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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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Gaza/OPT

International Community Must Keep Pushing for Permanent Ceasefire, Work towards Gaza's Reconstruction, Secretary-General Tells Palestinian Rights Committee

Speakers Urge Member States to Fully Support UN Palestine Refugee Agency's Vital Work, Stress Rising Violence by Israeli Settlers in West Bank Must Stop

GA/PAL/1478 421st Meeting (PM)

5 February 2025

The international community must keep pushing for a permanent ceasefire and work towards the reconstruction of Gaza, the UN Chief told the Palestinian Rights Committee today, highlighting the essential role of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) in the process.

"At its essence, the exercise of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people is about the right of Palestinians to simply live as human beings in their own land," said UN Secretary-General António Guterres in his remarks to the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People as it opened its 2025 session.

However, the realization of those rights steadily slips farther out of reach as the world witnesses "chilling, systematic dehumanization and demonization of an entire people", he said. Nearly 50,000 people — 70 per cent of them women and children — have been reported killed and most of Gaza's civilian infrastructure — hospitals, schools and water facilities — has been destroyed. Displacement after displacement, hunger and disease left an entire generation homeless and traumatized.

"We cannot go back to more death and destruction," he asserted, adding that the UN is working around the clock to reach Palestinians in need and scale up support. That requires rapid, safe, unimpeded, expanded and sustained humanitarian access, he said, calling on Member States to fully fund humanitarian operations and support UNRWA's vital work.

In the search for solutions, **it is crucial to stay true to the bedrock of international law and avoid any form of ethnic cleansing, he stressed, adding that a viable, sovereign Palestinian State living side by side in peace and security with Israel is "the only sustainable solution for Middle East stability".**

Relatedly, he voiced **grave concern over rising violence by Israeli settlers and other violations in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem.** "The violence must stop," he said, urging respect for international law, including the International Court of Justice orders...

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Children – Armed Conflict

Report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict

Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development

Human Rights Council, Fifty-eighth session , 24 February–4 April 2025, Agenda item 3

Summary

In the present report, which covers the period from December 2023 to December 2024, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict explores challenges in ending and preventing grave violations against children and strengthening the protection of children affected by armed conflict. She outlines the activities carried out in discharging her mandate, the challenges faced, issues of concern and progress achieved in addressing grave violations against children. The Special Representative also lays out her advocacy activities, including through her focus on lessons learned and best practices. She provides information on her field visits and efforts to build partnerships, including with regional organizations and international partners. The Special Representative further outlines priorities and makes recommendations to enhance the protection of children affected by conflict.

[Excerpts]

III. Trends, progress and issues of concern in the protection of conflict-affected children

A. Trends in grave violations against children

10. The latest annual report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict, issued in June 2024,² covered 25 situations and one regional monitoring arrangement. The report highlighted that the United Nations verified 32,990 grave violations against children in 2023. A total of 22,557 children (15,847 boys; 6,252 girls; 458 sex unknown) were victims of at least one of the four grave violations affecting individual children: recruitment and use; killing and maiming; rape and other forms of sexual violence; and abduction. The situations with the highest numbers of children affected were in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Myanmar, Somalia, Nigeria and the Sudan.

11. A total of 11,649 children, of whom almost 30 per cent were girls, were killed and maimed by parties to armed conflict. The armed conflicts in which the highest numbers of children were killed and maimed were in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory, Burkina Faso, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Myanmar, Somalia, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic and Ukraine. In the majority of cases, the use of explosive ordnance, including explosive weapons and remnants of war, improvised explosive devices and landmines, including in populated areas, caused the killing and maiming of children.

12. In 2023, 8,655 children were recruited and used, and 4,356 children were abducted, with the highest numbers verified in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Somalia and Nigeria. Almost 40 per cent of the abductions affected girls. In addition, 2,491 children were detained for actual or alleged association with armed groups, including those designated as terrorist groups by the United Nations, or for national security reasons.

13. With 1,650 incidents verified, attacks on schools and hospitals and their protected personnel remained concerning in 2023, in particular in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory, Ukraine, Myanmar, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Sudan.

14. Rape and other forms of sexual violence affected 1,470 children. More than 90 per cent of verified incidents of sexual violence were perpetrated against girls, although incidents of sexual violence against boys also increased. Sexual violence continued to be vastly underreported owing to stigmatization, fear of reprisals, harmful social norms the absence or lack of access to services and impunity and safety concerns.

15. In 2023, 5,205 incidents of denial of humanitarian access were verified. The highest numbers of denials of humanitarian access were verified in Afghanistan, the Central African Republic, Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory, Mali, Myanmar, Ukraine and Yemen.

16. Assessing grave violations committed against children in his above-mentioned annual report on children and armed conflict, the Secretary-General has decided to list several additional parties to conflict in the annexes to his report and to add violations for parties to conflict that had been previously listed. More information can be found under section 5 of his annual report.³

17. In 2024, violence against children in armed conflict continued at extreme levels. Tens of thousands of children continued to be affected by armed conflict across the globe, suffering abhorrent abuses and violations of their most basic rights. Children were severely affected by multiplying and escalating conflicts that were marked by a complete disregard for child rights, in particular the inherent right to life, and by chronic humanitarian crises. In some situations, relapse into or escalation of conflict had devastating impacts on children and their communities. The splintering of existing or emergence of new armed actors, intercommunal violence, the spreading of hostilities, as well as the use of explosive weapons and presence of explosive remnants of war, contributed to high levels of grave violations against children.

18. In the first half of 2024, the United Nations verified over 18,000 grave violations against children. Nearly 12,000 children were victims of at least one of the four grave violations affecting individual children: recruitment and use; killing and maiming; rape and other forms of sexual violence; and abduction. The highest numbers of violations were the killing and maiming of children, followed by the recruitment and use of children and the denial of humanitarian access to children. The first half of 2024 saw children being killed and maimed in unprecedented numbers in the Sudan, Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory, Myanmar, Somalia, Burkina Faso, Somalia and Ukraine. Moreover, most cases of recruitment and use were verified in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nigeria, Somalia, Mozambique, the Syrian Arab Republic and Colombia. Access challenges hindered the monitoring and reporting of grave violations as well as the provision of services to conflict-affected children. The highest numbers of denials of humanitarian access were verified in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory, Haiti, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Myanmar and Mali.

V. Recommendations [selected]

...100. The Special Representative calls upon parties to armed conflict to **allow and facilitate safe, timely and unimpeded humanitarian access to children**, as well as access by children to services, assistance and protection, and to ensure the safety of humanitarian personnel, facilities and assets.

101. The Special Representative calls upon parties to armed conflict **to enable unimpeded access to education for conflict-affected children**. She expresses concern about attacks against schools and their military use and stresses that it is fundamental to preserve their civilian character. She urges Member States to do their utmost to protect schools, students and teachers, as well as hospitals, healthcare institutions and health workers, and reminds all parties to the conflict that the military use

of schools or health facilities must be avoided.. She further calls for the adoption and implementation of dedicated measures to ensure the continuous education of girls.

102. The Special Representative **calls upon Member States to ensure that birth registration is accessible to all without discrimination of any kind**, including on the basis of the child’s or the child’s parents’ immigration status, gender, disability, ethnicity, race, social origin or other diversity factors, and to remove legal and practical barriers to birth registration, including by raising awareness of the associated rights and benefits. She further calls on Member States to ensure continuity of birth registration during and after situations of conflict and humanitarian crisis, including through the deployment of mobile registration teams, and calls upon Governments to continue engaging with the United Nations on solutions for the issuance of civil documentation for children....

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Trafficking

Nearly 20,000 live animals seized, and 365 suspects arrested in largest-ever wildlife and forestry operation

138 countries and regions join forces to target fauna and flora trafficking worldwide
World Customs Organization 04 February 2025

Nearly 20,000 live animals, all endangered or protected species, have been seized in a global operation against wildlife and forestry trafficking networks, jointly coordinated by the World Customs Organization (WCO) and INTERPOL.

Operation Thunder 2024 (11 November – 6 December) brought together Customs, Police, border control, forestry and wildlife officials from **138 countries and regions, marking the widest participation since the first edition in 2017.**



Authorities arrested 365 suspects and identified six transnational criminal networks suspected of trafficking animals and plants protected by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). Such species are illegally trafficked to meet

specific market demands, whether for food, perceived medicinal benefits, “luxury” and collector items or as pets and competition animals.

The live animals, which included big cats, birds, pangolins, primates and reptiles were rescued in connection with **2,213 seizures made worldwide**.

Where possible, wildlife forensic experts collected DNA samples before transferring the animals to conservation centres, where their health was assessed while awaiting [repatriation](#) or rehabilitation, in line with national frameworks and relevant protocols...

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EU, ICCWC, and civil society join forces to combat wildlife crime

07/02/2025

The European Union (EU) awarded the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICCWC) €27 million to tackle organized crime networks trafficking in wildlife globally and reduce the demand driving this illicit trade, in collaboration with civil society organizations.

The new initiative, GUARD Wildlife - **G**lobal **U**nited **A**ction to **R**educe and **D**ismantle Organized Wildlife Crime – aims to conserve endangered species and biodiversity for future generations. The project will be implemented through a close partnership between ICCWC members – the Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora ([CITES](#)), the International Criminal Police Organization ([INTERPOL](#)), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([UNODC](#)) and the World Customs Organization ([WCO](#)) - and civil society organizations. GUARD Wildlife will harness the expertise of EU Member States and engage closely with national authorities and law enforcement agencies to strengthen the global fight against organized wildlife crime.

Year after year, the international community has placed growing importance on combating illegal trade to conserve wildlife, making the disruption of trafficking networks a top priority. The latest [UNODC World Wildlife Crime Report](#) (2024) documented illegal trade seizures in 162 countries and territories during 2015–2021, affecting around 4,000 plant and animal species...

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ICC: Trump Executive Order – ICC Response

Presidential Actions

IMPOSING SANCTIONS ON THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

EXECUTIVE ORDER

February 6, 2025

[Excerpts]

I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, find that the International Criminal Court (ICC), as established by the Rome Statute, has engaged in illegitimate and baseless actions targeting America and our close ally Israel. The ICC has, without a legitimate basis, asserted jurisdiction over and opened preliminary investigations concerning personnel of the United States and certain of its allies, including Israel, and has further abused its power by issuing baseless arrest warrants targeting Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Former Minister of Defense Yoav Gallant. The ICC has no jurisdiction over the United States or Israel, as neither country is party to the Rome Statute or a member of the ICC. Neither country has ever recognized the ICC’s jurisdiction, and both nations are thriving democracies with militaries that strictly adhere to the laws of war. The ICC’s

recent actions against Israel and the United States set a dangerous precedent, directly endangering current and former United States personnel, including active service members of the Armed Forces, by exposing them to harassment, abuse, and possible arrest. This malign conduct in turn threatens to infringe upon the sovereignty of the United States and undermines the critical national security and foreign policy work of the United States Government and our allies, including Israel...

The United States unequivocally opposes and expects our allies to oppose any ICC actions against the United States, Israel, or any other ally of the United States that has not consented to ICC jurisdiction. The United States remains committed to accountability and to the peaceful cultivation of international order, but the ICC and parties to the Rome Statute must respect the decisions of the United States and other countries not to subject their personnel to the ICC's jurisdiction, consistent with their respective sovereign prerogatives.

The United States will impose tangible and significant consequences on those responsible for the ICC's transgressions, some of which may include the blocking of property and assets, as well as the suspension of entry into the United States of ICC officials, employees, and agents, as well as their immediate family members, as their entry into our Nation would be detrimental to the interests of the United States.

I therefore determine that any effort by the ICC to investigate, arrest, detain, or prosecute protected persons, as defined in section 8(d) of this order, constitutes an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States, and I hereby declare a national emergency to address that threat...

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Statement of ICC President Judge Tomoko Akane following the issuance of US Executive Order seeking to impose sanctions on the International Criminal Court

Statement 7 February 2025

I note with deep regret the issuance by the United States of an Executive Order seeking to impose sanctions on the officials of the International Criminal Court (ICC, Court), harm the Court's independence and its impartiality and deprive millions of innocent victims of atrocities of justice and hope.

The ICC is a judicial body which performs functions that align with the interests of the international community by enforcing and promoting universally recognised rules of international law, including the law of armed conflicts and human rights law.

As atrocities continue to plague the globe affecting the lives of millions of innocent children, women and men, the Court has become indispensable. It represents the most significant legacy of the immense suffering inflicted on civilians by the world wars, the Holocaust, genocides, violence and persecutions. When most of the States of the world gathered to draft the Rome Statute, they made the dream of many women and men come true. Today, the ICC is dealing with proceedings arising from different Situations across the world, in strict adherence to the provisions of the Rome Statute.

The announced Executive Order is only the latest in a series of unprecedented and escalatory attacks aiming to undermine the Court's ability to administer justice in all Situations. Such threats and coercive measures constitute serious attacks against the Court's States Parties, the rule of law based international order and millions of victims.

The ICC and its officials from all over the world realise daily its judicial mandate to determine whether certain individual conducts, within its legitimate jurisdiction, give rise to responsibility for international crimes. **We firmly reject any attempt to influence the independence and the impartiality of the Court or to politicise our judicial function.** We have and always will comply only with the law, under all circumstances.

The ICC stands firmly by its personnel and pledges to continue providing justice and hope to millions of innocent victims of atrocities across the world, in all Situations before it, in the sole interest of human dignity. **I call upon all those who share the values enshrined in the Statute to stand united in the Court's defence: our 125 States Parties, civil society and all nations of the world.**

ICC condemns the issuance of US Executive Order seeking to impose sanctions on the Court

Information 7 February 2025

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ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 08 Feb 2025]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest Resources/Upcoming Events

90 Day Suspension Order Resources

This webpage aims to provide key resources, statements, and information regarding the 90-day suspension of funding recently announced by the U.S. government.

Please share updates and resources with [Edith Mecha](#) and [Eileen Morrow](#)

Latest Updates

Impacts of the Suspension on Humanitarian Aid – Global Findings

- [Preliminary Findings from ICVA Survey](#) on impact on humanitarian aid, local partners and NGOs.
- [USAIDStopWork](#) Tracker on job losses in America and overseas
- Impact on [People with Disabilities](#)
- [Accountability Lab Rapid Analysis of Initial Impacts on Organisations Globally](#)

Country Level Snapshots

- [Somalia – Impact of suspended aid](#)
- [Niger Impact of US Funding Suspension](#)
- [Ethiopia – Impact of US Funding Suspension](#)
- [North East Syria Snapshot of impact on humanitarian aid.](#)

Latest Official US Government info

- [Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies – The White House](#)
- [White House – Withdrawing the US from and ending funding to certain UN organisations & reviewing US support to all international organisations.](#)
- [Whole-of-Government Approach – United States Department of State](#)

- US Department of State – [Emergency Humanitarian Assistance Waiver to Foreign Assistance Pause](#)
- The US Secretary of State [latest releases](#).

Unofficial US Government info

- As the USAID website is currently down, [Kirsten Blandford](#) has shared this [dropbox folder](#) with USAID regulations and award provisions.
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Tools & Supports available:

- [ARIES CONSULT LTD: Project 2025: An all-out assault on U.S. Development Assistance](#)
- Humentum: [Navigating the USG Funding Pause for Foreign Assistance Programs: Guidance Document](#)
- Holding Space Webinar Series: [Coming together to create possibilities for change in turbulent times.](#)
- NEID Global 2025 Resource List: [Possible Funding Opportunities](#)
- Avallon Consulting: [MANAGING STOP WORK ORDERS AND SUSPENSION UNDER USG CONTRACTS AND GRANTS](#)

Latest Advocacy & Communications

ICVA

- [The Humanitarian Imperative Must Come First – ICVA](#) & Systems Strengthening Initiative Group.
- [Public Statement](#) by ICVA Executive Director on the 90 day suspension
- [RTBF Radio interview](#) by Jamie Munn @approximately 6.40 minutes on Le Carrefour.

NGO Statements

- [CHS Alliance: Unwavering solidarity: Defending people's rights and dignity in this time of crisis](#)
- [Oxfam America: Trump move to dismantle USAID 'cruel' and 'really has exceeded our imagination'](#)
- [Latest Bond statement on USAID](#)
- MSF: [Freezing US foreign aid will result in humanitarian disaster](#)
- Norwegian People's Aid: [Statement from NPA: All of NPA's US-funded activities are put on pause](#)
- HIAS: [Asylum and Border Policy: How It Works vs. How It Should Work](#)
- CALP Network: [Cash and voucher assistance is 'life-saving': We urgently need to make the case](#)
- ACFID [Statement on the suspension of U.S. foreign aid](#)
- People in Need: [US suspension of aid is gambling with lives. The support of private donors is crucial now](#)
- Oxfam: [Dismantling USAID would have deadly consequences for millions](#)
- Near Network: [In Solidarity with NEAR Members, Partners and All Local Organisations Affected by U.S. Government Foreign Aid Suspension](#)
- Women's Refugee Commission: [The Trump Administration's Freeze Will Have Lifelong Consequences For Displaced Women & Girls](#)
- [IECAH Statement on the Suspension of U.S. Government International Aid](#)
- [A Lifeline Cut for Millions in Need: VOICE reaction on the Aid Suspension](#)
- [Bond statement on USAID spending pause](#)
- Oxfam: [Trump administration "threatening the lives and futures of communities in crisis"](#)
- Interaction: [Statement on Stop-Work Order Issued by the State Department](#)
- MSF: [Attacks on reproductive health will have devastating consequences worldwide](#)
- IPPF: [Statement on the Reinstatement of the Global Gag Rule](#)
- [Statement by the SG of the Danish Refugee Council on U.S. pause of humanitarian assistance](#)

Other Statements

- [HOT Statement on the US Federal Government Disruption of Foreign Assistance](#)

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U.S. Actions – Global Health

The Lancet

Feb 08, 2025 Volume 405 Number 10477 p439-516

<https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/issue/current>

Editorial

[American chaos: standing up for health and medicine](#)

The Lancet

Withdrawal from WHO and the Paris Agreements. USAID shuttered and aid halted, ceasing health programmes globally. A freeze on US\$3 trillion worth of federal grants and loans, jeopardising the functioning of Medicaid. A sweeping pause on key activities across the National Institutes of Health (the world's largest biomedical research institution). Stop work orders at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Denial of gender diversity. The Mexico City policy reinstated.

Communications blackouts, which saw the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* not published for the first time in 60 years. Donald Trump's actions domestically and globally are not a measured reappraisal of US priorities. They are a sweeping and damaging attack on the health of the American people and those dependent on US foreign assistance.

They are also an attack on the health and medical research community. Researchers' ability to work has been severely limited or stopped altogether. Free speech is restricted. Use of certain terms is banned on US Government websites (and in manuscripts submitted to scientific journals), including "gender", "transgender", "LGBT", and "non-binary", and a directive has paused the submission of new work for publication for all CDC employees and contractors. At *The Lancet*, the impact has already been felt. Reviewers are declining and authors are self-censoring. Health institutions may be hesitant to criticise the new administration publicly, but this timidity is a mistake. Trump's actions must be called out for the damage they are doing.

The 90-day freeze of US aid, including funds for the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief—even with a waiver for "life-saving humanitarian programs"—has left services in limbo, particularly for HIV prevention and key populations. These are not abstract concerns. Swathes of health workers have been fired, clinics have closed, and patients have been affected, as World Reports in this issue show. Elon Musk has called USAID "evil" and a "criminal organisation", peddling falsehoods in an attempt to justify gutting, if not abolishing, the agency. These decisions are deeply wrong, with far-reaching impacts that set back decades of gains in disease control and health equity. Trump's actions are a particular attack on women's health, notably sexual and reproductive health and rights. The gradual progress that has been made on climate and health is now likely to stall or even reverse. More people will get ill and more people will die.

This moment is a test. How should our community react? The immediate result has been confusion, disruption, and disorientation, but the response cannot be dictated by fear or resignation. There is a need for focus, strategy, and—indeed—hope. Not all executive orders will survive legal challenges. Some orders have been tempered or adjusted thanks to civil society, journalists, government whistleblowers, and some members of Congress who have been vocal about the immediate harms. The health, medical, and scientific communities have a vital role in advocating for their patients, defending

programmes, and lobbying for policies and institutions that are good for health and wellbeing. Bipartisan support for global health in the USA has given way to deep polarisation, and the global health community must contend with the fact that the USA is an unreliable partner. As Ilona Kickbusch notes in a Comment in this issue, other member states need to finance and build an organisation that is fit for the challenges ahead.

The health community has overcome huge obstacles many times before to make enormous contributions to humanity's wellbeing. Those experiences have crystalised a vision about what health is, and what it can be. That everyone has a right to health. That the health of Americans is contingent on the health of everyone, everywhere—and vice versa. That cooperation and constructive partnerships are vital, and that science has the ability not only to advance our understanding of the world but also to bring people together. That health is a social good, beneficial for societies, a driver of economies, and a path to development. That medicine can help people at their lowest, alleviate suffering, and improve lives. That equity—treating according to need—is fundamental to what medicine is. And that to care is an act not of weakness, but of strength.

The past 3 weeks have generated much anger, fear, and sorrow—but it is no time for panic. The medical and scientific communities must come together and stand up for this vision. In that spirit, *The Lancet* will be a focal point of accountability over the next 4 years, monitoring and reviewing the actions of the US Government and the consequences of its decisions for health.

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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 08 Feb 2025]

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

Meetings Coverage/Press Releases [Selected]

7 February 2025 ECOSOC/7191

[Responsible Global Governance of Artificial Intelligence Critical, Speakers Say, as Economic and Social Council Concludes Its Coordination Segment](#)

Amid the fourth industrial revolution, responsible global governance of artificial intelligence (AI) is paramount, the Economic and Social Council heard today as speakers at its 2025 coordination segment explored the transformative potential of data, science, technology and innovation to advance sustainable development.

5 February 2025 GA/PAL/1478

International Community Must Keep Pushing for Permanent Ceasefire, Work towards Gaza's Reconstruction, Secretary-General Tells Palestinian Rights Committee

The international community must keep pushing for a permanent ceasefire and work towards the reconstruction of Gaza, the UN Chief told the Palestinian Rights Committee today, highlighting the essential role of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) in the process.

5 February 2025 SG/SM/22546

United Nations 'Fully Committed to Peace, Stability, Inalienable Rights of Palestinian People', Secretary-General Tells Committee

Following are UN Secretary-General António Guterres' remarks to the opening of the 2025 session of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in New York today:

UN Human Rights – OHCHR [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Latest News, Statements, Press Releases [Selected]

News 07 February 2025

Human Rights Council Establishes Fact-Finding Mission on Human Rights Abuses and Violations in the Provinces of North Kivu and South Kivu in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Also Establishes Independent Commission of Inquiry to Continue Work of the Fact-Finding Mission

News 07 February 2025

High Commissioner for Human Rights: Civilians in the East Democratic Republic of the Congo are Trapped in a Spiral of Violence in this Crushing Conflict

Tools and resources 06 February 2025

Unilateral coercive measures

Guiding Principles on Sanctions, Business and Human Rights

Summary

The Guiding Principles on sanctions, business and human rights were developed to establish guidelines and benchmarks for States, international, universal, and regional organizations and businesses to ensure the promotion, protection and respect for human rights and to fulfill obligations under international law in the sanctions' environment, to eliminate and/or minimize over-compliance with unilateral sanctions in accordance with para. 27 of the Human Rights Council resolution 55/7. The Guiding Principles also apply to businesses where businesses are practically compelled to comply with unilateral coercive measures by States or regional organizations. The Guiding Principles are accompanied with the Commentary that aims to provide a factual and legal framework for every provision of the principles. The Guiding Principles also set forth the minimum standards of human rights precaution and protection in the course of the implementation and enforcement of UN Security Council sanctions.

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Council News

No new digest content identified.

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Latest news

06 Feb 2025 *Press releases*

[UN Child Rights Committee publishes findings on Ecuador, Eritrea, Gambia, Honduras, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, and Slovakia](#)

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Press Releases

[The State of Qatar and the United Nations Reinforce their Commitment to Protecting Children in Armed Conflict with the Extension of the Analysis and Outreach Hub in Doha](#)

Friday, 7 February 2025

[An Even Darker Year for Children's Rights in Armed Conflict: The International Community Must Rally behind the Convention on the Rights of the Child](#)

Thursday, 6 February 2025

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Statements, Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the right to health [to 08 Feb 2025]

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Health/Pages/SRRightHealthIndex.aspx>

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Latest news

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

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06 Feb 2025 *Press releases*

[UN experts call for urgent humanitarian relief and a political solution to protect civilians in DRC](#)

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

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

Latest News

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UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 08 Feb 2025]

<http://www.unhcr.org/en-us/media-centre.html>

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UN OCHA Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

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[Today's top news: Occupied Palestinian Territory, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Syria, Haiti](#)

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Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 08 Feb 2025]

<https://centre.humdata.org/>

Latest Stories

No new digest content identified.

IOM [International Organization for Migration] [to 08 Feb 2025]

<http://www.iom.int>

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No new digest content identified.

UNAIDS [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

News, Stories, Updates

Last update: 07 February 2025

[Impact of recent U.S. shifts on the global HIV response](#)

... On 1 February 2025, the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Global Health Security and Diplomacy (GHSD), which oversees PEPFAR, issued a memo to PEPFAR Implementing Agencies and PEPFAR Country Coordinators on the implementation of the waiver, confirming that only the following activities should be continued / resumed during the 90-day pause:

1. Life-saving HIV care and treatment services, inclusive of HIV testing and counseling, prevention and treatment of opportunistic infections including TB, laboratory services, and procurement and supply chain for commodities/medicines.
2. Prevention of mother-to-child transmission services, inclusive of commodities/test kits, medicines and PrEP for pregnant and breastfeeding women.
3. Reasonable implementing agency and implementing partner administrative costs strictly necessary to deliver and provide oversight of this assistance.
4. PEPFAR implementing agencies were also instructed to pause U.S. foreign assistance for all other activities not covered by the waiver.

UNICEF [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Latest press releases, news notes and statements

Remarks 07 February 2025

Haiti's Children Under Siege: The staggering rise of child abuse and recruitment by armed groups

GENEVA, 7 February 2025 – "A staggering 1,000 per cent rise in sexual violence against children in Haiti has turned their bodies into battlegrounds. The 10-fold rise, recorded from 2023 to last year, comes as armed groups inflict unimaginable horrors on children. "Almost equally staggering is how little coverage t...

Press release 06 February 2025

The silent killer: over 100 daily deaths of children under five linked to air pollution in East Asia and the Pacific

BANGKOK, 6 February 2025 – As Thailand's capital, Bangkok, grapples with unhealthy levels of air pollution, leading to school closures and widespread health concerns, UNICEF's latest analysis sheds light on the devastating impact of toxic air on children across East Asia and the Pacific. Air pollution, which peaks...

Statement 05 February 2025

At least 40 children reportedly killed in three days across Sudan

PORT SUDAN/AMMAN/NEW YORK, 5 February 2025 – "Shelling in Kadugli, South Kordofan State, killed 21 children and maimed 29 on Monday, 3 February. According to reports, at least 11 children were killed in shelling on a livestock market in El Fasher, Darfur State, and reportedly another eight children were killed a...

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Remarks 04 February 2025

UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell's remarks at the first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board

NEW YORK, 4 February 2025 – "Excellencies, distinguished delegates, colleagues, it is good to be with you for this first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board for 2025. "Congratulations again to Ambassador Hikmat on his appointment as President of the Executive Board, and to the new members of the Bureau. ...

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WHO & Regional Offices [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

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7 February 2025 *News release*

[**Dire health and humanitarian crisis in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo prompts escalation of efforts by WHO, partners**](#)

6 February 2025 *Joint News Release*

[**Strengthening alliances and building movements to end female genital mutilation**](#)

[**Groundbreaking Ebola vaccination trial launches today in Uganda**](#)

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WHO African Region AFRO

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[**Urgent action needed to reinforce breast cancer control measures in Africa: WHO report**](#)

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

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[**Countries of the Americas to have access to the HPV9 vaccine through the PAHO Revolving Fund from mid-2025**](#)

Washington, D.C., 5 February 2025 – The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) has announced that the 9-valent HPV vaccine will be available to countries of the Americas via its Revolving Fund for Access to Vaccines starting July 2025. This will facilitate more affordable, efficient access to the vaccine, which provides protection against 9...

:: 4 Feb 2025

[**Epidemiological Alert: Increase in Yellow Fever Cases in Latin America**](#)

Washington, DC, February 4, 2025 (PAHO) - The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) has issued an epidemiological alert regarding yellow fever in the Americas due to the recent increase in confirmed human cases in several countries in the region and a change in the geographic distribution of the disease. This increase has been observed over the...

:: 3 Feb 2025

[**PAHO calls on Latin American and Caribbean countries to improve access to essential cancer medicines and supplies**](#)

Washington, DC, February 3, 2025 (PAHO)– On the eve of World Cancer Day (February 4), the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) is urging governments in Latin America and the Caribbean to prioritize access to essential cancer medicines, supplies, and equipment. Cancer remains one of the leading causes of death in the Americas region, claiming...

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

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WHO European Region EURO

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WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: [**Layla's journey to vaccinate her son during The Big Catch-up in Somalia**](#)

6 February 2025

WHO Western Pacific Region

:: 30 January 2025

Lao PDR Ministry of Health pilots text message vaccine reminders for childhood immunization...

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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.

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Weekly Epidemiological Record

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

Vol. 100, No. 06, pp. 41–44 7 February 2025

PDF: <https://iris.who.int/bitstream/handle/10665/380408/WER10006-eng-fre.pdf>

:: Notes from the field: Detection of vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (VDPV2) in wastewater in 5 European countries, September–December 2024

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New WHO Publications

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

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7 February 2025

WHO pharmaceuticals newsletter - No. 5, 2024

Overview

The WHO pharmaceuticals newsletter provides you with the latest information on the safety of medicinal products and regulatory actions taken by authorities around the world.

In addition, this edition includes the meeting report of the WHO Advisory Committee on Safety of Medicinal Products (ACSoMP), 13-14 May 2024.

6 February 2025

Global research agenda for antimicrobial resistance in human health

Overview

The World Health Organization's global research agenda for antimicrobial resistance in human health is the first of its kind, developed to promote the generation of evidence with the greatest potential to mitigate AMR in the human health sector by 2030. The agenda outlines 33 research priorities addressing bacterial and fungal infections and seven priorities specifically addressing multidrug-resistant tuberculosis, identified through a rigorous prioritization exercise based on a literature review and expert opinion.

Designed to guide policymakers, researchers, funders and other stakeholders, the agenda aims to catalyse research and investment aligned with the identified priorities. It emphasizes the need to translate research priorities into actionable, implementable studies to ultimately inform AMR policies and interventions—especially in resource-limited settings.

4 February 2025

[Evaluation of WHO 13th General Programme of Work](#)

4 February 2025

[Infection prevention and control and water, sanitation and hygiene measures for home care and isolation for mpox in resource-limited settings: interim operational guide](#)

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[Global vaccine market report 2024](#)

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World Organisation for Animal Health [OIE] [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

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UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

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UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

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UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

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UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

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

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UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

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UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

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UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

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07 Feb 2025 | DESA

Strengthening solidarity and inclusion for social development

7 February 2025 - 30 years ago, world leaders united around a groundbreaking commitment to put people at the centre of development. At the World Summit for Social Development in Copenhagen, they pledged to eradicate poverty, promote social integration, and achieve full and productive employment for all.

07 Feb 2025 | DESA

2025: A turning point for financing a more sustainable future

7 February 2025 - A turning point for financing for development awaits in 2025. With the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD4) from 30 June to 3 July 2025 in Seville, Spain, the global community is getting ready to ensure sufficient financing for sustainable development. Together, the Conference will chart a path to reform the international financial architecture to make it fit for purpose in a more crisis-prone world.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

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Social health protection

International Labour Organization and Mahidol University strengthen partnership to advance social health protection in Asia

New agreement to drive regional collaboration, capacity building and policy innovation for inclusive social protection systems.

6 February 2025

UNESCO [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Press Releases [Selected] - Observatory of Killed Journalists

No new digest content identified.

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Announcements [Selected]

ICOMOS Launches PUBLICOMOS: Your Global Resource on Heritage Conservation

Published: 3 February 2025

ICOMOS is pleased to announce the launch of PUBLICOMOS, a comprehensive and collaborative platform that integrates printed and digital cultural heritage documentation into a single website. Displayed in English, French, and Spanish, PUBLICOMOS includes documents in over 50 languages and a comprehensive catalogue of ICOMOS publications since its establishment in 1965.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Press Releases [Selected]

[EU, ICCWC, and civil society join forces to combat wildlife crime](#)

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UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 08 Feb 2025]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

Press Releases, Statements [Selected]

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FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

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[FAO ensures transparency and quality in measuring SDG 2 \(Zero Hunger\) Indicators](#)

Statement of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

06/02/2025

Rome - The current era is marked by escalating conflicts, increasing frequency and intensity of extreme weather events and disasters, and profound economic shocks that drive migration as people seek to escape harsh conditions.

Against this backdrop, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) reaffirms its unwavering commitment, enshrined in its Constitution, to collect, analyze, interpret, and disseminate information on nutrition, food security, and agriculture.

FAO's work in this domain has since been acknowledged by governments and many other stakeholders for its neutrality, reliability, and rigor....

World Food Programme [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

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6 February 2025

[WFP Deputy Executive Director calls for urgent action to rebuild Gaza after visit](#)

JERUSALEM/ROME – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) Deputy Executive Director Carl Skau appealed today for an increase in international support to boost humanitarian assistance for millions of people in Gaza as they seek to rebuild their lives.

3 February 2025

[WFP and Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief call for urgent investment into anticipatory action in Bangladesh](#)

DHAKA - The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and the Government of Bangladesh's Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR) released the "State of Anticipatory Action 2024" report, this week, highlighting the importance of anticipatory action in disaster risk management.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Latest News and Highlights [Selected]

[ICAO Council President joins Pope Francis and global leaders in advocacy against human trafficking](#)

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IMO International Maritime Organization [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

What's New

06 February 2025

[IMO agrees to draft Revised Action Plan on marine plastics](#)

The IMO's Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response has agreed on the draft 2025 Action Plan to Address Marine Plastic Litter from Ships, with a view to its approval by the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 83) when it meets on 7 to 11 April 2025.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 08 Feb 2025]

<https://public.wmo.int>

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No new digest content identified.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 08 Feb 2025]

<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 08 Feb 2025]

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

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[UNIDO Participates in the 9th Governing Council Session of the UN Technology Bank for the Least Developed Countries \(UNTBLCs\), Supporting a Bold New Strategic Plan](#)

07 February 2025

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 08 Feb 2025]

<https://www.iso.org/announcements.html>

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WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

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[Reusable Rockets, Autonomous Autos, Smart Ships: Inventing Increasingly Reshaping the Transportation Industry, New WIPO Report Finds](#)

Innovation in the global transportation sector is increasingly focusing on greener, futuristic technologies like air taxis, wireless charging for electric vehicles and self-piloting cargo ships, with China, Japan, the US, the Republic of Korea and Germany leading in inventive activity, a new WIPO report shows.

Feb 6, 2025 [PR/2025/933](#)

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Announcements/Decisions/Events [Selected]

[Notification 2025-012](#)

Invitation to submit information for the development of indicators, metrics and progress measurement tools on Biodiversity and Health

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DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.] [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

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USAID [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

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Website not responding at inquiry.

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [U.K.] [nee DFID] [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Press release

[New UK support for Ukraine drives forward 100 Year Partnership](#)

The UK will boost Ukrainian grain supplies to Syria as the Foreign Secretary drives forward the 100 Year Partnership on visit to Kyiv.

5 February 2025

ECHO [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

News

News article 6 February 2025

[South Sudan: €1 million top-up in response to cholera epidemic](#)

This emergency funding will support our humanitarian partners in replenishing emergency stocks, case management and coordination.

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African Union [to 08 Feb 2025]

<http://www.au.int>

Press releases [Selected]

African leaders convene on establishment of homegrown solution

February 07, 2025

The event to be held on the margins of the 37th AU Ordinary Summit at 0800hrs EAT at the African Union Headquarters, underscores Africa's commitment to enhancing the continent's financial sovereignty and addressing long-standing...

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Secretariat News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

European Commission

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

Latest [Selected]

Statement Feb 4, 2025

European Union calls for end of Female Genital Mutilation

OECD [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Newsroom [Selected]

OECD launches global framework to monitor application of G7 Hiroshima AI Code of Conduct

Artificial intelligence

7 February 2025

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) launched today the first global framework for companies to report on their efforts to promote safe, secure, and trustworthy AI. This initiative monitors the application of the Hiroshima Process International Code of Conduct for Organisations Developing Advanced AI Systems, a central component of the Hiroshima AI Process launched during Japan's G7 Presidency...

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

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Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

News

OIC Condemns US President's Statements on Displacement of Palestinians from Gaza Strip and Stopping Funding for UNRWA

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) expressed its condemnation and denunciation of US President Donald Trump's statements on his call to displace the Palestinian people

2025-02-05

In one week: Israeli Occupation Attacks Target 3 Mosques and 2,433 Settlers Storm Al-Aqsa

226 Palestinians Murdered and Israel Destroys 57 Homes in the West Bank The Israeli occupation forces killed 25 Palestinians in the West Bank, and 12 others
2025-02-04

Group of 77 [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Latest Statements and Speeches [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

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UNCTAD [to 08 Feb 2025]

<https://unctad.org/>

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No new digest content identified.

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 015 Oct 2022]

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

Latest News

04 February 2025

Nearly 20,000 live animals seized, and 365 suspects arrested in largest-ever wildlife and forestry operation

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

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No new digest content identified.

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

WTO News and Events [Selected]

China initiates WTO dispute complaint regarding US tariff measures

5 February 2025

China has requested WTO dispute consultations with the United States in regard to new tariff measures applied by the United States on goods originating in China. The request was circulated to WTO members on 5 February.

Services trade growth hits new highs in third quarter of 2024

3 February 2025

Global services trade posted a strong 10 per cent year-on-year increase in the third quarter of 2024, building on solid growth in the first half of the year.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Press releases 04/02/2025

IPU Parliamentary Hearing at the UN to focus on the SDGs

...IPU President Tulia Ackson and UNGA President Philemon Yang will host some 300 participants, including parliamentarians, Speakers of Parliament, advisers and experts, from more than 60 countries at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, United States of America, on 13 and 14 February 2025.

The hearing will take an in-depth look at ways to reboot the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to turbocharge its 17 SDGs, designed to fight poverty, reduce inequality and reset the planet on a more sustainable path...

International Court of Justice [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Press Releases/Case Documentation

[Press release No. 2025/8](#)

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Obligations of Israel in relation to the Presence and Activities of the United Nations, Other International Organizations and Third States in and in relation to the Occupied Palestinian Territory (Request for Advisory Opinion) - **The Court authorizes the League of Arab States to participate** in the proceedings

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International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 08 Feb 2025]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

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Statement of ICC President Judge Tomoko Akane following the issuance of US Executive Order seeking to impose sanctions on the International Criminal Court

Statement 7 February 2025

ICC Presidency meets with EU officials and addresses COJUR-ICC

Press Release 7 February 2025

ICC condemns the issuance of US Executive Order seeking to impose sanctions on the Court

Information 7 February 2025

International Law Commission [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Recent Developments

No new digest content identified.

International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

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No new digest content identified.

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World Bank [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

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No new digest content identified.

IMF [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

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African Development Bank [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

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Asian Development Bank [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

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Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

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No new digest content identified.

IDB – Inter-American Development Bank [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

News

IDB and Caribbean Governors Discuss Reforms and Initiatives for Impact and Scale

Governors agree on next steps for ONE Caribbean regional integration program. NASSAU, The Bahamas – The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) held its XIII Annual Consultation with the governors of IDB Caribbean member countries on February 2-3 in Nassau, The Bahamas. The gathering was part of...

February 3, 2025

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

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Islamic Development Bank [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

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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 08 Feb 2025]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

Communiqués de presse

Territoire Palestinien Occupé

[Action contre la Faim poursuit son assistance humanitaire dans le nord de Gaza](#)

Publié le 7 février 2025

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 08 Feb 2025]

<https://alima.ngo/>

Our Latest News

[Suspension de l'aide américaine : RFI revient sur les défis d'ALIMA](#)

Dans un article publié ce matin, RFI met en lumière l'impact de la suspension de l'aide internationale américaine pour 90 jours sur les actions d'ALIMA.

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Amref Health Africa [to 08 Feb 2025]
<https://newsroom.amref.org/category/press-releases/>
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Aravind Eye Care System [to 08 Feb 2025]
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Blue Shield International [to 08 Feb 2025]
<https://theblueshield.org/category/bsi-international-news/>
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BRAC [to 08 Feb 2025]
<http://www.brac.net/#news>
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Clubhouse International [to 08 Feb 2025]
<http://www.clubhouse-intl.org/news.html>
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[World Seminar 2024 Re-Scheduled to May 9-14, 2025](#)

We are excited to announce that the Clubhouse International World Seminar 2024, which was canceled due to Hurricane Helene, has been rescheduled. World Seminar 2025 will take place at the same venue, Tradewinds Resort at St. Pete Beach, Florida, USA. The new dates are Friday, May 9 - Wednesday, May 14, 2025.

Danish Refugee Council [to 08 Feb 2025]
<https://pro.drc.ngo/resources/news/?t=Press+Release>
Press Releases
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ECPAT [to 08 Feb 2025]
<https://ecpat.org/news/>
ECPAT News
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EIFL – Electronic Information for Libraries [to 08 Feb 2025]
<https://www.eifl.net/>
EIFL works with libraries to enable access to knowledge for education, learning, research and sustainable community development
[Serbia adopts Open Science Platform 2.0](#)

04 Feb 2025

The Ministry of Science, Technological Development and Innovation of Serbia has adopted a new national open science (OS) policy – the Open Science (...)

Open Access Programme - Serbia

Fountain House [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

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No new digest content identified.

GE2P2 Global Foundation [to 08 Feb 2025]

www.ge2p2.org

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

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

:: [Public Consultations Watch :: Global Calls for Input/Public Comment – 14 Jan 2025 – Issue 27](#)

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

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[Goma, the day after: HI's response to the emergency](#)

Emergency / Health / Rehabilitation / Democratic Republic of Congo /

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Heifer International [to 08 Feb 2025]

<https://www.heifer.org/about-us/news.html>

News

[Heifer International Appoints New Board Chair, Welcomes New Member](#)

By Heifer International | February 3, 2025

Esther Cohen becomes Heifer's Board Chair and Alloysius Attah joins as its newest member.

HelpAge International [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

What's New [Selected]

[“People have the power to change the course of history”: ICRC President at the European Conference, Harvard University](#)

Statement

03-02-2025

... We are living in a time of unforeseen convergence of events that will shape our world's future, and Europe's role in it.

As at every critical juncture in history – we witness the foundations of both law and diplomacy coming under immense strain.

Because the world is deeply divided. Because conflicts are increasing in number and escalating in intensity. International humanitarian law – the rules that seek to protect humanity in war – is too often disregarded, violated, and even ignored all together.

This is undeniably the reality we face today. But I want you to acknowledge – especially those of you who hold or intend to take the reins of global leadership positions – that there is another truth to this: at the very end, multilateralism prevails...

IFRC [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Press Releases [Selected]

Türkiye and Syria earthquakes two years on: A long road to recovery

05/02/2025 | *Press release*

International Medical Corps (IMC)

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

Selected Press Releases/Updates/Alerts

Helping Community Members—and Colleagues—During the Hurricane Helene Response

February 5, 2025

When Hurricane Helene slammed into the southeastern United States on September 26, it brought with it catastrophic levels of rainfall and flooding. The city of Asheville, North Carolina, was particularly hard-hit. In response, International Medical Corps deployed clinical volunteers and support staff to western North Carolina to provide primary care and behavioral health services at ...

IRC [International Rescue Committee] [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Press Releases

As Fighting Intensifies in Pokrovsk, 'People Have No Choice'

February 4, 2025

Press Release

The IRC warns: Harsh winter weather exacerbates humanitarian needs for conflict-affected families in Gaza, Lebanon, and Syria

February 3, 2025

IRCT [to 08 Feb 2025]

<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 08 Feb 2025]

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

Press Releases

News

Islamic Relief reaction to Trump administration's declared plans for Gaza

February 5, 2025

President Trump's declaration that the US "will take over the Gaza Strip" after forcibly transferring its entire population is an outright call for ethnic cleansing and must not go unchallenged. Gaza belongs to the Palestinian people, a right that is enshrined in international law, and any suggestion to the contrary is dangerous and...

Türkiye , Syrian Arab Republic News

Two years on from Türkiye-Syria earthquakes, survivors are still in camps and need support

February 5, 2025

Two years on from the deadly Türkiye-Syria earthquakes, thousands of survivors are still languishing in harsh conditions in camps in northwest Syria, where they struggle to get enough food, water, healthcare or earn an income. The 7.8 magnitude earthquakes, which struck on 6 February 2023, were the worst to hit the region in...

Mercy Corps [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

News Releases & Alerts

February 07, 2025

Humanitarian Lifeline in DRC Under Threat: INGOs Call for Urgent Action

The Forum of International NGOs in DRC warns that unabated conflict and rising displacement in North and South Kivu are...

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Syria

MSF mobile clinics bring care to Syria's neglected region of east Ghouta

Project Update 6 Feb 2025

Gaza-Israel war

"Inflicting harm and denying care" in the West Bank: MSF report on escalation of attacks and obstruct...

Press Release 6 Feb 2025

Gaza-Israel war

"Inflicting harm and denying care" in the West Bank

Report 6 Feb 2025

Conflict in Sudan

Mass influxes of wounded patients arrive at hospitals across Sudan as "war on people" continues

Press Release 5 Feb 2025

Tanzania

MSF team supports response to outbreak of Marburg virus in Tanzania

Press Release 3 Feb 2025

Conflict in Sudan

MSF renews call for immediate action to prevent death and starvation in Sudan

Press Release 3 Feb 2025

The New Humanitarian [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Aid and Policy Cheat Sheet

Feature 7 February 2025

Goma talks, a Sudan offensive, and Trump, Trump, Trump

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

Norwegian Refugee Council

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

Latest News

Press release

Eastern DR Congo: Hundreds of thousands displaced in wave of extreme violence

05. Feb 2025 | *DR Congo*

OXFAM [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Press Releases/Stories

Story

What USAID does, its impact and what Trump's cuts mean

Feb. 5, 2025

Oxfam takes a closer look at USAID, an agency that provides critical help to the world, and the impact of Trump's aid freeze

Pact [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Latest News & Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

News & Stories

The Power of Vaccines: 4 Ways PIH Protects Communities Worldwide

Learn how PIH uses vaccines to curb disease outbreaks, strengthen global health systems, and more.
February 3, 2025

PATH [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Newsroom

Dr. Gonzalo Domingo named leader of PATH's Diagnostics Program

February 4, 2025 by PATH

... Dr. Domingo will lead our team of experts in diagnostic innovations, whose work has resulted in numerous diagnostic tools that have improved point of care evaluation and treatment in low-resource settings. The Diagnostics Program's experience encompasses research and development of point-of-care tests and rapid diagnostic tests, as well as conducting product evaluation and down selection to inform which products will be best; their work includes developing reference standards and core reagents to advance the diagnostics field. The team's breadth of expertise spans myriad infectious and other diseases and multiple platforms...

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

News

Colombia's child marriage ban comes into effect

Plan International welcomes this 'landmark moment'

7 February 2025

Save The Children [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Top stories

07 Feb 2025 *Occupied Palestinian territory*

WEST BANK: NEARLY HALF OF ALL CHILD KILLINGS SINCE RECORDS BEGAN HAPPENED IN LAST TWO YEARS

At least 224 children have been killed by Israeli forces or settlers since January 2023, accounting for nearly half of the 468 children killed in the West Bank since records began in 2005, according to OCHA [1].

05 Feb 2025 *GLOBAL*

"SUFFERING HAS NOT STOPPED FOR CHILDREN IN GAZA" - SAVE THE CHILDREN CEO

Visiting Gaza three weeks after the pause in hostilities, Save the Children CEO Inger Ashing says the true devastation is only now emerging.

05 Feb 2025 *Türkiye, Syria*

TÜRKIYE/SYRIA – ONE IN FOUR CHILDREN IN TÜRKIYE DISPLACED IN 2023 EARTHQUAKE YET TO RETURN HOME WHILE NEEDS IN SYRIA MOUNT

One in four children who lost their homes in the Türkiye earthquakes two years ago remain in temporary shelters such as shipping containers while access to necessities and services such as education remain a challenge.

Tostan [to 08 Feb 2025]

<https://tostan.org/>

News & Stories

In Senegal, Village by Village, the Long Struggle Against Female Genital Cutting

Feb 6, 2025

Published by Le Monde Afrique, January 31, 2025 Author: Célia Cuordifede In 2024, dozens of villages officially abandoned female genital cutting...

Women for Women International [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Articles

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Press Releases & Resources

No new digest content identified.

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Electronic Frontiers Foundation [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Our Work

No new digest content identified.

Freedom House [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

News Releases & Statements

[NEW DATA: Mass Incidents Mark Dramatic Year of Transnational Repression, as 23 Governments Silence Exiles](#)

February 6, 2025

Human Rights Watch [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

News Releases/Spotlight

Spotlight

February 8, 2025 | Dispatches

[UN Needs Backup Plan to Keep Saving Lives](#)

The United Nations leadership and its member countries need a backup plan to ensure lifesaving UN humanitarian aid and human rights work continue. This is necessary because the UN's top financial contributor—the United States—cannot be trusted to honor its commitments.

February 7, 2025 | Dispatches

[US Information Erasure Hurts Everyone](#)

February 6, 2025 | Dispatches

[Google Announces Willingness to Develop AI for Weapons](#)

February 6, 2025 | Dispatches

[Mob in Bangladesh Destroys Ousted PM's Family Home](#)

February 6, 2025 | News Release

[UN Censors Criticism of Saudi Arabia at Internet Conference](#)

Transparency International [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

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ChildFund Alliance [to 08 Feb 2025]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 08 Feb 2025]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

Latest News and Events

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Elder's Statements, News

Elder's Statements

[**The Elders call for dialogue and accountability to end worsening conflict in DR Congo**](#)

Juan Manuel Santos

4 February 2025

Français

Gavi [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Press Releases

6 February 2025

[**2024 WHO-CDC measles report & the State of measles vaccination in lower-income countries**](#)

6 February 2025

[**One year anniversary of malaria vaccine rollout underscores remarkable progress, offers new data on potential impact**](#)

5 February 2025

[**Stakeholders discuss progress, next steps for Africa's health security at Manufacturing Forum**](#)

Global Fund [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 08 Feb 2025]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest Resources/Upcoming Events

90 Day Suspension Order Resources

This webpage aims to provide key resources, statements, and information regarding the 90-day suspension of funding recently announced by the U.S. government.
Please share updates and resources with Edith Mecha and Eileen Morrow

InterAction [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Latest Updates

No new digest content identified.

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

What's New/Events

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 08 Feb 2025]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

Our Impact/Events

No new digest content identified.

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Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action

(ALNAP) [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

News, Events

No new digest content identified.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies [nee CERAH] – [to 08 Feb 2025]

<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/>

News

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Publications, Events, News

No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 08 Feb 2025]

<https://ihsa.info/>

News

IHSA 2025 Biennial Conference in Istanbul

The IHSA Conference on Humanitarian Studies will be held in Istanbul, Türkiye, in October 2025.

IHSA's Humanitarian Blog Posts Selection

06 Feb 2025 *[text bolding from original]*

This week, several authors respond to the **humanitarian implications of the USAID funding freeze**, including the life and death consequences for millions reliant on programs funded by the world's largest donor. Beyond immediate humanitarian impacts, others emphasise the political and security implications and the urgent need for both traditional and non-traditional donors to step up. At this critical time, as the system faces prioritisation dilemmas, we are reminded of why **we must listen to the voices of affected populations over institutional interests**.

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, **M23 and RDF allies have taken Goma**, with the escalation resulting in several hundred deaths and large-scale displacement. Hospitals are overwhelmed and humanitarian needs high. Meanwhile, a British humanitarian surgeon recently returned from Gaza recounts how he **'witnessed hell visited on children' including child victims of sniper fire and drones**. We further hear **why international humanitarian law, including its protection and accountability safeguards, continues to apply** during the Israel-Hamas ceasefire.

For Syrian refugees contemplating return, history shows us **the importance of 'look and see visits'** – recognising that humanitarian and reconstruction needs remain very high and that any returns must be informed, voluntary and dignified..

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 08 Feb 2025]

<https://inee.org/>

News/Events/Resources

No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 08 Feb 2025]

<https://phap.org/>

Association news, events

No new digest content identified.

Sphere [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Start Network [to 08 Feb 2025]

<https://startnetwork.org/news-and-blogs>

News and Blog
No new digest content identified.

Unitaid [to 08 Feb 2025]

<https://unitaid.org/>

Featured News

Statements

Unitaid remains committed to equitable access to critical health innovations

06 February 2025

Unitaid is deeply concerned about the potential impact of the unexpected suspension of foreign aid on the lives and livelihoods of hundreds of millions of people worldwide.

The sudden changes to global health have greatly limited access to critical health services for all populations at risk of HIV, tuberculosis, malaria, and other major drivers of illness and death in low- and middle-income countries. Underserved populations including women and children, and marginalized or vulnerable groups will likely face the most serious consequences.

The recent actions are part of a foundational shift that poses challenges to the international aid system and to our collective capacity to address pressing global health issues.

While we are hopeful that the impact of these disruptions will be minimized following the United States' exemption to the aid freeze in support of lifesaving medicines and medical services, the full impact of these changes on countries, and our partners, implementers, and investments is not yet clear. We have launched an assessment to better understand the implications of these changes and determine how we can best respond in support.

Our commitment to equitable access to optimized health tools remains our top priority. We will continue to work closely with partners, countries and communities to navigate and respond to the abrupt developments in global health funding, access and markets, ensuring continued progress in addressing HIV, TB, malaria, and women's and children's health, despite the current challenges.

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Brookings [to 08 Feb 2025]

<http://www.brookings.edu/>

Reports, Events

Building a global financing coordination mechanism for sustainable school meals

Sustainable Development Goals

Mohamed Abdiweli Ahmed, Betty Kibaara, Kevin Watkins, Homi Kharas, Juliana Tângari, Nicola Okero, Veronica Schoj, Liesbet Steer

February 3, 2025

Center for Global Development [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

All Research

CGD NOTES

A New Compact for Health Financing: Insights from Policymakers Across Africa

Anastassia Demeshko et al.

February 07, 2025

The political economy of global health financing is increasingly driven by fiscal constraints, geopolitical instability, and shifting power dynamics. The COVID-19 pandemic stalled or reversed health gains, and countries and donors now face tightening budgets and rising debt repayments, threatening t...

WORKING PAPERS

It's All Fun and Games? The Persistent Treatment Effects of Willingness-to-Pay Experiments

Jenny C. Aker et al.

February 05, 2025

Willingness-to-pay (WTP) experiments have been widely used to assess demand for a variety of products. Do they also generate persistent treatment effects? We answer this question using a randomized controlled trial of a baseline WTP experiment, combined with in-person and phone survey data over a fo...

Chatham House [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Selected Analysis, Comment, Events

Independent Thinking: How dangerous are Trump's trade threats?

Creon Butler, Linda Yueh and Julian Ventura join the podcast to discuss the impact of Donald Trump's trade tactics.

Audio

7 February 2025 30 minute listen

Featured content

Expert comment

Negotiating tactic or not, Trump's Gaza plan has already done irreparable damage

The proposal for a US takeover of Gaza would disrupt almost every foreign policy objective the new US administration has in the Middle East.

7 February 2025 4 minute READ

Expert comment

Trump, Stargate, DeepSeek: A new, more unpredictable era for AI?

As the AI summit in Paris approaches, the US administration is taking a comparatively brakes-off approach on AI regulation. Can the UK and EU forge a leadership role on AI safety?

7 February 2025 4 minute READ

Expert comment

What the West can do now in Taliban-ruled Afghanistan

The country is suffering a humanitarian crisis that will deepen if US aid is halted permanently. And turning the country into a pariah state will serve no nation's interest.

5 February 2025 4 minute READ

Expert comment

To defend Europe, the UK-EU reset should prioritize defence industrial cooperation

The UK must be allowed to contribute to building a European – not EU – defence industrial base to ensure Europe is less reliant on the US for its defence.

5 February 2025 3 minute READ

Expert comment

Trump's tariffs are delayed but they have already done long-term damage to US-Canada relations

Canada will work hard to resolve the dispute permanently – but the continuing tariffs threat will create pressure to reduce reliance on US trade.

4 February 2025 4 minute READ

Council on Foreign Relations [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

CSIS [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Reports [Selected]

Fueling the Future: Recommendations for Strengthening U.S. Uranium Security

While the United States led global uranium production from 1953 to the 1980s, this dominance has declined over time. Currently, dependence on foreign adversaries for uranium poses a significant risk to U.S. nuclear supply chains, impacting both energy and defense.

Brief by Gracelin Baskaran and Meredith Schwartz — February 5, 2025

McKinsey Global Institute [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Latest Research

No new digest content identified.

ODI [Overseas Development Institute] [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Publications

Making vulnerability analysis useful for humanitarian response: lessons from Somalia and Ukraine

05 February 2025 *Research report*

Pew Research Center [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Latest Publications [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

Rand [to 08 Feb 2025]

<https://www.rand.org/pubs.html>

Published Research [Selected]

Research Feb 7, 2025

A Call for Community-Shared Decisions

In light of issues such as antibiotic overuse and prescription opioid misuse, the authors present recommendations for medical decision-making that includes the community as well as the patient and clinician in order to maximize collective benefit.

Research Summary Feb 6, 2025

Federal Funding Recommendations to Scale Up Evidence-Based Practices in Health and Social Services

The brief summarizes seven policy recommendations to optimize federal spending on large-scale implementation of evidence-based practices in health and social services, identified through focus groups with officials, and real-world examples of each.

Commentary Feb 4, 2025

[After the Assad Regime's Fall, Will Syrian Refugees Return?](#)

The sudden fall of Syria's Assad regime in early December has raised an important question: Can the 6 million who became refugees during the 14-year civil war now go home? Although the political landscape has changed drastically, many factors work against a mass return of refugees to Syria.

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 08 Feb 2025]

<http://researchonresearch.org/>

RoRI News, Events

Website not enabled to allow content capture via links.

No new digest content identified.

Alan Turing Institute

<https://www.turing.ac.uk/>

News, Events

[Children's views on AI will form manifesto for world leaders](#)

Tuesday 04 Feb 2025

... Their views will form a children's manifesto on the future of AI which will be presented at the Artificial Intelligence Action Summit in Paris on the 10 and 11 February - a global event attended by Heads of State and Government from around the world, leaders of international organisations, tech companies, academics and NGOs...

Urban Institute [to 08 Feb 2025]

<https://www.urban.org/publications>

[New Research Publications - Selected](#)

Fact Sheet

[Government Grants and Contracts for Nonprofits in 2023: Data Tables from the Nonprofit Trends and Impacts Study](#)

February 7, 2025

In 2023, two-thirds of nonprofits from a nationally representative panel study in the United States received at least one government grant or contract, resulting in the average nonprofit generating one-quarter of its revenue from government sources that year. Over a third of nonprofits received more than a quarter of their revenue from the government, and about two in ten nonprofits received more than half of their revenue from the government.

The Wistar Institute [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Press Releases

February 5, 2025

[The Wistar Institute Scientists Discover New Weapon to Fight Treatment-Resistant Melanoma](#)

PHILADELPHIA — (February 5, 2025) —The lab of The Wistar Institute's Jessie Villanueva, Ph.D., has identified a new strategy for attacking treatment-resistant melanoma: inhibiting the gene S6K2.

World Economic Forum [to 08 Feb 2025]

<https://agenda.weforum.org/press/>

Media [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

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ISC / International Science Council [to 08 Feb 2025]

<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

[Science, ethics, and power: The need for a global commons approach to emerging technologies](#)

February 5, 2025

As the United Nations launches the Year of Quantum Science and Technology, the promise of breakthroughs in quantum computing and space exploration comes with pressing ethical and geopolitical challenges. In September 2024, the [World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology \(COMEST\)](#) convened to address these issues, emphasizing the need for a global commons approach.

Global Research Council [to 08 Feb 2025]

<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

[GRC 13th Annual Meeting 2025](#)

The 2025 GRC Annual Meeting Host will be hosted by Research, Development, and Innovation Authority (RDIA) in partnership with King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology (KACST) from Saudi Arabia. The meeting will be co-hosted by the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK) from Turkey. The venue is the city of Riyadh in Saudi Arabia, and the meeting dates are from 18 through 22 of May, 2025.

National Academy of Engineering - USA [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Latest News & Press Releases [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

National Academy of Medicine - USA [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

National Academies-Sciences-Engineering-Medicine [NASEM]- USA [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

News

National Academies Name Kim Parker Pinder as Chief Human Resources Officer

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine announced the appointment of Kim Parker Pinder as chief human resources officer. Parker Pinder has been serving as acting chief human resources officer since June 2024 and has been an integral part of the National Academies since joining the organization in 2001.

Date

2025-02-05

National Endowment for the Humanities [U.S.] [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Newsroom

Last announcement: 22 January 2025

NIH [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

News Releases

Last announcement: 17 January 2025

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World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST)

<https://www.unesco.org/en/ethics-science-technology/comest>

Reports. Statements, Meetings

No new digest content identified.

International Bioethics Committee (IBC)

<https://www.unesco.org/en/ethics-science-technology/ibc>

The IBC is a body of 36 independent experts that follows progress in the life sciences and its applications in order to ensure respect for human dignity and freedom.

Reports. Statements, Meetings

No new digest content identified.

Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC)

The IGBC was created in 1998, and is composed of 36 Member States, whose representatives examine the advice and recommendations of the International Bioethics Committee.

Reports. Statements, Meetings

No new digest content identified.

CIOMS – COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES [to 08 Feb 2025]

<https://cioms.ch/>
News; Publications; Events
No new digest content identified.

Hastings Center [to 08 Feb 2025]
<https://www.thehastingscenter.org/for-media/>
Press Releases, Events
Events
[Current and Emerging Prenatal Testing Technologies: Bioethical Implications](#)
February 21, 2025, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm EST

INSERM [to 08 Feb 2025]
<https://www.inserm.fr/en/home/>
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

ICH [International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use] [to 08 Feb 2025]
<https://www.ich.org/>
News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selective]
No new digest content identified.

Nuffield Council on Bioethics [to 08 Feb 2025]
<https://www.nuffieldbioethics.org/news>
News
4th February 2025
[Nuffield Council on Bioethics begin major review of the 14-day rule for research on human embryos](#)
The Nuffield Council on Bioethics (NCOB) has launched a project to provide decision-makers with the independent evidence they need to better understand arguments for and against extensions to the 14-day time limit on human embryo research.

UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights
<https://www.unescobiochair.org/>
Events
No new digest content identified.

World Medical Association [WMA] [to 08 Feb 2025]
<https://www.wma.net/news-press/press-releases/>
Press Releases
[Physician Leaders Urge U.S. to Sustain Global Health Support Amid Foreign Aid Review](#)
03.02.2025
The World Medical Association (WMA) is calling on the U.S. government to ensure the continuation of essential medical and humanitarian aid during the 90-day pause on foreign assistance mandated by the recent Executive Order on Reevaluating and Realigning United States Foreign Aid.

The presidential order, issued on January 20, 2025, halts new obligations and disbursements of development assistance funds while programs undergo review for alignment with U.S. foreign policy. Freezing essential humanitarian aid and critical healthcare programs could endanger vulnerable populations worldwide, WMA warns while acknowledging the administration's focus on reassessing aid efficiency and setting new priorities.

"We urge the U.S. government to preserve life-saving medical assistance. Healthcare transcends politics—pausing aid now could lead to devastating consequences for those most in need," said WMA President Dr. Ashok Philip.

The WMA also calls on other nations to step in and reinforce global health efforts to prevent disruptions in vital medical services. "At a time when infectious diseases, malnutrition, and humanitarian crises persist, international cooperation is essential," Dr. Philip added.

The WMA remains committed to advocating for uninterrupted healthcare delivery and urges all governments to prioritise healthcare as a fundamental global responsibility.

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:: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) - *Selected Updates*

:: [Journal Watch](#) - *Key articles and abstracts from 100+ peer-reviewed journals*

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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 08 Feb 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Press Releases & Statements

Press release Feb 05, 2025

[Tanzania's Progress in Maternal and Child Health Earns Global Recognition from Gates Foundation](#)

DAR ES SALAAM (5 February 2025) – President Samia Suluhu Hassan was presented the Global Goalkeeper Award by the Gates Foundation in recognition of Tanzania's remarkable achievements in maternal, newborn, child nutrition and health (MNCNH)...

Blue Meridian Partners [to 08 Feb 2025]

<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 08 Feb 2025]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

News & Updates

CGI Newsroom, In the News / Feb 04 2025

[15 Years After its Launch, the GIIN Examines the Future of a \\$1.5 Trillion Market](#)

Co Impact [to 08 Feb 2025]

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 08 Feb 2025]

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

News & Press

No new digest content identified.

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Latest

[To Crenshaw, with Love](#)

*Destination Crenshaw uses Getty funding to celebrate Black Los Angeles through public art
Feb 4, 2025*

GHIT Fund [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Latest Updates [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Press Releases

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IKEA Foundation [to 08 Feb 2025]

<https://ikeafoundation.org/>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Kellogg Foundation [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

News & Media

02.06.25

Every Child Thrives

[How faith communities are centering racial healing](#)

Visit How faith communities are centering racial healing in a new window

Aga Khan Foundation [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

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[Prince Rahim Aga Khan V named 50th hereditary Imam of the Shia Ismaili Muslims](#)

Prince Rahim Al-Hussaini Aga Khan V was today named the 50th hereditary Imam (spiritual leader) of the Shia Ismaili Muslims, following the unsealing of the Will of his late father, Prince Karim Al-Hussaini Aga Khan IV, who died in Lisbon, Portugal yesterday, aged 88.

MacArthur Foundation [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Latest News & Related Content

Grantee Publications

[Better Data Can Help Create a Better Justice System](#)

February 3, 2025

Criminal Justice

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Recent News

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundations [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

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No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

News Room

Press Releases & Statements February 3, 2025

[Pew Applauds Bureau of Land Management for Conservation of Public Lands in 'Oregon's Outback'](#)

Rockefeller Foundation [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

News and Announcements

Statement by Dr. Rajiv J. Shah, President of The Rockefeller Foundation, on U.S. Global Engagement

Statements February 07, 2025

The idea that each of us is created equal, and that everyone has the inalienable right to live with dignity, stands at the heart of what makes the United States an exceptional nation.

Generations of Americans from all walks of life — from government, civil society, businesses large and small, churches and faith-based organizations, philanthropies, and charities — have worked to advance this idea within our borders and across the globe. In doing so, they have demonstrated that lifting up others in our communities and across our planet makes our nation stronger and more secure.

For instance, American humanitarian and development assistance, primarily delivered by the U.S. Agency for International Development working together with U.S. military service members and diplomats, has been essential to America's national security for decades. USAID personnel and partners have helped millions of children, especially girls, attend school and lifted global literacy rates by a third over the last two decades. In recent years, they have protected 25 million children from deadly preventable diseases. They helped save 25 million people from AIDS and ensured 5.5 million babies were born HIV-free. They prevented pandemic threats such as Ebola from spreading within America's shores. They fed millions of families who suffer from the risks of starvation and, by supporting better agriculture, helped 5.2 million families escape hunger altogether. They helped millions of entrepreneurs, many of them women, found and further small businesses and create jobs. And they fought corruption and advanced democracy, transparency, and the rule of law in difficult settings across the globe.

We're all better off for it. This work serves American interests: protecting us from wars, terror attacks, famines, pandemics, uncontrolled migration, and economic crises, even as it provides new markets, new allies, and new partners for the United States instead of America's competitors. It has also furthered the belief — core to America's founding, as well as the faiths of many Americans — that in serving the most vulnerable, we express our common humanity.

Today, more than ever, the world needs individuals and institutions working toward shared prosperity and security. The Rockefeller Foundation is dedicated to doing our part, and we will continue to work with anyone committed to the same.

Solving Global Hunger: New Report Highlights School Meal Programs as Drivers of Change

Press Releases February 04, 2025

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 08 Feb 2025]

<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..."

No new digest content identified.

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

News. Opinion, Reports

The Human Genome Project: a new era of scientific progress

6 February 2025

The Human Genome Project was one of the most significant scientific endeavours in history, fundamentally transforming our understanding of human biology. Completed in 2003, it accelerated scientific progress and laid the groundwork for future innovations in health and medicine. Wellcome contributed £210 million to the effort.

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Candid [*formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar*] [to 08 Feb 2025]

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

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 08 Feb 2025]

<https://cof.org/news-blog>

News, Press Releases [Selected]

News

Steadfast in our Commitment

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

Responding to the gravity of this moment

In this time of extraordinary disruption for our nation, the stakes have never been higher for those of us working to advance the greater good. The suspension of federal grants and foreign aid, along with the dozens of executive orders curtailing the independence of nonprofits and corporations, will touch every corner of our society.

People and communities are unsettled and looking for courageous leadership as core tenets of our society, including the role of the nonprofit sector, have come under unprecedented threat. At the Council on Foundations, we recognize the gravity of this moment and are steadfast in our commitment to protecting philanthropy and the work you do in communities.

Behind the scenes, we are analyzing the executive orders and other policy proposals, and we're working with legal counsel to fully understand the implications for you and the sector. This work takes time, and I assure you that we will keep you informed and provide resources in an ongoing way. United with our sector partners and members, we will continue to steadfastly advocate for philanthropy's role in American life...

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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 16, 2025 Issue 1

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

[Reviewed earlier]

AMA Journal of Ethics

Volume 27, Number 2: E67-166 Feb 2025

<https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/epidemiology-and-clinical-practice>

Issue Theme: Pain Management in Non-Labor and Delivery OBGYN Procedures

American Journal of Human Genetics

Feb 06, 2025 Volume 112 Issue 2 p199-456

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

This month in The Journal

Alyson B. Barnes, Kylee L. Spencer, Sara B. Cullinan

Many tools developed for genome-wide analyses perform best in cohorts of a single ancestry group. The genomes of admixed populations contain segments from different ancestry groups and vary from person to person. These features present challenges to investigators who would like to expand the depth, breadth, and diversity of their studies. One approach to control for population structure in admixed populations is local ancestry interference (LAI). By assigning ancestry groups to discrete genomic regions, LAI can boost the power of multiple genomic analyses.

Review

Prenatal gene editing for neurodevelopmental diseases: Ethical considerations

Rami M. Major, Eric T. Juengst

Open Access

Prenatal gene editing could someday safely and effectively treat numerous diseases. In this manuscript, we conduct a historical analysis of fetal therapy guidelines to suggest criteria that should be met for prenatal gene editing to reach the clinic. We discuss these considerations in the context of monogenic neurodevelopmental diseases.

Perspective

Design and implementation of an action plan for justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion within the Clinical Genome Resource

Alice B. Popejoy, et al.

The Clinical Genome Resource (ClinGen) describes the development and early implementation of a justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion (JEDI) action plan to enhance and integrate JEDI principles through concrete actions across the consortium and within the field of clinical genetics and genomics.

American Journal of Infection Control

February 2025 Volume 53 Issue 2 p175-284

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

February 2025 Volume 68 Issue 2 p217-428

<https://www.ajpmonline.org/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

January 2025 115(1)

<http://ajph.aphapublications.org/toc/ajph/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 112 (2025): Issue 1 (Jan 2025)

<https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/111/4/tpmd.112.issue-1.xml>

[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

January 2025 Volume 178, Issue 1

<https://www.acpjournals.org/toc/aim/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Antiquity – A Review of World Archaeology

Issue 402 - December 2024

<https://antiquity.ac.uk/latest>

[Reviewed earlier]

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 339 February 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/339/suppl/C>

Review article Open access

Human-AI coevolution

Dino Pedreschi, Luca Pappalardo, Emanuele Ferragina, Ricardo Baeza-Yates, ... Alessandro Vespignani
Article 104244

Abstract

Human-AI coevolution, defined as a process in which humans and AI algorithms continuously influence each other, increasingly characterises our society, but is understudied in artificial intelligence and complexity science literature. Recommender systems and assistants play a prominent role in human-AI coevolution, as they permeate many facets of daily life and influence human choices through online platforms. The interaction between users and AI results in a potentially endless feedback loop, wherein users' choices generate data to train AI models, which, in turn, shape subsequent user preferences. This human-AI feedback loop has peculiar characteristics compared to traditional human-machine interaction and gives rise to complex and often "unintended" systemic outcomes. This paper introduces human-AI coevolution as the cornerstone for a new field of study at the intersection between AI and complexity science focused on the theoretical, empirical, and mathematical investigation of the human-AI feedback loop. In doing so, we: (i) outline the pros and cons of existing methodologies and highlight shortcomings and potential ways for capturing feedback loop mechanisms; (ii) propose a reflection at the intersection between complexity science, AI and society; (iii) provide real-world examples for different human-AI ecosystems; and (iv) illustrate challenges to the creation of such a field of study, conceptualising them at increasing levels of abstraction, i.e., scientific, legal and socio-political.

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 08 Feb 2025)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 08 Feb 2025)

The refugees and health crisis: migration policy management and government response to Afghan migrants

The health crisis during the pandemic and its aftermath have caused multidimensional shifts within the economic and societal structure for refugees and other marginalized communities. Many countries have imple...

Authors: Kalsoom B. Sumra, Muhammad Mumtaz, Naqib Ullah Khan, Helen Huifen Cai and Qiong Yuan

Citation: *BMC Health Services Research* 2025 25:218

Content type: Research Published on: 7 February 2025

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 08 Feb 2025)

Perspectives of the COVID-19 pandemic and vaccination among racially and ethnically diverse gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men with and without HIV in the US South: findings from qualitative individual in-depth interviews

The impact of COVID-19 on specific populations, including gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (GBMSM), varies based on a range of factors such as access to health care, underlying health behavior...

Authors: Jake S. Waldman, Jorge Alonzo, Lilli Mann-Jackson, Sandy K. Aguilar-Palma, Manuel Garcia, Benjamin D. Smart and Scott D. Rhodes

Citation: BMC Infectious Diseases 2025 25:193

Content type: Research Published on: 8 February 2025

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 08 Feb 2025)

Researcher views on returning results from multi-omics data to research participants: insights from The Molecular Transducers of Physical Activity Consortium (MoTrPAC) Study

There is growing consensus in favor of returning individual specific research results that are clinically actionable, valid, and reliable. However, deciding what and how research results should be returned remains...

Authors: Kelly E. Ormond, Caroline Stanclift, Chloe M. Reuter, Jennefer N. Carter, Kathleen E. Murphy, Malene E. Lindholm and Matthew T. Wheeler

Citation: BMC Medical Ethics 2025 26:22

Content type: Research Published on: 7 February 2025

BMC Medicine

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

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BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 08 Feb 2025)

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BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 08 Feb 2025)

COVID-19 vaccine uptake in Zimbabwe and Sierra Leone: an application of Health Belief Model constructs

While African countries, in general, experienced a milder COVID-19 impact compared to Western nations, they faced challenges with vaccine uptake. Specifically, Zimbabwe and Sierra Leone saw vaccine acceptance ...

Authors: Simon Ssentongo, Alex Muhereza, Morie Mustapha, Ruth Gemi, Dennis Cherian, Rebecca Waugh, Benjamin Crookston, Cougar Hall, Mary Linehan, Hayden Borg and Joshua West

Citation: BMC Public Health 2025 25:451

Content type: Research Published on: 4 February 2025

BMC Research Notes

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

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BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine

February 2025 - Volume 30 - 1

<https://ebm.bmj.com/content/30/1>

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BMJ Global Health

December 2024 - Volume 9 - 12

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/9/12>

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Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists

DIGITAL MAGAZINE - January 2025

<https://thebulletin.org/magazine/2025-01/>

[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 103, Number 1, January 2025, 1-80

<https://www.who.int/publications/journals/bulletin/>

In this month's Bulletin

In the editorial section, Katherine Littler et al. (2) call for papers for a special theme issue on the ethics of research into health and climate change.

Gary Humphreys (5–6) reports on initiatives to mitigate unintended consequences of health policies.

Glenda Gray talks to Humphreys (7–8) about her career working on HIV prevention and treatment.

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Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 51, Issue 1 January 2025

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/13652214/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal

Volume 158 December 2024

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/child-abuse-and-neglect/vol/158/suppl/C>

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Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics

Volume 117, Issue 2 Pages: 311-598 February 2025

<https://ascpt.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/15326535/current>

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Clinical Therapeutics

February 2025 Volume 47 Issue 2 p115-178

<http://www.clinicaltherapeutics.com/current>

Editorial

Managed Entry Agreements: Tools of Necessity, Works in Progress

Paul Beninger

Published online: January 21, 2025

p115-116

Reviews

A Systematic Review of Challenges and Opportunities in the Implementation of Managed Entry Agreements for Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products

Andrea Greco, et al.

Published online: December 19, 2024 e16-e26 Open Access

Highlights

- Managed Entry Agreements can be classified into 2 main categories: financial-based agreements (FBAs) and outcome-based agreements (OBAs).
- FBA offers short-term relief but may disincentivize investment in Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products (ATMPs).
- For ATMPs targeting rare conditions, limited biological knowledge complicates endpoint selection, prolonging uncertainties in spread payments and outcome-linked payments. Such selection becomes even more challenging when survival is not a driver.
- The fragmentation in the US health care system hinders OBAs, but a new Cell and Gene Therapy Access model enables direct negotiations with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, streamlining implementation.
- Although no specific challenges or opportunities related to particular types of ATMPs (gene therapy, cell therapy, or tissue-engineered-specific) were identified, some were exacerbated by the intrinsic nature of ATMPs.

Clinical Trials

Volume 21 Issue 6, December 2024

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/21/6>

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Conflict and Health

<http://www.conflictandhealth.com/>

[Accessed 08 Feb 2025]

Realising health justice in Palestine: beyond humanitarian voices

*In the shadow of Israel's ongoing genocide throughout occupied Palestine, this article examines the moral, political, and epistemic responsibilities of humanitarian, public health, global health, medical and related communities of practice amid profound violence and injustice. In this paper we offer a three-part critique of a May 2024 commentary by Karl Blanchet and colleagues, 'Rebuilding the health sector in Gaza: Alternative humanitarian voices' (Blanchet et al. in *Confl Heal* 18:42, 2024). We argue that in relation to the post-genocide reconstruction of the health system in Gaza, the authors have failed to adequately contextualise their analysis, or the health system reconstruction policy proposal as commissioned by the Gaza Health Initiative [Gaza Health Rebuilding Initiative (GHRI),*

Authors: James Smith, Sara el-Solh, Layth Hanbali, Sawsan Abdulrahim, Sali Hafez, Samer Abuzerr, Bram Wispelwey, Mads Gilbert, Mohammed Seyam, Bassam Abu Hamad, Dorotea Gucciardo, Fahd Haddad, Rasha Khoury, Amira Nimerawi, David Mills and Ghassan Abu-Sittah

Citation: *Conflict and Health* 2025 19:7

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Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 148 January 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/147/suppl/C>

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The CRISPR Journal

Volume 7, Issue 6 / December 2024

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/crispr/7/6>

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Current Genetic Medicine Reports

Volume 11, Issue 3-4 December 2023

<https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/volumes-and-issues/11-3>

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Current Medical Research and Opinion

Volume 40, Issue 12 2024

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/icmo20/current>

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Current Protocols in Human Genetics

<https://currentprotocols.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/19348258>

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Developing World Bioethics

Volume 24, Issue 4 Pages: 263-342 December 2024

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14718847/current>

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Development in Practice

Volume 34, Issue 6, 2024

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cdip20/34/6>

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Development Policy Review

Volume 43, Issue 2 March 2025

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677679/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 18 - 2024

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/disaster-medicine-and-public-health-preparedness/latest-issue>

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Disasters

Volume 49, Issue 1 January 2025

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677717/2025/49/1>

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EMBO Reports

Volume 26 Issue 2 27 January 2025

<https://www.embopress.org/toc/14693178/current>

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Emerging Infectious Diseases

Volume 31, Number 1—January 2025

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/>

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Epidemics

Volume 49 December 2024

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/49/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemiology and Infection

Volume 153 - 2025

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/epidemiology-and-infection/latest-issue>

[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & Human Research

Volume 46, Issue 6 Pages: 1-35 November–December 2024

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/25782363/current>

Data monitoring committee insights / Ethics reviews and AI tools

[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & International Affairs

Volume 38 - Issue 2 - Summer 2024

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/ethics-and-international-affairs/latest-issue>

Roundtable: Russia's War against Ukraine: The Limits of Ethical Theorizing

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Ethics, Medicine and Public Health

Volume 32 2024

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/ethics-medicine-and-public-health/vol/32/suppl/Cc>

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The European Journal of Public Health

Volume 34, Issue 6, December 2024

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/34/6>

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Policy

Volume 130 January 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/130/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Security

Volume 16, Issue 6 December 2024

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/volumes-and-issues/16-6>

[Reviewed earlier]

Forced Migration Review (FMR)

FMR 74 November 2024

<https://www.fmreview.org/financing-displacement-response/>

Financing displacement response

From humanitarian aid by wealthy governments to remittances from diaspora communities, responses to forced displacement are shaped by funding from an array of actors, in ways that express those actors' interests and priorities. In recent years, new actors and new financing approaches have emerged. What do these shifts mean for forcibly displaced people and displacement response strategies? How does displacement response financing interact with the choices of forcibly displaced people and their communities, with local and global economies, and with broader geopolitical events and trends? This issue advances understanding of these questions and others

Foreign Affairs

January/February 2025

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/issues/2025/104/1>

Special Section

Will Trump Change the World?

Forum for Development Studies

Volume 51, 2024 - Issue 3

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/sfds20/current>

Article

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Frontiers in Medicine

<https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/medicine/volumes?volume-id=1237>

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Gene Therapy – Nature

Volume 32 Issue 1, January 2025

<https://www.nature.com/gt/volumes/32/issues/1>

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Genetics in Medicines

Volume 27, Issue 1 January 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/genetics-in-medicine/vol/27/issue/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Genome Medicine

<https://genomemedicine.biomedcentral.com/articles>

[Accessed 08 Feb 2025]

[Digital twins as global learning health and disease models for preventive and personalized medicine](#)

Ineffective medication is a major healthcare problem causing significant patient suffering and economic costs. This issue stems from the complex nature of diseases, which involve altered interactions among tho...

Authors: Xinxu Li, Joseph Loscalzo, A. K. M. Firoj Mahmud, Dina Mansour Aly, Andrey Rzhetsky, Marinka Zitnik and Mikael Benson

Citation: *Genome Medicine* 2025 17:11

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Geoheritage

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<https://link.springer.com/journal/12371/volumes-and-issues/16-3>

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Global Health Action

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<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/zgha20/current?nav=tocList>

Article

[Irrational medicine use and its associated factors in conflict-affected areas in Mali: a cross-sectional study](#)

[Mohamed Ali Ag Ahmed](#), [Alassane Seydou](#), [Issa Coulibaly](#), [Karina Kielmann](#) & [Raffaella Ravinetto](#)

Article: 2458935

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Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)

Vol. 12, No. 6 December 20, 2024

<http://www.ghspjournal.org/content/current>

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

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/global-legal-monitor/>

https://www.loc.gov/books/?q=legal+reports&fa=partof%3Alegal+reports+%28publications+of+the+law+library+of+congress%29&sb=date_desc

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Global Public Health

Volume 20, Issue 1 (2025)

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rgph20/current>

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Globalization and Health

<http://www.globalizationandhealth.com/>

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Health and Human Rights

Volume 26, Issue 2, December 2024

<https://www.hhrjournal.org/volume-26-issue-2-december-2024/>

Special Section: Distress Migration and the Right to Health

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Economics, Policy and Law

Volume 19 - Issue 4 - October 2024

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/health-economics-policy-and-law/latest-issue>

Article

[Pandemic preparedness and response: a new mechanism for expanding access to essential countermeasures](#)

Nicole Hassoun, Kaushik Basu, Lawrence Gostin

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Ordinarily, the articles in any given issue of the Review share a unifying theme or speak to elements of a single, overarching debate. But often, exceptional scholars and practitioners submit exemplary work that does not fit neatly into the theme of the Review's upcoming editions. This special edition of the Review – "Selected Articles" – is a collection of those articles: remarkable work, submitted through our general submissions inbox. Though the topics of the articles vary widely and are not unified by a common theme, they all fall within the Review's editorial focus on humanitarian law, policy and action. We firmly believe that each of the articles published in this edition has enormous potential to contribute to the existing literature and ongoing debates on their respective topics.

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Science and technology have often come to policymakers' rescue when the United States was worried about threats to national security or competitiveness—think of the US response to Sputnik, or more recently, the CHIPS and Science Act after the COVID-19 pandemic. But industry, not government, is now the biggest funder of scientific research and technological development. How can the country coordinate this vast and unwieldy conglomerate in order to maintain its global preeminence? Fortunately, the scientific enterprise has been continually reinventing itself for decades, and essays in the Winter 2025 issue document this process and consider what insights we might glean for the future.

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A landmark study reporting the discovery of *Australopithecus africanus* one century ago put the African continent at the centre of the story of humanity.

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If the 193 remaining member nations want the WHO to succeed, they must find a way to pay for it.

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J.S. Ross

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Editorial

Keeping our eye on the ball

BY Willie E. May

Editorial

A world less safe and secure

Lawrence O. Gostin and Benjamin Mason Meier

On 20 January, President Trump announced the withdrawal of the United States from the World Health Organization (WHO). President Trump shares many of the same concerns about WHO as previous administrations, including improved transparency, financial oversight, and accountability. He also believes that China has exerted undue influence on WHO—a charge that WHO adamantly denies. But the US cannot influence WHO if it is not at the table. WHO will remain at the center of global health governance, but this withdrawal will limit US leadership to protect public health and challenge WHO coordination in facing global challenges.

The US was central to the creation of WHO and has been its most influential member for over 75 years. US leadership has been foundational to WHO's achievements, from the eradication of smallpox and ongoing polio eradication initiative to its health-for-all strategy. As WHO's largest state funder, the US provides 22% of WHO's assessed contributions, alongside funds earmarked to US priorities, including HIV/AIDS and health emergencies.

Yet, when the US joined WHO in 1948, a joint resolution of Congress gave it the "right to withdraw from the Organization on a 1-year notice." Withdrawing from WHO now will forfeit US voting power and political leadership at the World Health Assembly, the WHO decision-making body, severely reducing its ability to set the world's health agenda, defend fundamental US interests, and advance crucial WHO reforms. The US will be on the outside looking in while the most consequential decisions are taken, including the adoption of a new Pandemic Agreement and the election of the next director-general in 2027. As global norms are set and scientific standards issued, the absence of the US will undermine scientific research, health security, and foreign policy.

The US benefits from WHO collaborations to advance scientific research. Seventy-one WHO Collaborating Centers are based in the US, including 18 at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Withdrawing from WHO will limit domestic public health agencies and the US pharmaceutical industry, which rely on access to disease surveillance, pathogen samples, and genomic data through a vast network of WHO laboratories and other partners. As the US faces a major H5N1 influenza outbreak in livestock, US scientists would have reduced access to WHO's Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System to develop lifesaving countermeasures against H5N1 and ensure seasonal influenza vaccines.

WHO membership provides extensive networks to support US health security, safeguarding American lives and economic growth. WHO's Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network provides real-time data on novel outbreaks needed for early detection and response. The US has long looked to WHO to strengthen alliances and advance its national interests. If the US becomes the only major country outside WHO, allies would view America as an unreliable partner. It would feed a subversive narrative that the US is not a genuine partner with the Global South and weaken US diplomacy throughout the world.

Absent US funding and leadership, WHO could be severely weakened, making every country less healthy and safe. The agency's budget gap will be roughly \$3.3 billion, with no state likely to compensate for that funding gap. Loss of US support will diminish WHO's ability to identify, report, and

respond to public health emergencies. Much of WHO's work is unseen but critically important, including technical assistance, standard setting, and advocacy for evidence-based policies.

Within the World Health Assembly, new power structures and alliances will emerge that may shift key WHO policies important to the US in preparing for future pandemics, including the 2024 amendments to the International Health Regulations and a new Pandemic Agreement. Advancing US health priorities outside of WHO cannot compensate for being at the table in the world's premier health agency.

WHO without US leadership may give rise to a new global health order, where the loss of WHO authority will push other nations toward bilateral initiatives that advance national geopolitical priorities. This fractured global health ecosystem will undermine international cooperation and global solidarity necessary to respond to health threats that transcend national boundaries. It will also make it far more difficult to ensure equitable access to lifesaving medical resources—an important lesson from the COVID-19 pandemic. Without US leadership, this new multipolar governance landscape will reshape the very meaning of global health, challenging a divided world as it faces future health challenges.

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In the cradle of cholera

BY Martin Enserink

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Bangladesh is leading the fight against this ancient scourge, and vaccine researcher Firdausi Qadri is on the front lines

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Bob Rae

There is a difference between choosing to move and being forced to flee. That difference is essential in learning how to deal with the current wave of global insecurity.

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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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Human-Precision Medicine Interaction: Public Perceptions of Polygenic Risk Score for Genetic Health Prediction

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Precision Medicine (PM) transforms the traditional "one-drug-fits-all" paradigm by customising treatments based on individual characteristics, and is an emerging topic for HCI research on digital health. A key element of PM, the Polygenic Risk Score (PRS), uses genetic data to predict an individual's disease risk. Despite its potential, PRS faces barriers to adoption, such as data inclusivity, psychological impact, and public trust. We conducted a mixed-methods study to explore how people perceive PRS, formed of surveys (n=254) and interviews (n=11) with UK-based participants. The interviews were supplemented by interactive storyboards with the ContraVision technique to provoke deeper reflection and discussion. We identified ten key barriers and five themes to PRS adoption and proposed design implications for a responsible PRS framework. To address the complexities of PRS and enhance broader PM practices, we introduce the term Human-Precision Medicine Interaction (HPMI), which integrates, adapts, and extends HCI approaches to better meet these challenges.

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Responsible Artificial Intelligence (RAI) in U.S. Federal Government : Principles, Policies, and Practices

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Privacy by Design for Self-Sovereign Identity Systems: An in-depth Component Analysis completed by a Design Assistance Dashboard

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The use of Self-Sovereign Identity (SSI) systems for digital identity management is gaining traction and interest. Countries such as Bhutan have already implemented an SSI infrastructure to manage the identity of their citizens. The EU, thanks to the revised eIDAS regulation, is opening the door for SSI vendors to develop SSI systems for the planned EU digital identity wallet. These developments, which fall within the sovereign domain, raise questions about individual privacy.

The purpose of this article is to help SSI solution designers make informed choices to ensure that the designed solution is privacy-friendly. The observation is that the range of possible solutions is very broad, from DID and DID resolution methods to verifiable credential types, publicly available information (e.g. in a blockchain), type of infrastructure, etc. As a result, the article proposes (1) to

group the elementary building blocks of a SSI system into 5 structuring layers, (2) to analyze for each layer the privacy implications of using the chosen building block, and (3) to provide a design assistance dashboard that gives the complete picture of the SSI, and shows the interdependencies between architectural choices and technical building blocks, allowing designers to make informed choices and graphically achieve a SSI solution that meets their need for privacy.

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[Position: Evaluating Generative AI Systems is a Social Science Measurement Challenge](#)

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The measurement tasks involved in evaluating generative AI (GenAI) systems are especially difficult, leading to what has been described as "a tangle of sloppy tests [and] apples-to-oranges comparisons" (Roose, 2024). In this position paper, we argue that the ML community would benefit from learning from and drawing on the social sciences when developing and using measurement instruments for evaluating GenAI systems. Specifically, our position is that evaluating GenAI systems is a social science measurement challenge. We present a four-level framework, grounded in measurement theory from the social sciences, for measuring concepts related to the capabilities, behaviors, and impacts of GenAI. This framework has two important implications for designing and evaluating evaluations: First, it can broaden the expertise involved in evaluating GenAI systems by enabling stakeholders with different perspectives to participate in conceptual debates. Second, it brings rigor to both conceptual and operational debates by offering a set of lenses for interrogating the validity of measurement instruments and their resulting measurements

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[Including frameworks of public health ethics in computational modelling of infectious disease interventions](#)

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Decisions on public health interventions to control infectious disease are often informed by computational models. Interpreting the predicted outcomes of a public health decision requires not only high-quality modelling, but also an ethical framework for assessing the benefits and harms associated with different options. The design and specification of ethical frameworks matured independently of computational modelling, so many values recognised as important for ethical decision-making are missing from computational models. We demonstrate a proof-of-concept approach to incorporate multiple public health values into the evaluation of a simple computational model for vaccination against a pathogen such as SARS-CoV-2. By examining a bounded space of alternative prioritisations of values (outcome equity and aggregate benefit) we identify value trade-offs, where the outcomes of optimal strategies differ depending on the ethical framework. This work demonstrates an approach to incorporating diverse values into decision criteria used to evaluate outcomes of models of infectious disease interventions.

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[The Solo Revolution: A Theory of AI-Enabled Individual Entrepreneurship](#)

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This paper presents the AI Enabled Individual Entrepreneurship Theory (AIET), a theoretical framework explaining how artificial intelligence technologies transform individual entrepreneurial capability. The theory identifies two foundational premises: knowledge democratization and resource requirements evolution. Through three core mechanisms skill augmentation, capital structure transformation, and risk profile modification AIET explains how individuals can now undertake

entrepreneurial activities at scales previously requiring significant organizational infrastructure. The theory presents five testable propositions addressing the changing relationship between organizational size and competitive advantage, the expansion of individual entrepreneurial capacity, the transformation of market entry barriers, the evolution of traditional firm advantages, and the modification of entrepreneurial risk profiles. Boundary conditions related to task characteristics and market conditions define the theory's scope and applicability. The framework suggests significant implications for entrepreneurship theory, organizational design, and market structure as AI capabilities continue to advance. This theory provides a foundation for understanding the evolving landscape of entrepreneurship in an AI-enabled world.

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REVISED - A pilot study to explore utility of electronic informed consent in a low- income setting; the case of a Controlled human infection study in Blantyre, Malawi

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Clara Ngoliwa *

Electronic informed consent can improve accuracy, workflow, and overall patient experience in clinical research but has not been used in Malawi, owing to uncertainty about availability, utility, patient data security and technical support.

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