to help rural women farmers in India leverage cooperative data to improve their livelihoods.

HelpAge International [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.helpage.org/newsroom/latest-news/>

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

A new era for older people in Africa: AU Protocol on Rights of Older Persons comes into force

1 November 2024

The AU Protocol on the Rights of Older Persons comes into force on 4 November. This is a landmark step for Africa, ensuring the protection and promotion of the rights of older people across the continent.

ICRC [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.icrc.org/en/whats-new>

What's New [Selected]

International Conference joint IFRC-ICRC statement: Concrete actions urgently needed following commitments at the Red Cross and Red Crescent International Conference

31-10-2024 Geneva, 31 October (ICRC/IFRC) The Red Cross and Red Crescent International Conference has concluded today with the endorsement of five key resolutions, aimed at advancing humanitarian ...

News release 31-10-2024

International Red Cross Red Crescent Movement Joint Statement on the 2024 Council of Delegates Outcomes

Geneva, 29 October 2024 The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement concluded the 2024 Council of Delegates in Geneva on Monday, 28 October. At the Council representatives of all 191 *Statement 31-10-2024*

China: Experts gather to explore Chinese traditions and international humanitarian concepts

29-10-2024 ICRC (Beijing) — On October 25, 2024, humanitarian experts, medical professionals, diplomats, relief practitioners, and scholars convened in Beijing to explore the convergences of Chinese traditions and international humanitarian concepts.

News release 29-10-2024

IFRC [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://media.ifrc.org/ifrc/news/press-releases/>

Press Releases [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

International Medical Corps (IMC)

<https://internationalmedicalcorps.org/stories-and-news/>

Selected Press Releases/Updates/Alerts

No new digest content identified.

IRC [International Rescue Committee] [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.rescue.org/media-center>

Press Releases

INGOs sound alarm on unrelenting violence against Sudan's civilians as world leaders fail to take meaningful action

October 31, 2024

Press Release

The IRC and the National Department for Iraqi Women unite to empower Iraqi women through national strategy implementation

October 30, 2024

Press Release

IRC: At Ukrainian Frontlines, Medical Workers Struggle with Mental Health

October 28, 2024

Press Release

Innovative Virtual Reception and Placement Program Serves Thousands in First 7 Months

October 28, 2024

Press Release

IRC warns of escalating humanitarian needs in eastern Chad following massive influx of Sudanese refugees

October 28, 2024

IRCT [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://irct.org/>

News

No new digest content identified...no apparent website areas for news or announcements except for X/twitter account

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.islamic-relief.org/>

Press Releases

Lebanon News

Islamic Relief aid worker describes 'night of terror' in Lebanon's Bekaa valley as dozens killed

October 29, 2024

Islamic Relief aid workers in Lebanon's Bekaa valley have described a night of terror for civilians as the region suffered its heaviest and deadliest bombing yet. Last night Israeli airstrikes hit dozens of towns and villages in eastern Lebanon, with more than 60 people reported killed including young children. 120 people are reported...

Occupied Palestinian Territory

Israel's UNRWA ban will kill many more Palestinians

October 29, 2024

In response to the Israeli Knesset's decision to ban the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) from areas under Israeli control, Islamic Relief says: Israel is bombing and starving Palestinians to death, and now by banning UNRWA it has cut off a crucial lifeline for millions of people. This decision will kill...

Mercy Corps [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://www.mercycorps.org/press-room/releases>

News Releases & Alerts

October 30, 2024

INGOs Sound Alarm on Unrelenting Violence Against Sudan's Civilians as World Leaders Fail to Take Meaningful Action

International organizations working in Sudan urged the international community to act on the UN Secretary-General's call...

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://www.msf.org/>

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Honduras

Promising results from study on mosquitoes has researchers buzzing in Honduras

Project Update 1 Nov 2024

Gaza-Israel war

Treating open wounds in Tulkarem, West Bank

Project Update 31 Oct 2024

Gaza-Israel war

Protection must be guaranteed for MSF doctor and medical staff detained by Israeli forces

Statement 31 Oct 2024

Mali

MSF condemns violence against our team in Mali

Press Release 30 Oct 2024

Gaza-Israel war

Israeli UNRWA ban will deepen Palestinian humanitarian catastrophe

Press Release 29 Oct 2024

South Sudan

Life on the levee: Extreme flooding in Old Fangak

Documentary 29 Oct 2024

Gaza-Israel war

MSF outraged by killing of our colleague in south Gaza

Statement 28 Oct 2024

War in Ukraine

No place feels safe: Civilian and medical infrastructure hit amid rising casualties

Press Release 27 Oct 2024

The New Humanitarian [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://mailchi.mp/thenewhumanitarian.org/weekly-roundup-9-13-september-2024?e=52809bead7>

Aid and Policy Cheat Sheet

1 November 2024

RSF atrocities in Sudan, Israel bans UNRWA, and Trump or Harris?

A weekly read to keep you in the loop on humanitarian issues.

Norwegian Refugee Council

<http://www.nrc.no/>

Latest News

Millions displaced across the region

War in the Middle East

31 Oct 2024

The crisis in the Middle East is widely reported on by the world's media. But what is it really like on the ground for the people living through this emergency?

OXFAM [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.oxfam.org/en/>

Press Releases/Stories

Story

The facts about global wealth inequality

Nov. 1, 2024

Politics of Poverty

New oil, gas, and mining disclosures provide critical climate information

Oct. 29, 2024

The recent Dodd-Frank 1504 disclosures offer important new information on critical minerals and the oil and gas assets' potential to be stranded

Pact [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://www.pactworld.org/>

Latest News & Highlights

Pact and partners shine a light on Rwanda's mining sector

Molly Derrick

October 28, 2024

Partners In Health [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.pih.org/news>

News & Stories

Family Medicine Program Cultivates Patient-Centered Doctors in Liberia

Based at PIH-supported J.J. Dossan Memorial Hospital, the residency equips participants to work in underserved regions

October 29, 2024

PATH [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.path.org/media-center/>

Newsroom

PATH and Bio-Manguinhos/Fiocruz commit to boosting technological platforms and increasing local production

... a new collaboration aimed at accelerating the innovation, production, and access to vaccines, diagnostics, and biopharmaceuticals in Brazil, Latin America, and the Caribbean...

Published: October 2024

Announcement

PATH shares topline results from a Phase 3 study of an injectable rotavirus vaccine candidate

The trial aimed to determine how well a new, injectable, non-replicating rotavirus vaccine candidate works, compared to a licensed oral rotavirus vaccine in preventing infant diarrhea.

Published: October 2024

Announcement

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://plan-international.org/about-plan/resources/media-centre>

News

Statement: Israel's UNRWA ban

29 October 2024

Save The Children [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.savethechildren.net/news>

Top stories

2 Nov 2024 *Occupied Palestinian territory*

GAZA: MASSACRE REPORTEDLY KILLS 50 CHILDREN UNDERSCORING URGENT NEED FOR GLOBAL INTERVENTION - SAVE THE CHILDREN

Save the Children's statement in response to attacks that reportedly killed 50 children in northern Gaza:

31 Oct 2024 *global*

World more dangerous than ever for children with crimes in conflict at highest level in 2023

- *Save the Children report reveals the number of grave violations committed against children in conflict reached highest level ever in 2023, with over 31,000 documented cases*
- *An average of 31 children a day killed or maimed*
- *Biggest increases in crimes against children recorded in the occupied Palestinian territory and Sudan*
- *473 million children – or 19% of the world's child population – lived under the weight of war in 2023*
- *The cost of conflict skyrocketed to US \$19.1 trillion last year, while investments in peace and conflict prevention remained low –with a \$4 trillion gap needed to meet the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.*

30 Oct 2024 *Sudan*

Over 2.8 million children under five forced from their home across Sudan

New figures reveal over half of the 11 million displaced – or 5.8 million - are children under 18, and over one quarter – or 2.8 million - are children aged under five.

29 Oct 2024 *Lebanon*

LEBANON: At least two children killed every day in five weeks of war

The humanitarian situation in Lebanon continues to rapidly deteriorate; the latest Israeli airstrikes in Lebanon have killed at least 60 people, including two children. Over 100 children – an average

Tostan [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://tostan.org/>

News & Stories

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.womenforwomen.org/blogs>

Articles

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.worldvision.org/about-us/media-center>

Press Releases & Resources

No new digest content identified.

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Electronic Frontiers Foundation [to 02 Nov 2024]

https://www EFF.org/updates?type=press_release

Our Work

Press Release October 31, 2024

EFF Launches Digital Rights Bytes to Answer Tech Questions that Bug Us All

SAN FRANCISCO—The Electronic Frontier Foundation today launched “Digital Rights Bytes,” a new website with short videos offering quick, easily digestible answers to the technology questions that trouble us all. “It’s increasingly clear there is no way to separate our digital lives from everything else that we...

Freedom House [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news-perspectives/press-releases-statements>

News Releases & Statements

Freedom House Executive Board Selects Free Expression Champion and Global Advocate Suzanne Nossel as President and CEO

October 31, 2024

Human Rights Watch [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.hrw.org/>

Spotlight

November 2, 2024 | *News Release*

Türkiye: Spying Bill Threatens Rights Defenders, Journalists

Türkiye’s parliament should reject a proposed legislative amendment that seeks to expand the definition of espionage in such a vague manner that it could criminalize legitimate work by human rights defenders, journalists, and other civil society actors in the country, Human Rights Watch and the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) said today.

November 1, 2024 | *Dispatches*

Zambia Should Stop Harassing Investigative Journalist

October 31, 2024 | *Dispatches*

Tajik Activist in Germany at Risk of Deportation

October 31, 2024 | *Commentary*

What Venezuela's Turn Away from Democracy Means for US Migration

October 31, 2024 | *News Release*

US: Universities Should Protect Students' Right to Protest

Transparency International [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.transparency.org/en/news>

News

No new digest content identified.

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ChildFund Alliance [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

Newsroom

A Call to Action for COP: Essential Decisions for Protecting Children's Futures

November 1, 2024 by ChildFund Alliance

CONCORD [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

Latest News and Events

Director's blog: Do partner country interests matter to the EU anymore?

Oct 29, 2024

The Elders [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://theelders.org/news-insight>

Elder's Statements, News

Media Release

Juan Manuel Santos named new Chair of The Elders

31 October 2024

The former President of Colombia and Nobel Peace Laureate will become The Elders' fourth Chair

Elders Statements

Failure to respect rule of law risks collapse of global stability

Mary Robinson

30 October 2024

The Elders today express their alarm at the escalating crises facing the world and urge leaders to uphold the rule of law

Evidence Aid [to 02 Nov 2024]

Evidence Aid aims to save lives and livelihoods in disasters by providing decision-makers with the best available evidence and by championing its use.

<http://www.evidenceaid.org/>

*It is with great sadness that we announce the closure of Evidence Aid as a charity on 31 October 2024. This difficult decision had to be taken despite best efforts, due to insufficient funds to continue the operation of the charity and a lack of prospects for further funding.
No new digest content identified.*

Gavi [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.gavi.org/>

Press Releases

the work of the Vaccine Alliance

1 November 2024

Cambodia launches national measles-rubella vaccination campaign to protect over 1.5 million children

31 October 2024

Democratic Republic of the Congo launches malaria vaccine into routine immunisation

Global Fund [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/news/>

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest Resources/Upcoming Events

ICVA Statement – UNRWA's Mandate Must Be Respected

29 October, 2024

ICVA: Shaping the Future of Humanitarian Action in International Geneva

25 October, 2024

InterAction [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://www.interaction.org/>

Latest Updates

Humanitarian Coordination & Practice Humanitarian Coordination & Practice

Enhancing NGO Coordination in Humanitarian Settings

Acacia Niyogi, Rachel Unkovic

Nov 1, 2024

Crises & Countries in Conflict

Preventing and Responding to Gender-Based Violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Caroline Zullo, Omnia Abdalla

Oct 30, 2024

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.3ieimpact.org/>

What's New/Events

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

Our Impact/Events

No new digest content identified.

Development Initiatives [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://devinit.org/>

News, Reports

[Statement by the Board of Development Initiatives Poverty Research Ltd](#)

The Board of Development Initiatives Poverty Research Ltd (DIPR) is very sad to announce that DIPR is ceasing operations.

DIPR is the main entity of the Development Initiatives group and employs almost all of the group's staff. It has become increasingly apparent that ongoing financial pressures make it impossible for DIPR to continue and so the Board is taking the necessary steps to close the organisation.

The Board is deeply grateful to all the staff of DIPR, past and present, for all they have done to advance the mission of reducing poverty and inequality through the power of data. Board members recognise the very significant impact of this decision on current staff and they deeply regret that no other way forward was possible. The Board also sincerely appreciates the generous support of funders and other partners who have made the organisation's work possible over many years.

The Board is committed to doing its best to follow an orderly process to conclude the activity of DIPR.

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Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action

(ALNAP) [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://www.alnap.org/>

News, Events

[Strategic Foresight Workshop, United Edge](#)

Online

An engaging, immersive, and insightful workshop on strategic foresight

1 November 2024 — 21 November 2024

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.dec.org.uk/>

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

['We must not look away': actors Riz Ahmed, Joe Alwyn and Ruth Negga voice urgent call for more donations, as the DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal raises over £20 million](#)

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://www.elrha.org/resource-hub/news/>

News

28.10.2024

[Research Forum 2025: Call for Contributors](#)

Our 2025 Research Forum will be a 3-day event, held in Nairobi, Kenya between 7-9 May 2025, co-hosted with the African Population Health Research Center (APHRC).

Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies [nee CERAH] – [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/>

News

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.urd.org/en/>

Publications, Events, News

No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://ihsa.info/>

News

IHSA's Humanitarian Blog Posts Selection

IHSA is pleased to present its weekly selection of humanitarian blog posts.

Nov 1, 2024 *[Text bolding from original]*

As conflicts in the Middle East escalate, acting UN Relief Chief Joyce Msuya warns '**the entire population of north Gaza at risk of dying**'. Besieged Palestinian aid worker Musabeh pleads for **stronger action from the international community** to protect civilians in Gaza and ensure aid reaches those who need it.

Further, Israel's decision to ban UNRWA has been met with widespread condemnation and calls for legal challenges, including for the **UN General Assembly to request a binding advisory opinion** from the International Court of Justice. In Lebanon, UNIFIL remains committed to its Security Council mandate while continuing to **face attacks from Israel, that the European Union and others have condemned as grave violations of international law.**

There are heightened concerns over **protecting civilians in Sudan**, including the continued **weaponisation of sexual violence**, and 25.6 million people facing acute food insecurity. In Somalia, new research shows high levels of **frustrations with a humanitarian system** and model that are no longer seen as fit for purpose.

Despite global challenges to the liberal democratic order, PRIO research shows that **transnational civil society networks are stepping up to support international justice**, as seen in Syria and Ukraine.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://inee.org/>

News/Events/Resources

No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://phap.org/>

Association news, events
No new digest content identified.

Sphere [to 02 Nov 2024]
<https://spherestandards.org/news/>
News

Statement from Sphere: UNRWA ban threatens humanitarian aid in Gaza

30 October 2024 | Sphere

In response to Israel's Knesset proposed restrictive ban on the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), William Anderson, Sphere Executive Director, has made the following statement...

Start Network [to 02 Nov 2024]
<https://startnetwork.org/news-and-blogs>
News and Blog
No new digest content identified.

Unitaid [to 02 Nov 2024]
<https://unitaid.org/>
Featured News

01 November 2024

Unitaid welcomes G20 Health Working Group Ministerial Declarations ahead of COP29

Rio de Janeiro, 1 November 2024 – Unitaid welcomes yesterday's G20 Health Working Group Ministerial Declaration on Climate Change, Health and Equity, and on One Health and the Rio de Janeiro Declaration of the G20 Health Ministers. These declarations underscore the urgent need for resilient and equitable health systems that can adapt to the growing challenges of climate change, pandemics, and antimicrobial resistance (AMR), prioritizing sustainable, low-carbon solutions and enhanced access to essential health services for vulnerable communities. Unitaid is committed to advancing these shared objectives through its work to make lifesaving health products accessible and affordable for low- and middle-income countries, building health systems that can better withstand the pressures of future pandemics and climate-related challenges...

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Brookings [to 02 Nov 2024]
<http://www.brookings.edu/>
Research & Commentary

Will the EU agree to use economic sanctions against China?

European Union

Laura von Daniels

November 1, 2024

Center for Global Development [to 02 Nov 2024]
<https://www.cgdev.org/>

All Research

SPEECHES

Funding Education as an Investment in the Future

Sanjeev Gupta

November 01, 2024

There is a strong case for investing in education. It is a key driver of economic growth and fosters productivity gains, as seen by recent experiences in several Asian countries. While the benefits of education are well recognized, realizing these outcomes depends on the availability of fiscal space...

CGD NOTES

Baselines for the New Climate Goal: Why \$200 Billion Means No Ambition

Ian Mitchell and Edward Wickstead

October 28, 2024

A major shortcoming of the \$100 billion climate finance goal agreed in 2009 was the absence of a clear baseline. With draft negotiating text for a new climate finance goal now available, we set out some relevant starting measures and amounts to inform the negotiations going into COP29 and make recom...

POLICY PAPERS

Localization in Theory and Practice

Ranil Dissanayake

October 28, 2024

The movement for localization in foreign aid presents philosophical and practical challenges for providers of foreign aid. In the past, some level of localization (to at least state actors) of both decision-making and spending could be achieved through general and sector budget support, a logistical...

Chatham House [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.chathamhouse.org/>

Selected Analysis, Comment, Events

Independent Thinking: Why is North Korea sending troops to Russia?

Orysia Lutsevych, Edward Howell and Yossi Mekelberg discuss North Korean troops fighting with Russian forces against Ukraine, as well as the issue of military conscription.

Audio

1 November 2024 30 minute listen

Featured content

Event recording

Watch: 2024 US election: What will America choose?

Experts and analysts discuss the likely outcomes ahead of the US presidential election.

30 October 2024 1 hour watch

Expert comment

As the ruling party claims victory in Georgia's disputed election, Western condemnation is no longer enough

As tens of thousands take to the streets to protest the election results, Georgia faces a familiar crisis – with a few key differences.

29 October 2024 3 minute READ

Event recording

Watch: Is the world ready for the next pandemic?

In a joint event with The Elders, Helen Clark, Ban Ki-moon and other experts discuss the policies needed to prevent the next health catastrophe.

29 October 2024 1 hour watch

Expert comment

Trust in US democracy is at stake in this election

A narrow win for either side could make things worse. The rest of the world should be prepared for a disruptive transition.

23 October 2024 3 minute READ

Research paper

Azerbaijan's climate leadership challenge

As COP29 host, Azerbaijan must dispel doubts about its own capability and commitment by helping countries reach an ambitious climate finance deal.

22 October 2024

Council on Foreign Relations [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.cfr.org/media/news-releases>

No new digest content identified.

CSIS [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.csis.org/>

Reports [Selected]

Crossing the Deepfake Rubicon

New research finds that we can now no longer trust our eyes and ears to reliably distinguish between real and AI-generated images, audio, and video. What does this mean in a world where the weaponization of synthetic media is becoming increasingly prevalent?

Brief by Di Cooke, Abigail Edwards, Alexis Day, Devi Nair, Sophia Barkoff, and Katie Kelly — November 1, 2024

U.S. Investment in the Philippines: More Than Meets the Eye

Though U.S.-Philippine economic ties are well documented, the day-to-day impact of the relationship in the Philippines is often underreported. The United States must enhance public awareness and understanding of its economic and investment activities in the Philippines.

Brief by Japhet Quitzon and Gregory B. Poling — October 31, 2024

U.S. Investment in the Philippines: The Next Era of Economic Partnership & Opportunity

Though the investment figures in the U.S.-Philippines economic relationship are well documented, the partnerships' quantitative and qualitative impacts warrant close attention. Understating the deep impacts of U.S. investments could weaken decades of collaboration.

Digital Report by Japhet Quitzon and Gregory B. Poling — October 31, 2024

Mali: Untangling the Politico-Security Knot

Addressing the deteriorating security situation and improving civil-military relations in Mali require a deeper understanding of the country's historical and cultural contexts. These can help inform the United States' strategic engagement with Mali.

Report by Mvemba Phezo Dizolele and Cameron Hudson — October 30, 2024

The AI Safety Institute International Network: Next Steps and Recommendations

The AI Seoul Summit launched an international network of AI safety institutes in May 2024. Now, network members must work to define their goals, mechanisms of collaboration, and international strategy to accelerate AI safety science.

Report by Gregory C. Allen and Georgia Adamson — October 30, 2024

Responding to China's Growing Influence in Ports of the Global South

Port infrastructure is an investment area where China is outpacing the United States. A strategy to counter China's influence in Global South ports is an important piece of a larger program to enable a better offer to the Global South.

Report by Daniel F. Runde, Austin Hardman, and Clara Bonin — October 30, 2024

Cockpit or Command Center? C2 Options for Collaborative Combat Aircraft

The future of airpower hinges on the U.S. Air Force's ability to integrate autonomous drones into manned formations. This analysis explores the trade-offs between cockpit and command center-based control in shaping the next era of combat operations.

Report by Benjamin Jensen, Christopher Koeltzow, Allen Agnes, and Eric Williams — October 29, 2024

The Burgeoning Regional Appeal of Mano Dura Crime-Fighting Strategies

Americas Program associate director Juliana Rubio and Andrea Casique describe key elements of Plan Bukele and explain its rising appeal as a counter-crime strategy in countries throughout Latin America.

Report by Juliana Rubio and Andrea Casique — October 29, 2024

Staying Ahead in the Global Technology Race: A Roadmap for Economic Security

CSIS Economic Security and Technology Department experts give recommendations on export controls, global tech governance, domestic incentives for building tech capabilities in chips and clean technologies, and the future of international tech cooperation and competition.

Digital Report by The CSIS Economic Security and Technology Department — October 29, 2024

Powering the Commanding Heights: The Strategic Context of Emergent U.S. Electricity Demand Growth

U.S. electricity demand growth marks a new era of electricity-intensive technologies and economic growth which intersect with broad and long-term strategic geopolitical objectives. What should a new era of energy policy look like?

Brief by Cy McGeady — October 28, 2024

McKinsey Global Institute [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.mckinsey.com/mgi/overview>

Latest Research

No new digest content identified.

ODI [Overseas Development Institute] [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://odi.org/en/publications/>

Publications [Selected]

Europe and the new world order: an updated approach to foreign engagement

30 October 2024

Briefing/policy paper

Pew Research Center [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.pewresearch.org/>
Latest Publications [Selected]
No new digest content identified.

Rand [to 02 Nov 2024]
<https://www.rand.org/pubs.html>
Published Research [Selected]

Global Catastrophic Risk Assessment

Researchers describe global catastrophic risks from artificial intelligence, asteroid and comet impacts, climate change, nuclear war, pandemics, and supervolcanoes, including causes, likelihood, consequences, uncertainties, and possible changes.
Oct 30, 2024

Understanding and Managing Global Catastrophic Risk

Researchers describe global catastrophic risks from artificial intelligence, asteroid and comet impacts, climate change, nuclear war, pandemics, and supervolcanoes, including causes, likelihood, consequences, uncertainties, and possible changes.
Oct 30, 2024

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 02 Nov 2024]
<http://researchonresearch.org/>
RoRI News, Events
Website not enabled to allow content capture via links.

Alan Turing Institute
<https://www.turing.ac.uk/>
News, Events
No new digest content identified.

Urban Institute [to 02 Nov 2024]
<https://www.urban.org/publications>
New Research Publications - Selected

The Wistar Institute [to 02 Nov 2024]
<https://www.wistar.org/news/press-releases>
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

World Economic Forum [to 02 Nov 2024]
<https://agenda.weforum.org/press/>
Media [Selected]
No new digest content identified.

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ISC / International Science Council [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://council.science/current/>

ISC is a non-governmental organization with a unique global membership that brings together 40 international scientific Unions and Associations and over 140 national and regional scientific organizations including Academies and Research Councils.

Latest Updates

[Call for comments: Global consultation on developing data policies for crisis facilitated by open science](#)

ISC - UNESCO

October 29, 2024 *Deadline: 16 December 2024*

As the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent disasters and geopolitical conflicts have revealed, deficiencies in the capacity of science to integrate data readily and efficiently into crisis preparation, response, and recovery policy and actions significantly limit the capacity of scientists and policymakers to have full information.

UNESCO has partnered with the Committee on Data (CODATA) of the International Science Council (ISC) to explore how the principles of open science as outlined in the 2021 UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science could guide efficient and effective policies for data sharing in times of crisis taking into account existing international policies and action frameworks.

The UNESCO-CODATA Data Policy for Times of Crisis Facilitated by Open Science (DPTC) project aims at developing guidance and tools for data policy required to address crises within the framework of the UNESCO Open Science Recommendation. The DPTC's work is designed to contribute to the UNESCO Open Science Toolkit.

Global Research Council [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://globalresearchcouncil.org/about/>

The Global Research Council is a virtual organisation, comprised of the heads of science and engineering funding agencies from around the world, dedicated to promoting the sharing of data and best practices for high-quality collaboration among funding agencies worldwide.

News

Regional Meetings

Sub-Saharan Africa Regional M.

Gaborone (Botswana), 14–15 Nov 2024

Americas Regional Meeting

Brasilia, 21–22 Nov 2024

MENA Regional Meeting

Nouakchott, 3–4 Dec 2024

National Academy of Engineering - USA [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.nae.edu/31222/MediaRoom>

Latest News & Press Releases [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

National Academy of Medicine - USA [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://nam.edu/programs/>

News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

National Academies-Sciences-Engineering-Medicine [NASEM]- USA [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.nationalacademies.org/newsroom>

News

[New International Bioeconomy Forum Strengthens Engagement Between U.S. and India on Promoting and Protecting the Bioeconomy](#)

Our International Bioeconomy Roundtable held an in-person event at the Global Bio-India 2024 conference in New Delhi, India, to discuss the scope of a new National Academies initiative, the International Bioeconomy Forum.

Date

2024-10-28

National Endowment for the Humanities [U.S.] [to 02 Nov 2024]

https://www.neh.gov/newsroom?f%5B0%5D=news_type%3A281&f%5B1%5D=newsroom_content_type%3Anews

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

NIH [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://www.nih.gov/>

News Releases

[NIH trial of rectal microbicide for HIV prevention begins in the United States](#)

October 31, 2024 — Study will assess safety and acceptability of rectal douche for pre-exposure prophylaxis.

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CIOMS – COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://cioms.ch/>

News; Publications; Events

[CIOMS Glossary of ICH terms and definitions: Version 7 now available](#)

Version 7 of the CIOMS Glossary of ICH terms and definitions is now freely available [here](#). It can also be accessed from the ICH webpage [here](#).

Hastings Center [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.thehastingscenter.org/for-media/>

Press Releases, Events

[Changing Life as We Know It—Exploring the Role of Genetic Modification and Our Understanding of Humanity](#)

Event

November 16, 2024, 11:00 am

INSERM [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.inserm.fr/en/home/>

Press Releases

[Global Reach: Inserm Celebrates in Washington, DC, 60 Years of Research and Innovation](#)

25 Oct 2024 |

In celebration of its 60th anniversary, Inserm is emphasizing its scientific collaboration with the United States and Canada. This privileged and fruitful relationship with North America will be highlighted during a day of scientific and institutional exchanges on October 29, 2024, at the French Embassy in Washington, DC. The event will be attended by Professor Didier Samuel, President and CEO of Inserm, along with representatives from numerous partner institutions. The agenda will include the initiation of new collaborations with leading American scientific institutions, the presentation of the 2024 Inserm International Award to a distinguished researcher, the strengthening of Inserm's presence in Washington, DC, and the launch of the Inserm Abroad Network.

ICH [International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use] [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.ich.org/>

News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selective]

24 October 2024

[ICH E8\(R1\) General Considerations for Clinical Studies Introductory Training Video now available on the ICH Website](#)

The ICH Secretariat is pleased to announce the publication of ICH E8(R1) General Considerations for Clinical Studies Introductory Training Video.

Nuffield Council on Bioethics [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.nuffieldbioethics.org/news>

News

No new digest content identified.

World Medical Association [WMA] [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.wma.net/news-press/press-releases/>

Press Releases

[The World Medical Association General Assembly 2024 in summary](#)

23.10.2024

...[In addition to the revised Declaration of Helsinki, other declarations, resolutions and statements adopted by the WMA General Assembly include:

- [WMA Resolution on anti-LGBTQ legislation](#)
- [WMA Resolution on Plastics and Health](#)
- [WMA Declaration on Prevention and Reduction of Air Pollution to Improve Air Quality](#)
- [WMA Resolution on the Protection of Healthcare in Israel and Gaza](#)
- [WMA Statement on Epidemics and Pandemics](#)
- [WMA Resolution in support of the Turkish Medical Association](#)
- [WMA Statement on Human Papillomavirus Vaccination](#)
- [WMA Statement on Adolescent Suicide](#)
- [WMA Resolution on Organ Donation in Prisoners](#)
- [WMA Declaration of Kigali on the Ethical Use of Medical Technology](#)
- [WMA Statement on Assisted Reproductive Technologies](#)
- [WMA Resolution on the Revocation of WHO Guidelines on Opioid Use](#)
- [WMA Guidelines on Promotional Mass Media Appearances by Physicians](#)

[Revised Declaration of Helsinki adopted by the global medical community, strengthening ethical standards in clinical research involving humans](#)

21.10.2024

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:: Foundation/Major Donor Watch

We will primarily monitor press/media releases announcing key initiatives and new research from a growing number of global foundations and donors engaged in the human rights, humanitarian response and development spheres of action. This Watch section is not intended to be exhaustive, but indicative.

Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://alleninstitute.org/news-press/>

News

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.gatesfoundation.org/ideas/media-center>

Press Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://www.emcf.org/capital-aggregation/blue-meridian-partners/>

Blue Meridian Partners is a new capital aggregation collaboration that plans to invest at least \$1 billion in high-performance nonprofits that are poised to have truly national impact for economically disadvantaged children and youth.

No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://www.aecf.org/newsroom/>

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.clintonfoundation.org/media-center/>

News & Updates

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 02 Nov 2024]

www.co-impact.io

Co-Impact is a global philanthropic collaborative for systems change focused on improving the lives of millions of people around the world.

No new digest content identified.

Ford Foundation [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.fordfoundation.org/news-and-stories/news-and-press/>

News & Press

No new digest content identified.

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.getty.edu/news/all/>

Latest News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.ghitfund.org/newsroom/press>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://grameenfoundation.org/stories/press-releases>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://hewlett.org/latest-updates/>

Latest Updates [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.hhmi.org/news>

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://www.hiltonfoundation.org/news>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.ikeafoundation.org/>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.rwjf.org/en/about-rwjf/newsroom.html>

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 02 Nov 2024]

https://www.kff.org/search/?post_type=press-release

News Releases

[After Pandemic-Era Policies and Enhanced Funding End, State Medicaid Officials Report Enrollment Declines and Upward Cost Pressures](#)

October 23, 2024 News Release

Costs are limiting states' coverage of obesity drugs and could affect other Medicaid priorities States expect national Medicaid enrollment to decline by about 4% and state Medicaid spending to rise by 7% in fiscal year (FY) 2025. These rates follow a larger but anticipated enrollment decline and state spending increase...

Kellogg Foundation [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.wkkf.org/news-and-media>

News & Media

11.01.24 *News*

[We will not waver](#)

A statement from La June Montgomery Tabron, president and CEO

The 2024 election is among the most consequential in our nation's history. Every voice matters—and we encourage every American citizen to make their voices heard at the ballot box and beyond.

10.30.24 *Racial Equity*

News

[Supporting child care, workers and cultural traditions](#)

Aga Khan Foundation [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://the.akdn/en/resources-media/whats-new/press-release>

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://www.macfound.org/>

Press Releases/What We're Learning

No new digest content identified.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.mellon.org/press>

News

[Mellon and Flamboyant Foundations Announce the 2024 Letras Boricuas Fellows](#)

October 29, 2024

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.moore.org/news>

Recent News

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundations [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/newsroom>

Newsroom

Press Release October 25, 2024

[Open Society Foundations Announce 2024 Soros Equality Fellows](#)

The 2024 Soros Equality Fellows include documentary filmmakers, writers, digital specialists, organizers, researchers, and artists who are pursuing projects that advance racial justice.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://www.packard.org/news/>

News

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/about/news-room>

News Room

Event - November 18, 2024

[States, Workers Can Seize Emerging Economic Opportunities in Renewable Energy](#)

Rockefeller Foundation [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/>

News and Announcements

Press Releases

[The Rockefeller Foundation Awards Convergence a Grant to Support Local Capital Mobilization for Climate Action in Southeast Asia](#)

Published Date - October 31, 2024

Press Releases

[Governments Announce Strategic Priorities To Achieve Universal School Meals by 2030](#)

Published Date - October 30, 2024

NAIROBI | October 30, 2024 — Ministers and other high-level government representatives from Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America unveiled priorities to accelerate global collective efforts to ensure all children have access to school meals by 2030.

The announcement, focused on pressing financial needs, was made at the second Ministerial Meeting of the School Meals Coalition Task Force, hosted by the Government of Kenya...

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 02 Nov 2024]

<http://www.sciencephilanthropyalliance.org/what-we-do/news/>

"...a group of organizations working together to increase philanthropic support for basic scientific research on a global basis..."

Tom Cech's The Catalyst: RNA and the Quest to Unlock Life's Deepest Secrets

Sue Merrilees, Science Philanthropy Alliance Remarks have been edited and condensed for clarity and brevity

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Alfred P. Sloan Foundation [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://sloan.org/about/press>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://wellcome.org/news/all>

News. Opinion, Reports

No new digest content identified.

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Candid [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://candid.org/about/press-room?fceref=pg>

Press Releases/News

No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 02 Nov 2024]

<https://www.cof.org/newsroom>

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:: Journal Watch

The Sentinel will track key peer-reviewed journals which address a broad range of interests in human rights, humanitarian response, health and development. It is not intended to be exhaustive. We will add to those monitored below as we encounter relevant content and upon recommendation from readers. We selectively provide full text of abstracts and other content but note that successful access to some of the articles and other content may require subscription or other access arrangement unique to the publisher. Please suggest additional journals you feel warrant coverage.

AJOB Empirical Bioethics

Volume 15, 2023 Issue 3

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/uabr21/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

AMA Journal of Ethics

Volume 26, Number 11: E823-895

<https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/peace-health-care>

Peace in Health Care

Clinicians are carefully trained to incorporate and routinize what they do together every day, over and over again: health care professionalism has always been and is a practice. While so-called “medical shows” glamorize high-stakes, emotional health care situations, skilled clinicians generally strive to mitigate crises and control any variables they can, restore homeostasis, and promote stability and wellness in the lives of ill, injured patients. As a culture, we probably do not benefit much when health care organizations are misappropriated and misrepresented as sites of dramatic entertainment. In reality, patients, their loved ones, and their clinicians need health care organizations to be places of peace. This theme issue investigates what it means to establish and maintain health care as an enterprise known less for stress and more for healing.

American Journal of Human Genetics

Oct 03, 2024 Volume 111 Issue 10 p2071-2306

<https://www.cell.com/ajhg/current>

This month in The Journal

Alyson B. Barnes, Kylee L. Spencer

Genome-wide association studies have shown that the effect sizes of many causal variants are strongly correlated across ancestries, but this is not true for all variants. Some differences could be explained by variation in gene regulation, but it has been challenging to determine whether ancestry-specific levels of gene expression are due to differences in allele frequencies, environmental effects, interplay between the two, or simply false positives. In this issue, Wang et al. identify genes differentially expressed across ancestries (ancDE) by leveraging single-cell RNA-sequencing data for individuals with either East Asian or European ancestries.

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Infection Control

November 2024 Volume 52 Issue 11 p1227-1344

<http://www.ajicjournal.org/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

November 2024 Volume 67 Issue 5 p641-802
<https://www.ajpmonline.org/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

November 2024 114(11)
<http://ajph.aphapublications.org/toc/ajph/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 111 (2024): Issue 4 (Oct 2024)
<https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/111/4/tpmd.111.issue-3.xml>
[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

October 2024 Volume 177, Issue 10
<https://www.acpjournals.org/toc/aim/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Antiquity – A Review of World Archaeology

Issue 401 - October 2024
<https://antiquity.ac.uk/latest>
[New issue; No digest content identified]

Anti-Trafficking Review

No. 23 (2024)
<https://antitraffickingreview.org/index.php/atrjournal/issue/view/34>

Anti-Trafficking Review is the first open access, peer reviewed journal dedicated to the issue of human trafficking. It explores trafficking in its broader context and intersections with gender, labour, and migration.

Special Issue - Following the Money II

Guest Editors: Kiril Sharapov, Suzanne Hoff, and Jonathan Mendel

This Special Issue of the *Anti-Trafficking Review* attempts to examine funding and spending on efforts to stop human trafficking, particularly, by the United States, United Kingdom, and the European Union. Featuring articles from academics, non-government organisations, and survivors of trafficking, this edition explores where the money comes from, who it goes to, and what it actually achieves. The eight articles in the issue suggest that the millions of dollars spent on combating human trafficking do not always reach trafficked persons or at risk groups and, in some cases, are actively harming them. Authors point to potentially more effective uses of anti-trafficking funding.

Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal

Volume 336 November 2024
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/336/suppl/C>
[New issue; No digest content identified]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

<http://resource-allocation.biomedcentral.com/>

(Accessed 02 Nov 2024)

[The role of economic evaluation in modelling public health and social measures for pandemic policy: a systematic review](#)

Dynamic transmission models are often used to provide epidemiological guidance for pandemic policy decisions. However, how economic evaluation is typically incorporated into this technique to generate cost-eff...

Authors: Shania Rossiter, Samantha Howe, Joshua Szanyi, James M. Trauer, Tim Wilson and Tony Blakely

Citation: *Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation* 2024 22:77

Content type: Research Published on: 1 November 2024

BMC Health Services Research

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmchealthservres/content>

(Accessed 02 Nov 2024)

[Cost of integrated immunization campaigns in Nigeria and Sierra Leone: bottom-up costing studies](#)

To improve the efficient use of scarce resources, low- and middle-income countries and development partners are increasingly encouraged to deliver multiple vaccines and other interventions in a single integrat...

Authors: Laura Boonstoppel, Flavia Moi, Christina Banks, Florence Sibeudu, Divine Obodoechi, Kyle Borces, Obinna Onwujekwe and Logan Brenzel

Citation: *BMC Health Services Research* 2024 24:1334

Content type: Research Published on: 1 November 2024

BMC Infectious Diseases

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcinfectdis/content>

(Accessed 02 Nov 2024)

[Sexually transmitted infections in the middle east and North Africa: comprehensive systematic review and meta-analysis](#)

Globally, sexually transmitted infections (STIs) collectively cause 2.3 million deaths and 1.2 million cases of cancer annually. However, the epidemiology of STIs in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) is ...

Authors: Dalia Obeid, Feda Alsuwairi, Rawan Alnemari, Ahmed Al-Qahtani, Wesam Kurdi, Manal Alfareh, Madain Alsanea, Maha Alabdulkareem, Layla Alharbi and Fatimah S. Alhamlan

Citation: *BMC Infectious Diseases* 2024 24:1229

Content type: Research Published on: 1 November 2024

BMC Medical Ethics

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmedethics/content>

(Accessed 02 Nov 2024)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medicine

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmed/content>

(Accessed 02 Nov 2024)
[No new digest content identified]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcpregnancychildbirth/content>

(Accessed 02 Nov 2024)
[No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

<http://bmcpublikealth.biomedcentral.com/articles>

(Accessed 02 Nov 2024)
[No new digest content identified]

BMC Research Notes

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcresnotes/content>

(Accessed 02 Nov 2024)
[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine

October 2024 - Volume 29 - 5

<https://ebm.bmj.com/content/29/5>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMJ Global Health

October 2024 - Volume 9 - 10

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/9/10>

Analysis

[**Water, sanitation and hygiene \(WASH\): the evolution of a global health and development sector**](#) (4 October, 2024)

Sara de Wit, Euphrasia Luseka, David Bradley, Joe Brown, Jayant Bhagwan, Barbara Evans, Matthew C Freeman, Guy Howard, Isha Ray, Ian Ross, Sheillah Simiyu, Oliver Cumming, Clare I R Chandler

[**Learning from the Montreal Protocol to improve the global governance of antimicrobial resistance**](#) (3 October, 2024)

Tina Nanyangwe-Moyo, Gabriel C Fezza, Susan Rogers Van Katwyk, Steven J Hoffman, Arne Ruckert, Samuel Orubu, Mathieu JP Poirier

Original research

[**Seroprevalence of seven arboviruses of public health importance in sub-Saharan Africa: a systematic review and meta-analysis**](#) (31 October, 2024)

Salifou Talassone Bangoura, Sidikiba Sidibé, Lanceï Kaba, Aminata Mbaye, Castro Gbêmêmalì Hounmenou, Alhassane Diallo, Saidouba Cherif Camara, Maladho Diaby, Kadio Jean-Jacques Olivier Kadio, Eric D'Ortenzio, Alioune Camara, Philippe Vanhems, Alexandre Delamou, Eric Delaporte, Alpha-Kabinet Keita, Michèle Ottmann, Abdoulaye Touré, Nagham Khanafer

Long Covid: a global health issue – a prospective, cohort study set in four continents (21 October, 2024)

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Access to medicines among asylum seekers, refugees and undocumented migrants across the migratory cycle in Europe: a scoping review (15 October, 2024)

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Real-World Evidence in Regulatory Decision Making: Time for Evidence Integration

Rebecca A. Miksad

Pages: 1153-1155

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Real-World Evidence to Support EU Regulatory Decision Making—Results From a Pilot of Regulatory Use Cases

Stefanie Prilla, et al.

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War-related trauma and posttraumatic stress disorder in refugees, displaced, and nondisplaced people during armed conflict in Sudan: a cross-sectional study

The ongoing armed conflict in Sudan has caused mass displacement, affecting mental health. This study aimed to assess the prevalence of posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and trauma among refugees, internall...

Authors: Khadija A. Khalil, Galia Tajelsir Fadulelmula Mohammed, Ahmed Balla M. Ahmed, Salma S. Alrawa, Hager Elawad, Amna A. Almahal, Radia F. Mohamed and Eithar M. Ali

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Volume 146 November 2024

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Enhancing clinical drug trial monitoring with blockchain technology

Poonam Kushwaha, Nidhi Srivastava, Shom Prakash Kushwaha

Article 107684

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Significant delays exist in industry-sponsored pediatric clinical drug trial start-up and enrollment processes

Angie Price, Hannah Simmons, Emily Gehring, Lauren Davis, ... Steven J. Steiner
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Volume 128 October 2024

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[Making ends meet in refugee camps: Food distribution cycles, consumption and undernutrition](#)

Frederic Aubery, Marie-Charlotte Buisson

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Volume 16, Issue 5 October 2024

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Forced Migration Review (FMR)

May 2024

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Digital disruption and displacement

Digital technologies are transforming our lives. Forcibly displaced people are using digital technologies in ways that inform and shape their migration and settlement in new places. At the same time, digital technologies are being used on (or against) forcibly displaced people. Complex predictive modelling, geolocation tracking on mobile phones, biometric data use and dissemination, digital financial systems and the use of artificial intelligence in decision-making are among the digital technologies discussed in this issue.

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November/December 2024 Volume 103, Number 6

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[The Return of Total War](#)

Understanding—and Preparing for—a New Era of Comprehensive Conflict

Mara Karlin

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The Fight Against Autocracy Needs a New Playbook

Larry Diamond

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Mini Review Published on 29 Oct 2024

Large language models in patient education: a scoping review of applications in medicine

Serhat Aydin, et al.

Introduction: Large Language Models (LLMs) are sophisticated algorithms that analyze and generate vast amounts of textual data, mimicking human communication. Notable LLMs include GPT-4o by Open AI, Claude 3.5 Sonnet by Anthropic, and Gemini by Google. This scoping review aims to synthesize the current applications and potential uses of LLMs in patient education and engagement.

Materials and methods: Following the PRISMA-ScR checklist and methodologies by Arksey, O'Malley, and Levac, we conducted a scoping review. We searched PubMed in June 2024, using keywords and MeSH terms related to LLMs and patient education. Two authors conducted the initial screening, and discrepancies were resolved by consensus. We employed thematic analysis to address our primary research question.

Results: The review identified 201 studies, predominantly from the United States (58.2%). Six themes emerged: generating patient education materials, interpreting medical information, providing lifestyle recommendations, supporting customized medication use, offering perioperative care instructions, and optimizing doctor-patient interaction. LLMs were found to provide accurate responses to patient queries, enhance existing educational materials, and translate medical information into patient-friendly language. However, challenges such as readability, accuracy, and potential biases were noted.

Discussion: LLMs demonstrate significant potential in patient education and engagement by creating accessible educational materials, interpreting complex medical information, and enhancing communication between patients and healthcare providers. Nonetheless, issues related to the accuracy and readability of LLM-generated content, as well as ethical concerns, require further research and development. Future studies should focus on improving LLMs and ensuring content reliability while addressing ethical considerations.

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Volume 26, Issue 10 October 2024

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[China: Emergency Response Law Revised to Enhance Information Reporting, Rights Protection, and Resource Management](#)

On November 1, 2024, the revised Emergency Response Law of the People's Republic of China took effect. The law was originally enacted in 2007 and revised by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress on June 28, 2024....

Safeguards for Personal Rights

The new law requires emergency measures to match the threat's nature and severity, and where multiple options are available, to prioritize those that best protect individuals, organizations, and the environment with minimal harm, adjusting them as conditions evolve for accuracy and effectiveness. (Art. 10.) Additionally, it prioritizes the protection of vulnerable groups, including minors, the elderly, persons with disabilities, pregnant and nursing women, and those in urgent need of medical care (art. 11), ensuring their rights and needs are safeguarded during emergencies.

The new law introduces several provisions on personal data protection, addressing concerns over the excessive use of health codes during the pandemic. Government may request necessary information for emergency response, but only within legal limits, ensuring confidentiality. Authorities must also safeguard citizens' communication freedom and privacy of correspondence. (Art. 83.) Entities involved in emergency efforts must follow legal procedures when accessing personal data and ensure its security. These entities are prohibited from illegally collecting, using, disclosing, or selling such information. (Art. 84.) Personal data collected for emergencies can only be used for that specific purpose and must be destroyed afterward, unless legally required for retention. In such cases, authorities must ensure legality, necessity, and data security. (Art. 85.)

The revision to the Emergency Response Law was prompted by new challenges that have arisen in recent ... Continue reading "China: Emergency Response Law Revised to...

Contributor: Zhang, Laney

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Volume 19, Issue 1 (2024)

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Volume 26, Issue 1, June 2024

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Volume 110 August 2024

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Volume 53, Issue 5, October 2024

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Nicola Chiwandire and others

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Volume 30, 2024 Issue 10

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Volume 17 Issue 4 2024

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Volume 70, Issue 4 August 2024

<https://link.springer.com/journal/11159/volumes-and-issues/70-4>

The Sustainable Development Goals and the Global Governance of Education

Issue Editors: William C. Smith, Melanie C. M. Ehren, Sotiria Grek

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International Review of the Red Cross

No. 924 December 2023

<https://international-review.icrc.org/>

Protecting the Environment in Armed Conflict

[27 articles]

In the context of the historical development of international humanitarian law (IHL), the specific protection of the environment is relatively recent. Still, in the almost fifty years since the first treaty rules emerged explicitly protecting the environment during armed conflict, modern understandings of

the relationships among ecological and human health, on one hand, and the multi-layered and diverse threats that armed conflicts pose to the environment, on the other hand, have significantly advanced. This issue of the International Review of the Red Cross delves into the many ways that conflict can adversely impact the environment. The articles within it develop thoughtful analysis regarding how the existing international legal framework protects the environment during armed conflict.

Intervention – Journal of Mental Health and Psychological Support in Conflict Affected Areas

April 2024 - Volume 22 - Issue 1

<https://journals.lww.com/invn/pages/currenttoc.aspx>

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Vol. XLI, No. 1, Fall 2024

<https://issues.org/issue/41-1/>

The State of the Science

When Marcia McNutt, the president of the National Academy of Sciences, delivered her 2024 State of the Science address, she argued that US science is strong—but action is required to address competition from China, declining federal investment in science, and a decrease in public trust of science and scientists. In the Fall 2024 edition of Issues, McNutt identifies the core challenges that the research community must tackle to ensure that American science remains strong—plus, members of the community respond to her challenge.

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October 22/29, 2024, Vol 332, No. 16, Pages 1315-1404

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October 2024, Vol 5, No. 10

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October 2024 - Volume 22 - Issue 10

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Editorial

From chaos to clarity: how COVID-19 exposed the urgent need for better evidence synthesis

Stone, Amy E.L.; Koshy-Chenthittayil, Sherli; DeArmond, Megan
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Journal of Development Effectiveness

Volume 171 October 2024

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Volume 19 Issue 3, July 2024

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Special Issue: Climate Justice and the Global Development Crisis.

Guest Editors: Anna Malavisi, Tom Hilde, and Krushil Watene

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Volume 26, Issue 5 October 2024

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Volume 22, 2024 _ Issue 4

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Healthcare Providers' Cultural Competence from the Perspective of Newly Arrived Refugees and Asylum Seekers: A Qualitative Study in Greece

Georgia Koutsouradi, et al.

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[Defining and pursuing diversity in human genetic studies](#)

Calls for more diverse data in genetics studies typically fall short of offering further guidance. Here we summarize a policy framework from the Global Alliance for Genomics and Health designed to fill this gap. The framework prompts researchers to consider both what types of diversity are needed and why, and how aims can be achieved through choices made throughout the data life cycle.

Maili C. Raven-Adams, Tina Hernandez-Boussard, Anna C. F. Lewis

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Volume 8 Issue 10, October 2024

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World Heritage

UNESCO's World Heritage is much more than a List of remarkable sites. It represents the common heritage of humanity – a collection of cultural and natural treasures that transcend borders and generations. These sites tell the story of our world, illustrating our diversity, creativity and resilience through the ages.

India, a land of millennia of history, is a living witness to the cultural richness of humanity. Home to 42 sites on the UNESCO World Heritage List, including 34 cultural, 7 natural and one mixed, each site tells a unique story of its evolution, influenced by various dynasties, religions and artistic movements. An emblematic example of this universality is Santiniketan, inscribed on this prestigious List in 2023. Founded by Rabindranath Tagore, this site is a center of learning and culture that embodies the ideals of holistic education and harmony between man and nature. Santiniketan is not only a place of education, but a symbol of commitment to educational innovation and artistic development.

This year, the country is hosting the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee and two Forums dedicated to young World Heritage professionals and site managers. The 2024 session of the Committee highlights the importance of continuing global efforts to strengthen actions to preserve cultural and natural heritage, with particular emphasis on the integration of local communities and Indigenous peoples. It is also an opportunity to remind ourselves of the role of World Heritage in providing sustainable responses to the global challenges it faces, such as climate change and armed conflict. World Heritage offers us extraordinary mechanisms and policies for preserving our heritage from the past and passing it on to future generations...

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Can Large Language Models Replace Data Scientists in Clinical Research?

Zifeng Wang, Benjamin Danek, Ziwei Yang, Zheng Chen, Jimeng Sun

Data science plays a critical role in clinical research, but it requires professionals with expertise in coding and medical data analysis. Large language models (LLMs) have shown great potential in supporting medical tasks and performing well in general coding tests. However, these tests do not assess LLMs' ability to handle data science tasks in medicine, nor do they explore their practical utility in clinical research. To address this, we developed a dataset consisting of 293 real-world data science coding tasks, based on 39 published clinical studies, covering 128 tasks in Python and 165 tasks in R. This dataset simulates realistic clinical research scenarios using patient data. Our findings reveal that cutting-edge LLMs struggle to generate perfect solutions, frequently failing to follow input instructions,

understand target data, and adhere to standard analysis practices. Consequently, LLMs are not yet ready to fully automate data science tasks. We benchmarked advanced adaptation methods and found two to be particularly effective: chain-of-thought prompting, which provides a step-by-step plan for data analysis, which led to a 60% improvement in code accuracy; and self-reflection, enabling LLMs to iteratively refine their code, yielding a 38% accuracy improvement. Building on these insights, we developed a platform that integrates LLMs into the data science workflow for medical professionals. In a user study with five medical doctors, we found that while LLMs cannot fully automate coding tasks, they significantly streamline the programming process. We found that 80% of their submitted code solutions were incorporated from LLM-generated code, with up to 96% reuse in some cases. Our analysis highlights the potential of LLMs, when integrated into expert workflows, to enhance data science efficiency in clinical research.

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[**Moral Agency in Silico: Exploring Free Will in Large Language Models**](#)

[Morgan S. Porter](#)

This study investigates the potential of deterministic systems, specifically large language models (LLMs), to exhibit the functional capacities of moral agency and compatibilist free will. We develop a functional definition of free will grounded in Dennett's compatibilist framework, building on an interdisciplinary theoretical foundation that integrates Shannon's information theory, Dennett's compatibilism, and Floridi's philosophy of information. This framework emphasizes the importance of reason-responsiveness and value alignment in determining moral responsibility rather than requiring metaphysical libertarian free will. Shannon's theory highlights the role of processing complex information in enabling adaptive decision-making, while Floridi's philosophy reconciles these perspectives by conceptualizing agency as a spectrum, allowing for a graduated view of moral status based on a system's complexity and responsiveness. Our analysis of LLMs' decision-making in moral dilemmas demonstrates their capacity for rational deliberation and their ability to adjust choices in response to new information and identified inconsistencies. Thus, they exhibit features of a moral agency that align with our functional definition of free will. These results challenge traditional views on the necessity of consciousness for moral responsibility, suggesting that systems with self-referential reasoning capacities can instantiate degrees of free will and moral reasoning in artificial and biological contexts. This study proposes a parsimonious framework for understanding free will as a spectrum that spans artificial and biological systems, laying the groundwork for further interdisciplinary research on agency and ethics in the artificial intelligence era.

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[**Estimating the epidemic threshold under individual vaccination behaviour and adaptive social connections: A game-theoretic complex network model**](#)

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Information dissemination intricately intertwines with the dynamics of infectious diseases in the contemporary interconnected world. Recognizing the critical role of public awareness, individual vaccination choices appear to be an essential factor in collective efforts against emerging health threats. This study aims to characterize disease transmission dynamics under evolving social connections, information sharing, and individual vaccination decisions. To address this important problem, we present an integrated behaviour-prevalence model on an adaptive multiplex network...

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The Ubuntu Way: Ensuring Ethical AI Integration in Health Research

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Brenda Odero, David Nderitu, Gabrielle Samuel

Abstract

The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) in health research has grown rapidly, particularly in African nations, which have also been developing data protection laws and AI strategies. However, the ethical frameworks governing AI use in health research are often based on Western philosophies, focusing on individualism, and may not fully address the unique challenges and cultural contexts of African communities. This paper advocates for the incorporation of African philosophies, specifically Ubuntu, into AI health research ethics frameworks to better align with African values and contexts.

This study explores the concept of Ubuntu, a philosophy that emphasises communalism, interconnectedness, and collective well-being, and its application to AI health research ethics. By analysing existing global AI ethics frameworks and contrasting them with the Ubuntu philosophy, a new ethics framework is proposed that integrates these perspectives. The framework is designed to address ethical challenges at individual, community, national, and environmental levels, with a particular focus on the African context.

The proposed framework highlights four key principles derived from Ubuntu: communalism and openness, harmony and support, research prioritisation and community empowerment, and community-oriented decision-making. These principles are aligned with global ethical standards such as

justice, beneficence, transparency, and accountability but are adapted to reflect the communal and relational values inherent in Ubuntu. The framework aims to ensure that AI-driven health research benefits communities equitably, respects local contexts and promotes long-term sustainability...

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