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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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"Marine Biodiversity Treaty"

Secretary-General Hails Forthcoming Entry into Force of High-Seas Treaty

19 September 2025 SG/SM/22809

The following statement by UN Secretary-General António Guterres was issued today:

Today, the Agreement on Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction — the BBNJ Agreement — has reached the required threshold of ratifications for entry into force. I welcome this historic achievement for the ocean and for multilateralism.

In two years, States have turned commitment into action — proving what is possible when nations unite for the common good. Covering more than two thirds of the ocean, the Agreement sets binding rules to conserve and sustainably use marine biodiversity, share benefits more fairly, create protected areas, and advance science and capacity-building.

As we confront the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution, this Agreement is a lifeline for the ocean and humanity.

I commend all who have ratified. I urge every State to join without delay, and all partners to support a swift, full implementation. The ocean's health is humanity's health.

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Marine Biodiversity Treaty to Enter into Force in January 2026

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New York, 19 September — Today, **an important milestone for the ocean and our planet was reached** as the conditions for entry into force of the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction were met.

Adopted in June 2023 and applying to over two thirds of the ocean, the Agreement is a major victory for the ocean, as well as for multilateralism and the United Nations. Its adoption marked a historic achievement in efforts to ensure the health and resilience of ocean ecosystems and to level the playing field in the capacity to participate in and benefit from ocean activities. This is critical for addressing the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution, and to meet various ocean-related global goals, including Sustainable Development Goal 14.

"The Agreement went from adoption to entry into force in just over two years", noted António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations. "This rapid pace underscores the continued commitment of States to multilateralism", he added. "It also confirms that we can only face global challenges through collective efforts."

The Agreement will enter into force, in accordance with its article 68(1), on 17 January 2026, which is

120 days after the deposit of the sixtieth instrument of ratification, approval, acceptance or accession.

Background

The Agreement's overall objective is to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction. It establishes a framework for the fair and equitable sharing of benefits from activities related to marine genetic resources and sets out modalities for the establishment and implementation of measures such as area-based management tools, including marine protected areas, with input from various sectors.

The Agreement also elaborates a process for assessing the environmental impacts of various activities. Finally, it provides for modalities to effectuate capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology with a view to assisting parties, particularly developing States parties, in its implementation.

The Agreement also includes a number of enabling provisions, including institutional arrangements, a financial mechanism and provisions for the settlement of disputes...

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IHR

Amended International Health Regulations enter into force

19 September 2025 *News release*

Today marks a milestone in global health governance as the amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHR) enter into force. This reflects a renewed global commitment to cooperation in the face of public health emergencies, shaped by hard-earned lessons of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The IHR are global regulations that guide 196 States Parties, including all 194 WHO Member States, on their rights and obligations concerning public health risks. They recognize that infectious diseases and other public health risks do not respect borders, and that coordinated global action is critical...

In 2024, WHO Member States adopted amendments by consensus at the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly in Geneva. One of the changes is the introduction of a new level of global alert – a “pandemic emergency” – to trigger stronger international collaboration when a health risk escalates beyond a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC) and poses the risk of becoming, or has already become, a pandemic, with widespread impact on the health system and disruption to societies.

The amendments also introduce the establishment of National IHR Authorities by governments to coordinate IHR implementation, and include provisions to strengthen access to medical products and financing based on equity and solidarity...

“The strengthening of the International Health Regulations represents a historic commitment to protect future generations from the devastating impact of epidemics and pandemics,” said WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. “We know that no one is safe until everyone is safe. The IHR amendments reaffirm our shared responsibility and solidarity in the face of global health risks.”...

States have the sovereign right to implement legislations related to health policies. Under the IHR, WHO serves as the Secretariat, without authority to compel action by countries...



“International Cooperation” – Global Perceptions

Demanding Results: Global Views on International Cooperation

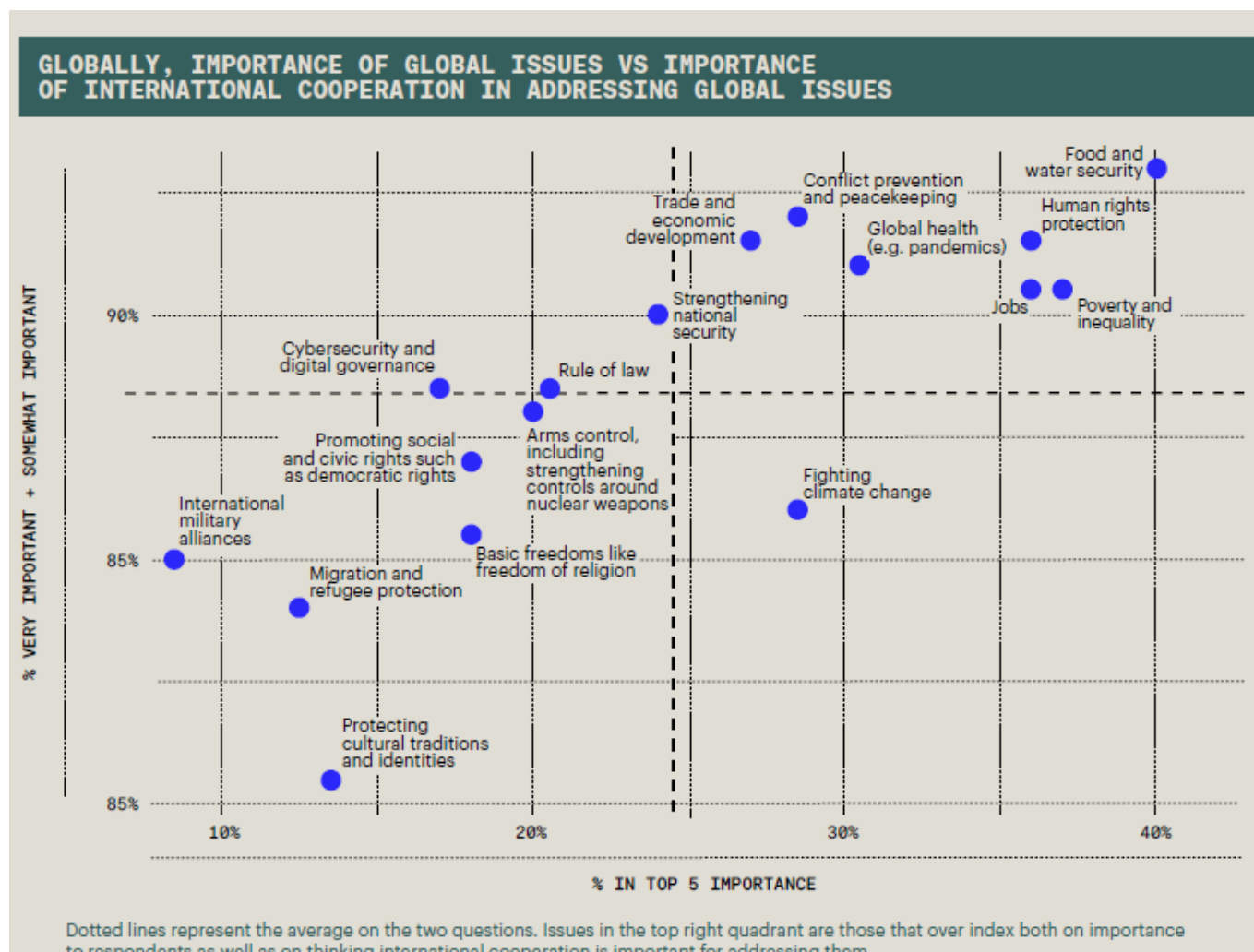
Rockefeller Foundation - Global Survey Report

September 18, 2025 :: 29 pages

PDF: <https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Demanding-Results-Global-Views-on-International-Cooperation-Report-Final.pdf>

Overview

To move beyond the headlines and better understand how people across the world look at each other, The Rockefeller Foundation commissioned a new global survey with Focaldata. **Between August 8th to September 10th, 2025, Focaldata surveyed 36,405 adults across 34 countries to capture public attitudes on global cooperation, pressing issues, and the institutions designed to address them.**



[Excerpt] p.2

...In the lead-up to the United Nations General Assembly High Level Week, a new poll surveyed 36,405 adults across 34 countries to capture how people view the world and international cooperation in a time of seismic change.

The results illustrate an unmistakable reality behind the headlines: **despite cuts to development aid and rising nationalist rhetoric around the world, most people still want nations to work together to take on common threats—even if it means compromising on some national interests.**

While some countries look inward and headlines claim that support for multilateralism is waning, surveyed individuals see their fates tied to others around the world and would like to see nations work together. **But the findings also carry a second message: support for global cooperation is real, yet fragile.** Across regions and demographics, people are clear—they back cooperation more when it delivers on issues they care about, improves lives at home, and doesn't come at their expense.

Support for cooperation spans the Global North to Global South, the G7 to G20, and left to center-right politically, though many further to the right remain undecided or unconvinced. With evidence supporting that people are far less likely to support increased international cooperation if it does not benefit them directly, this cautious cross-party backing is real yet tenuous and continued support will depend on showing cooperation delivers...

Rockefeller Foundation's New U.S. \$50 Million Initiative Finds Widespread Support for International Cooperation in Landmark 34-Country Survey

:: 36,405 adults surveyed in U.S., China, Germany, Japan, India, UK, France, Italy, Canada, Brazil, and 23 countries in Africa, Asia & Oceania, Europe, MENA, Latin America

:: Alongside the survey, The Rockefeller Foundation launched a new US\$50 million Build the Shared Future initiative to help build a more modern and effective international system

NEW YORK | September 18, 2025 — The Rockefeller Foundation released findings of a new global poll that shows considerable, but fragile, support for international cooperation. The Rockefeller Foundation also announced the launch of a new U.S. \$50 million Build the Shared Future initiative, in which the 112-year-old philanthropic organization aims to develop solutions that more effectively respond to crises and promote a healthier, more prosperous, and secure future for all...

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Global Innovation

WIPO Global Innovation Index 2025: Switzerland, Sweden, US, the Republic of Korea and Singapore Top Ranking; China Enters Top 10; Innovation Investment Growth Slows

Sep 16, 2025 PR/2025/940

Switzerland, Sweden, the United States of America (US), the Republic of Korea and Singapore top the World Intellectual Property Organization's Global Innovation Index (GII) 2025 ranking, followed by the United Kingdom, Finland, Netherlands, Denmark and China, which breaks into the top 10 for the first time. Meantime, slowing growth in innovation investments is clouding the innovation forecast, the report found.

The GII uses some 80 indicators, ranging from research and development (R&D) spending, venture capital (VC) deals, high-tech exports and intellectual property filings in evaluating nearly 140 world economies on their innovative performance. It is the world's benchmark resource for policymakers, business leaders and others in promoting innovation and building strong innovation ecosystems.

Global rankings

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| 1. Switzerland (Number 1 in 2024) | 11. Germany (9) |
| 2. Sweden (2) | 12. Japan (13) |
| 3. United States of America (3) | 13. France (12) |
| 4. Republic of Korea (6) | 14. Israel (15) |
| 5. Singapore (4) | 15. Hong Kong, China (18) |
| 6. United Kingdom (5) | 16. Estonia (16) |
| 7. Finland (7) | 17. Canada (14) |
| 8. Netherlands (Kingdom of the) (8) | 18. Ireland (19) |
| 9. Denmark (10) | 19. Austria (17) |
| 10. China (11) | 20. Norway (21) |

Among the GII's key findings:

- **R&D growth fell to 2.9% in 2024, a slowdown from the 4.4% increase in the year prior** and the lowest growth since the financial crisis of 2010. Growth is projected by WIPO to slow further in 2025 (2.3%).
- Corporate R&D spending in real terms slowed to 1% due to persistently high inflation —far below the 4.6% average of the past decade. ICT-related firms (particularly in AI-intensive sectors), software and pharma firms expanded R&D budgets, while manufacturing firms such as in the automotive sector and consumer goods cut R&D spend in a context of declining company revenues.
- **VC investment values showed a rebound.** Deal values rose 7.7% in 2024, largely driven by US-based megadeals and surging investment in generative AI. However, excluding these investments, VC value would have contracted.
- Furthermore, the number of VC deals fell 4.4% globally in a third consecutive year of decline, signaling persistent investor caution outside a narrow set of sectors and geographies.
- VC, which had been gradually expanding into a wider set of non-ICT sectors and emerging markets, now appears to be retreating toward its traditional core—namely the US-based AI- and ICT-related investments. This fails to sustain the earlier momentum toward broader sectoral and geographic VC diversification experienced just after the COVID-19 pandemic with strong VC influx into Latin America and Africa.
- **International patent filings via WIPO rebounded (+0.5%), with strong growth in the Republic of Korea (+7%), but continued declines in the US, Japan and Germany.**
- Technological progress – a dimension covered in the GII Global Innovation Tracker - remained strong: battery prices and supercomputer efficiency improved, while the cost of genome sequencing declined further.
- Technology adoption advanced but slowed: Growth remained evident in robotics and connectivity; high-speed rail networks, a new indicator in 2025, expanded. In turn, robot and EV adoption experienced a marked slowdown.
- Socioeconomic indicators improved—labor productivity and life expectancy rose, poverty declined further.



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Open Science

UN Scientific Advisory Board adopts landmark statement on Open Science

At its second annual retreat, the UN Secretary-General's Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) adopted a landmark statement on open science, with the International Science Council serving as lead coordinator.

The statement highlights open science as vital for research, for connecting science with policy and society, and for tackling global inequality, while warning that its benefits are at risk as barriers to international collaboration grow. The SAB urged the global community to actively advance open science for the benefit of all....

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Statement of the UN Scientific Advisory Board on Open Science

15 Sep 2025

PDF: https://www.un.org/scientific-advisory-board/sites/default/files/2025-09/Open%20Science%20Statement_1.pdf

[Excerpts]

... the ability of science to support urgently needed global solutions is under threat. Geopolitical tensions are constraining international scientific collaboration. Trust in public scientific institutions is eroding, while the risks of mis- and disinformation are on the rise.

Short-term financial and political pressures are eclipsing anticipatory action for a sustainable future. To safeguard science and enable its societal benefits, **this Scientific Advisory Board calls for urgent cooperation to advance science as a global public good – and we stress that doing so requires accelerated transformation to open science.**

“Open science” is a global movement to make scientific knowledge available and accessible for all. It encompasses processes such as open research methods, open data, open access publications, and open-source software and hardware, improving our ability to produce, reproduce, and refine scientific knowledge. These are central components of thriving science systems...

The Scientific Advisory Board commends significant progress toward and support for open science in recent years, as demonstrated by the 2021 UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science, the UN Pact for the Future, and impactful governmental as well as non-governmental policies around the world.

However, it is becoming increasingly difficult to implement these commitments to open science. Growing geopolitical tensions, a loss of trust in institutions worldwide, intellectual property protection challenges, strong financial pressures, and **a trend of privatizing science all tend to inhibit the free flow and common usage of science.** Recognizing that some scientific developments may pose security, privacy, and safety concerns, the scientific community has developed innovative approaches and technological solutions that support openness, while also respecting legitimate limitations. The insights of scientists with deep expertise are vital to identifying effective solutions, especially in delicate and fast-moving circumstances such as those faced by the multilateral system.

To address these challenges and enable the benefits of open science, the Scientific Advisory Board calls on UN Member States to:

- Accelerate implementation of the 2021 UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science;
- Action commitments on open science and open data outlined in the Pact for the Future and the Global Digital Compact; and
- Ensure active contribution of scientists within Member State efforts to address barriers to open

science and advance science as a global public good.

We call on the UN system to:

- Implement its obligations under the Global Digital Compact to advance shared global infrastructures and models to support open science, including data continuity, interoperable data systems, and expanded access to shared research and knowledge; and
- Embed open science in UN mandates and activities, including as a central component of UN reform.

We further call on decision-makers across sectors to:

- Develop open science programs to enhance scientific capacity and close global science, technology, innovation, and digital divides;
- Support open data, open access to publication processes and products, open infrastructure, and respect for Indigenous data sovereignty;
- Encourage continued transition of science systems toward open science, including through reform of research assessment processes;
- Take concrete steps to remove financial barriers to production and access to science;
- Embed open science principles and practices in the private sector, including among private publishers and social media platforms, ensuring they contribute to equitable access and responsible dissemination of scientific knowledge;
- Promote inclusive governance of science, including leadership from the scientific community across geographies, languages, and disciplines; and
- Monitor open science implementation to ensure accountability, equity, and guide continuous improvement toward science as a global public good.
- Invest in infrastructure, training, and institutional support for open science in the Global South to ensure equitable participation and benefit-sharing.

This Scientific Advisory Board is committed to promoting open science through the work of Board Members and Network Institutions. We stand ready to support the UN Secretary-General and the broader multilateral system in taking forward our common commitments to open science...

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AI-enabled Biological Tools

[Global Risk Index for AI-enabled Biological Tools: Summary Assessment & Methods Report](#)

Rand - Summary Assessment & Methods Report

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The report provides a risk index framework for assessing AI-enabled biological tools, analyzing misuse potential, global trends, and recommending ongoing monitoring, enhanced governance, and responsible innovation to bolster biosecurity.

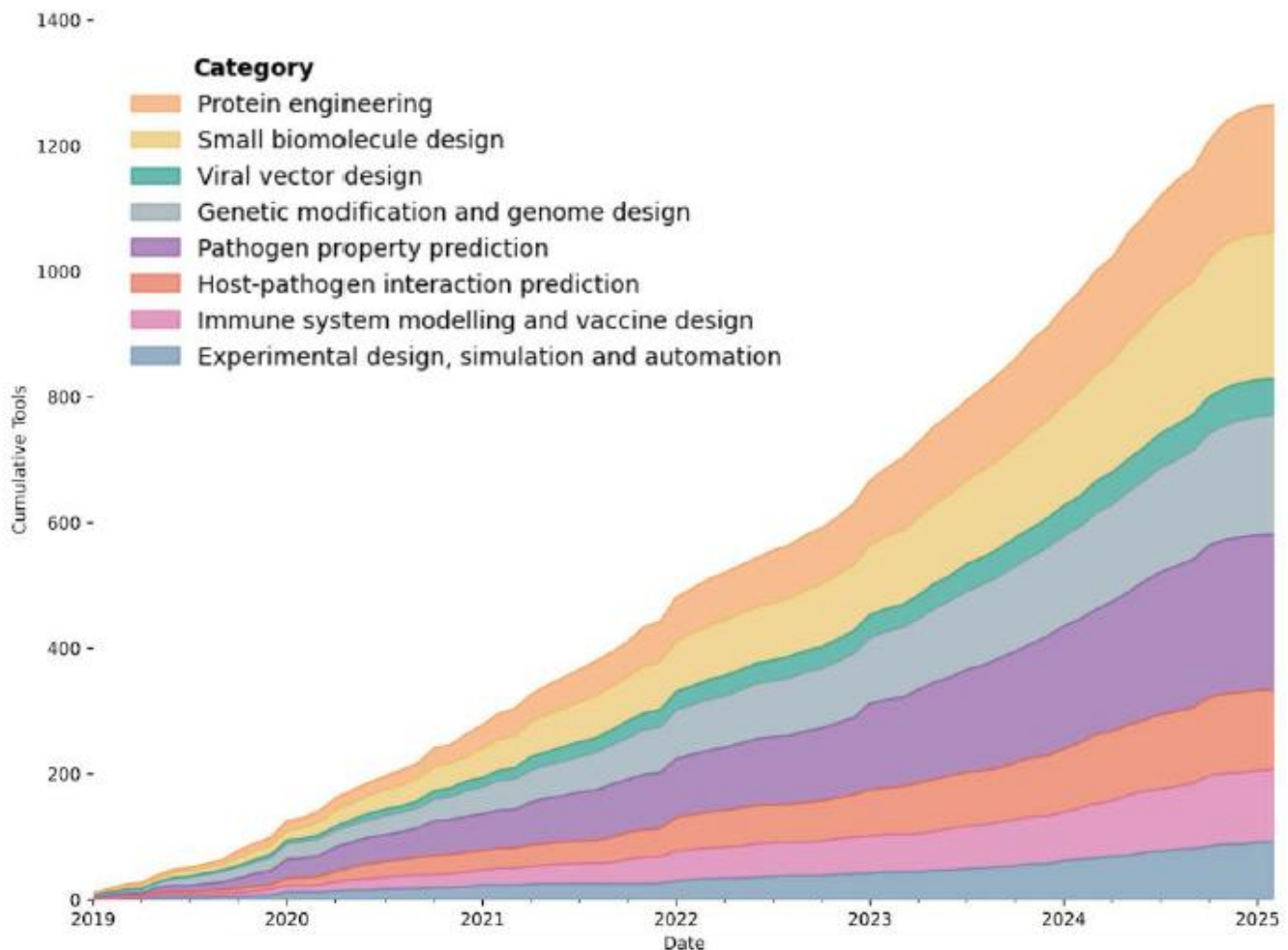
Artificial intelligence is transforming the life sciences, accelerating breakthroughs in medical research, drug discovery, and biotechnology. However, **some of the AI tools that drive innovation can also be misused, posing significant dual-use risks. Ensuring that these technologies are developed and deployed responsibly requires a clear, structured understanding of the capabilities of individual AI-enabled biological tools and their potential misuse applications.**

This report introduces the first Global Risk Index for AI-enabled Biological Tools, which

provides a structured and scalable framework for assessing these tools based on their capabilities, potential for misuse, accessibility, and technological maturity. Our methodology builds upon previous work by the Centre for Long-Term Resilience and RAND, with significant updates and expansions that together deliver a more comprehensive evaluation approach.

Developers can use the index to better understand the broader implications of the tools they're building—not just their benefits, but also their risks—and to design these, and other related AI models, with safety and responsibility in mind. **Policymakers can use the index** to navigate a rapidly evolving landscape, identify misuse-relevant tools or capabilities, and prioritise areas for governance, risk assessment and mitigation.

Figure 4. Cumulative number of AI-enabled biological tools released from 2019 to 2025 by category.



Source: RAND and CLTR analysis 2025

Note that 215 tools assigned to multiple categories are counted for each category, leading to slight visual over-representation; 47 tools released before 2019 identified by expert crowdsourcing and targeted searching were excluded from this figure. Tools identified in 2025 up until 28 February 2025 were identified through expert crowdsourcing or targeted searching given that the literature search was restricted to 2019–2024.

Recommendations

Based on our findings, we recommend five key actions for different stakeholders:

1. **Developers and funders should use the Global Risk Index rubrics to assess tools for**

misuse-relevant capabilities before funding and developing tools, and before publication and model release.

The Global Risk Index rubrics can inform developers of potential misuse concerns before a tool is built. This allows funders to engage in responsible innovation and prioritise investment for safer defensive applications. Pre-deployment assessments also help identify safeguards and inform decisions on whether a tool should have mitigations embedded and be open-sourced or released with managed access.

2. Developers and funders should implement managed access for tools with significant misuse-relevant capabilities using Know Your Customer (KYC) principles to differentially prioritise development of medical countermeasures and other defences.

Managed access programmes using KYC checks can provide legitimate researchers with early access to powerful AI capabilities, accelerating the development of medical countermeasures and other defences. This approach, already established in several other industries and fields, helps deny access to threat actors who might misuse these tools while fostering faster, safer innovation within a trusted community.

3. Funders should enable developers to embed safeguards into tools 'by design', piloting promising approaches as soon as possible, while ensuring non-safeguarded model private accessibility for legitimate defensive researchers where necessary.

Additional funding is urgently needed to develop and test technical safeguards that can be built into AI-enabled biological tools from the start. Funders and developers should also carefully manage the generation and publication of sensitive dual-use data. Where necessary for defensive research, access to non-safeguarded versions of tools should be provided securely to legitimate researchers.

4. Developers, funders and governments should promote a culture of responsible innovation by convening regularly and sharing information.

Acknowledging the risks of dual-use tools can attract more experts to work on safeguards and responsible innovation. We recommend that developers, funders, and government experts convene regularly to coordinate capability assessments, establish best practices, and foster international collaboration across the global developer community to reduce misuse risks and share benefits.

5. Governments and independent experts should conduct ongoing tool assessment and monitoring, with input from developers and their funders.

Given the rapid pace of development, governments and independent experts should refresh the Global Risk Index regularly—ideally every six months—to avoid strategic surprises. This process should be done in consultation with tool developers and funders, who can help identify emerging capabilities and improve assessment methods. Piloting AI-enabled automation could significantly improve the efficiency of these ongoing assessments.

This work was a joint undertaking of [RAND Europe](#) and [The Centre for Long-Term Resilience](#)

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[Israel has committed genocide in the Gaza Strip, UN Commission finds](#)

Press releases 16 September 2025

Read the full report [here](#).

GENEVA – **Israel has committed genocide against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, the UN**

Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel said in a new [report](#) today. The Commission urges Israel and all States to fulfil their legal obligations under international law to end the genocide and punish those responsible for it.

The Commission has been investigating the events on and since 7 October 2023 for the last two years, and **concluded that Israeli authorities and Israeli security forces committed four of the five genocidal acts defined by the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide**, namely killing, causing serious bodily or mental harm, deliberately inflicting conditions of life calculated to bring about the destruction of the Palestinians in whole or in part, and imposing measures intended to prevent births.

Explicit statements by Israeli civilian and military authorities and the pattern of conduct of the Israeli security forces indicate that the genocidal acts were committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, Palestinians in the Gaza Strip as a group.

"The Commission finds that Israel is responsible for the commission of genocide in Gaza," said Navi Pillay, Chair of the Commission. "It is clear that there is an intent to destroy the Palestinians in Gaza through acts that meet the criteria set forth in the Genocide Convention."

"The responsibility for these atrocity crimes lies with Israeli authorities at the highest echelons who have orchestrated a genocidal campaign for almost two years now with the specific intent to destroy the Palestinian group in Gaza," Pillay said. "The Commission also finds that Israel has failed to prevent and punish the commission of genocide, through failure to investigate genocidal acts and to prosecute alleged perpetrators."

The report is based on all the Commission's prior investigations, as well as factual and legal findings in relation to attacks in Gaza carried out by Israeli forces, and the conduct and statements of Israeli authorities from 7 October 2023 until 31 July 2025. The Commission's findings are based on a comprehensive examination of the underlying acts of genocide (actus reus) and genocidal intent (dolus specialis).

In establishing the genocidal acts, the Commission examined the Israeli military operations in Gaza, including killing and seriously harming unprecedented numbers of Palestinians; imposing a total siege, including blocking humanitarian aid leading to starvation; systematically destroying the healthcare and education systems in Gaza; committing systematic acts of sexual and gender based violence; directly targeting children; carrying out systematic and widespread attacks on religious and cultural sites; and disregarding the orders of the International Court of Justice.

In establishing genocidal intent, the Commission applied the "only reasonable inference" standard set forth by the International Court of Justice in the case of Bosnia v. Serbia. The Commission analysed statements made by Israeli authorities and concluded that those statements are direct evidence of genocidal intent. The Commission also analysed the pattern of conduct of Israeli authorities and the Israeli security forces in Gaza, including imposing starvation and inhumane conditions of life for Palestinians in Gaza, and found that genocidal intent was the only reasonable inference that could be concluded from the nature of their operations.

"Israel has flagrantly disregarded the orders for provisional measures from the International Court of Justice and warnings from Member States, UN offices, human rights organisations and civil society groups, and continued the strategy of destruction of the Palestinians in Gaza," said Pillay. "The Commission finds that the Israeli authorities had no intention

to change their course of actions. On the contrary, Israeli authorities have persisted and continued with their genocidal campaign in Gaza for almost two years now. Israel must immediately end the genocide in Gaza and comply fully with the orders for provisional measures of the International Court of Justice,” she added.

The acts of Israeli political and military leaders are attributable to the State of Israel. The Commission therefore concluded that the State of Israel bears responsibility for the failure to prevent genocide, the commission of genocide and the failure to punish the perpetrators of genocide against the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

The Commission also concluded that Israeli President Isaac Herzog, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and then Defence Minister Yoav Gallant, have incited the commission of genocide and that Israeli authorities have failed to take action against them to punish this incitement. The Commission has not fully assessed statements by other Israeli political and military leaders and considers that they too should be assessed to determine whether they constitute incitement to commit genocide.

The Commission urges the Government of Israel to comply immediately with its international legal obligations, including to end the genocide in the Gaza Strip and fully implement the provisional measures orders of the International Court of Justice. Israel must end its policy of starvation, lift the siege and facilitate and ensure the unimpeded access of humanitarian aid at scale and unhindered access of all United Nations staff, including UNRWA and OHCHR international staff, and all recognized international humanitarian agencies delivering and coordinating aid. The Commission calls on Israel to immediately end the activities of the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation.

The Commission recommended that Member States:

:: cease the transfer of arms and other equipment that may be used for the commission of genocidal acts to Israel;

:: ensure individuals and corporations in their territories and within their jurisdiction are not involved in aiding and assisting the commission of genocide or incitement to commit genocide; and

:: take action on accountability through investigations and legal proceedings against individuals or corporations that are involved in the genocide directly or indirectly.

“The international community cannot stay silent on the genocidal campaign launched by Israel against the Palestinian people in Gaza. When clear signs and evidence of genocide emerge, the absence of action to stop it amounts to complicity,” said Pillay. “Every day of inaction costs lives and erodes the credibility of the international community. All States are under a legal obligation to use all means that are reasonably available to them to stop the genocide in Gaza,” she added.

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General Assembly Approves Palestine’s Virtual Participation after Visa Denial

19 September 2025 GA/12708

Ahead of its most high-profile week, the **General Assembly today overwhelmingly voted to permit Palestine’s representatives to participate virtually in its eightieth session, following the denial of their entry visas by the host country.**

By a recorded vote of 145 in favour to 5 against (Israel, Nauru, Palau, Paraguay and the United States), with 6 abstentions (Albania, Fiji, Hungary, North Macedonia, Panama and Papua New Guinea), the 193-member organ adopted draft resolution A/80/L.2/Rev.1.

By the text, the Assembly recalled section 11 of the Headquarters Agreement and **decided that,**

without setting a precedent for future general debates and mandated high-level meetings, the State of Palestine may submit a pre-recorded statement of its President, which will be played in the General Assembly Hall during the general debate. It may also deliver statements by means of videoconference or submit a pre-recorded statement at the meetings of the High-level International Conference for the Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine and the Implementation of the Two-State Solution.

The representative of the United States, explaining its negative vote, said that the Palestinian Authority and the Palestinian Liberation Organization must be held to account for not complying with their agreement under the Oslo Accords and for undermining the prospects for peace. The Authority, he continued, despite claiming to renounce the use of terrorism and all other acts of violence, “continues to reward and incentivize terror by continuing its pay-for-slay payment to terrorists and their families”.

This “heinous practice” must end, followed by a consistent and public repudiation of terrorism, including the 7 October 2023 massacre. **The Palestinian Authority must also end its attempt to internationalize the conflict through lawfare campaigns, including appeals to the International Criminal Court and the International Court of Justice, and bypassing negotiations to secure the “unilateral recognition of a conjectural Palestinian State”.** Meanwhile, his country remains open to reengagement consistent with its laws should both organizations on the Palestinian side meet their obligations and return to a constructive path of compromise and peaceful coexistence with Israel, he said.

Several delegates voiced their regret over the situation with the Palestinian delegation, recalling the obligations of the Organization’s host country under the Headquarters Agreement.

The Russian Federation’s delegate said that the visa denial to a Head of State is unprecedented and “flies in the face of the United Nations Headquarters Agreement”. He reminded that **the host country is obligated to not impose any impediment on access to the district of the United Nations’ Headquarters for all official representatives without charge and as promptly as possible.** He noted that his delegation’s vote cannot be interpreted as support for remote or hybrid working arrangements for the Organization, as it continuously calls for normal in-person participation...

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[Security Council Fails to Adopt Resolution on Gaza Ceasefire](#)

18 September 2025 SC/16174

In its 10,000th meeting, the Security Council today failed to adopt a resolution calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, the release of all hostages and for Israel to immediately and unconditionally lift all restrictions on the entry of humanitarian aid into the enclave, as the United States vetoed the measure despite affirmative votes by the other 14 members of the 15-nation organ.

Introducing the draft, the representative of Denmark also spoke for the other nine elected members of the Council, who “represent every region of the world” — as well as “the will and the expectations of the members of the General Assembly by whom we were elected”. She noted that famine in Gaza has been “confirmed”, with desperate mothers “forced to boil leaves to feed their children”, people killed as they try to get food to survive and a generation at risk of being lost. She cited a “humanitarian and human failure that has compelled us to act today” on a text resulting from weeks of consultations — its sole intent being to ease suffering and “contribute to the end of this abhorrent war”.

However, the United States’ representative warned that the resolution was deeply flawed, as it

demanded a ceasefire that would leave Hamas in power and allow it to regroup. “[United States] President [Donald] Trump will never accept this,” she said, rejecting what she called a “false equivalence” between Israel’s right to defend itself and Hamas’s campaign of terror. Gaza’s humanitarian suffering, she emphasized, is the result of Hamas’s actions, not Israel’s. That State works daily to deliver aid, which must reach civilians who need it rather than sustain Hamas. She concluded by demanding that Hamas release all hostages and surrender immediately.

United States Vetoes Text, Other Council Members Express Frustration and Concern

Then, by a vote of 14 in favour to 1 against (United States), with no abstentions, the draft resolution was not adopted owing to the negative vote of a permanent Council member. **Had it been [approved], the text would have seen the Council demand an immediate, unconditional and permanent ceasefire in Gaza; the immediate, dignified and unconditional release of all hostages held by Hamas and other groups; and Israel’s immediate, unconditional lifting of all restrictions on the entry of humanitarian aid into the Strip...**

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Gaza: Leaders of major aid groups call on world leaders to intervene following UN genocide conclusion

The leaders of over 20 major aid agencies working in Gaza are calling on world leaders to urgently intervene after a UN commission concluded, for the first time, that genocide is being committed.

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As world leaders convene next week at the United Nations, we are calling on all member states to act in accordance with the mandate the UN was charged with 80 years ago.

What we are witnessing in Gaza is not only an unprecedented humanitarian catastrophe, but what the UN Commission of Inquiry has now concluded is a genocide.

With this finding, the Commission joins a growing number of human rights organisations and leaders globally, and within Israel.

The inhumanity of the situation in Gaza is unconscionable. As humanitarian leaders, we have borne direct witness to the horrifying deaths and suffering of the people of Gaza. Our warnings have gone unheeded and thousands more lives are still at stake.

Now, as the Israeli government has ordered the mass displacement of Gaza City – home to nearly one million people – we are on the precipice of an even deadlier period in Gaza’s story if action is not taken. Gaza has been deliberately made uninhabitable.

About 65,000 Palestinians have now been killed, including more than 20,000 children. Thousands more are missing, buried under the rubble that has replaced Gaza’s once lively streets.

Nine out of 10 people in Gaza’s 2.1 million population have been forcibly displaced - most of them multiple times - into increasingly shrinking pockets of land that cannot sustain human life.

More than half a million people are starving. Famine has been declared and is spreading. The cumulative impact of hunger and physical deprivation means people are dying every day.

Throughout Gaza, entire cities have been razed to the ground, along with their life-sustaining public infrastructure, such as hospitals and water treatment plants. Agricultural land has been systemically destroyed.

If the facts and numbers aren't enough, we have harrowing story upon harrowing story.

Since the Israeli military tightened its siege six months ago, blocking food, fuel, and medicine, we witnessed children and families waste away from starvation as famine took hold. Our colleagues too have been impacted.

Many of us have been into Gaza. We have met countless Palestinians who have lost limbs as a result of Israel's bombardment. We have personally met children so traumatized by daily airstrikes that they cannot sleep. Some cannot speak. Others have told us they want to die to join their parents in heaven.

We have met families who eat animal food to survive and boil leaves as a meal for their children. Yet world leaders fail to act. Facts are ignored. Testimony is cast aside. And more people are killed as a direct consequence.

Our organisations, together with Palestinian civil society groups, the UN, and Israeli human rights organisations, can only do so much. We have tirelessly tried to defend the rights of the people of Gaza and sustain humanitarian assistance, but we are being obstructed every step of the way.

We have been denied access, and the militarization of the aid system has proved deadly. Thousands of people have been shot at while trying to reach the handful of sites where food is distributed under armed guard.

Governments must act to prevent the evisceration of life in the Gaza Strip, and to end the violence and occupation. All parties must disavow violence against civilians, adhere to international humanitarian law and pursue peace.

States must use every available political, economic, and legal tool at their disposal to intervene. Rhetoric and half measures are not enough. This moment demands decisive action.

The UN enshrined international law as the cornerstone of global peace and security. If Member States continue to treat these legal obligations as optional, they are not only complicit but are setting a dangerous precedent for the future. History will undoubtedly judge this moment as a test of humanity. And we are failing. Failing the people of Gaza, failing the hostages, and failing our own collective moral imperative.

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1. Arthur Larok, Secretary General of ActionAid International
2. Othman Moqbel, Chief Executive Officer, Action For Humanity
3. Joyce Ajlouny, General Secretary of American Friends Service Committee
4. Sean Carroll, President and CEO of Anera
5. Reintje Van Haeringen, Executive Director CARE International
6. Kate Higgins, CEO of Cooperation Canada
7. Jonas Nøddekær, Secretary General of DanChurchAid
8. Charlotte Slente, Secretary General of the Danish Refugee Council
9. Manuel Patrouillard, Managing Director, Humanity & Inclusion - Handicap International
10. Jamie Munn, Executive Director, International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA)
11. Mahmood Qasim, CEO of International Development and Relief Foundation
12. Waseem Ahmad, CEO, Islamic Relief Worldwide
13. Jeremy Konyndyk, President of Refugees International
14. Joseph Belliveau, Executive Director of MedGlobal
15. Joel Weiler, Executive Director of Médecins du Monde France
16. Nicolás Dotta, Executive Director of Médecins du Monde Spain

17. Morgane Rousseau, CEO of Médecins du Monde Suisse
18. Christopher Lockyear, Secretary General of Médecins Sans Frontières International
19. Kenneth Kim, Executive Director, Mennonite Central Committee Canada
20. Ann Graber Hershberger, Executive Director, Mennonite Central Committee US
21. Jan Egeland, Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee Council
22. Amitabh Behar, Oxfam International Executive Director
23. Simon Panek, CEO, People in Need
24. Inger Ashing, CEO of Save the Children International
25. Donatella Vergara, President of Terre des Hommes Italy
26. Rob Williams, CEO of War Child Alliance

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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 13 Sep 2025]

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

Meetings Coverage/Press Releases [Selected]

19 September 2025 SG/SM/22809

[Secretary-General Hails Forthcoming Entry into Force of High-Seas Treaty](#)

19 September 2025 L/3306

[Marine Biodiversity Treaty to Enter into Force in January 2026](#)

New York, 19 September — Today, an important milestone for the ocean and our planet was reached as the conditions for entry into force of the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction were met.

19 September 2025 L/3305

[Eighty Years of Multilateral Treaty Making at United Nations Focus of Upcoming High-level Event at Headquarters](#)

Areas of global concern including human rights, protection of the environment, trade, terrorism and the law of the sea are at the centre of this year's treaty event, taking place during the United Nations General Assembly high-level week marking the UN's eightieth anniversary. Themed "Eighty Years of Multilateral Treaty Making at the United Nations", this year's treaty event at UN Headquarters from 23 to 26 September comes at a pivotal moment to renew global commitment to multilateralism, solidarity and shared action for people and planet.

19 September 2025 SC/16175

[Security Council Fails to Adopt Resolution that Would Continue Iran Sanctions Relief](#)

The Security Council today failed to adopt a draft resolution that would have continued United Nations sanctions relief as contemplated by the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, after France, Germany and the United Kingdom triggered the process to reimpose sanctions — often referred to as a “snapback” process — by asserting Tehran’s significant non-performance of its Plan commitments.

19 September 2025 GA/12708

[General Assembly Approves Palestine’s Virtual Participation after Visa Denial](#)

Ahead of its most high-profile week, the General Assembly today overwhelmingly voted to permit Palestine’s representatives to participate virtually in its eightieth session, following the denial of their entry visas by the host country.

18 September 2025 SC/16174

[Security Council Fails to Adopt Resolution on Gaza Ceasefire](#)

In its 10,000th meeting, the Security Council today failed to adopt a resolution calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, the release of all hostages and for Israel to immediately and unconditionally lift all restrictions on the entry of humanitarian aid into the enclave, as the United States vetoed the measure despite affirmative votes by the other 14 members of the 15-nation organ.

UN Human Rights – OHCHR [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Latest News, Statements, Press Releases [Selected]

Statements 19 September 2025

Freedom of association and assembly

[UN and regional experts urge States to stop criminalizing civil society and protests](#)

Statements 19 September 2025

Palestine

[One year after ICJ ruling, UN experts urge States to confront inaction over Israel’s unlawful occupation](#)

Press releases 19 September 2025

Sudan

[Sudan crisis deepens amid rising civilian casualties, growing ethnic violence and grim humanitarian situation – UN report](#)

Statements and speeches 18 September 2025

Economic, social and cultural rights

[High Commissioner Türk: Economic, social, and cultural rights are the building blocks of just, equal, and peaceful societies](#)

Press releases 16 September 2025

United States of America

[US war on “narco-terrorists” violates the right to life, warn UN experts after deadly vessel strike](#)

Press releases 16 September 2025

Persons with disabilities

UN experts warn Gaza city offensive will be 'apocalyptic' for persons with disabilities

Press releases 16 September 2025

Israel has committed genocide in the Gaza Strip, UN Commission finds

Press releases 15 September 2025

Rising use of unilateral sanctions raises humanitarian concerns: UN expert

Statements and speeches 15 September 2025

Human Rights: Healing our Fractured World

UN Human Rights Council [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News

Human Rights Council to hold urgent debate on 16 September on the recent military aggression by Israel against Qatar

15/09/2025

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Latest news

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children [to 13 Sep 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 13 Sep 2025]

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

Press Release

No new digest content identified.

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Statements, Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 13 Sep 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 13 Sep 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 13 Sep 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 13 Sep 2025]

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

Latest news

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Press releases

No new digest content identified.

UN OCHA Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Latest News and Stories [Selected]

News

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

19 September 2025

News

[UN Relief Chief urges Security Council to back Syrian-led recovery with urgent investment](#)

18 September 2025

News

[UN Relief Chief warns of 'age of indifference' as humanitarian funding drops](#)

15 September 2025

News

[UN Relief Chief warns Security Council mass hunger must not define Yemen's future](#)

15 September 2025

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Latest Stories
No new digest content identified.

IOM [International Organization for Migration] [to 13 Sep 2025]

<http://www.iom.int>

Press Releases – Selected News

News 16 Sep 2025

Venezuelan Migrants Add USD 900M Annually to Ecuador's Economy

UNAIDS [13 Sep 2025]

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

News, Stories, Updates

Press Statement

UN80 Secretary-General's report - UNAIDS statement

Delivering to end AIDS by 2030 and sustain the HIV response beyond—UNAIDS' transition within the UN80 vision

GENEVA, 19 September 2025—The United Nations Secretary-General has put forward UN reform proposals in his new UN80 progress report, *Shifting Paradigms: United to Deliver*, which UNAIDS plans to discuss with its board and stakeholders. As underscored by the Secretary-General, it is with member states and governing bodies to determine the way forward on how UN80 reforms are implemented.

UNAIDS has been working within the Secretary-General's UN80 vision, and consulted with the UN80 team, as it developed transformation plans. UNAIDS has been advancing on its transition path and is proud to help lead the way as the UN system reforms...

Press Release

UNAIDS is encouraged by the United States' new strategy on global health and its strong commitment to continue to support people living with and affected by HIV

The United States has launched a new 'America First Global Health Strategy' which sets out a new and tailored focus for PEPFAR, working closely with countries most affected by HIV

GENEVA, 18 September 2025

UNICEF [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Latest press releases, news notes and statements [Selected]

Statement 19 September 2025

Statement by UNICEF on the theft of lifesaving therapeutic food for thousands of children in Gaza

"Yesterday, armed individuals approached four trucks outside our compound in Gaza City that were getting ready to transport desperately needed Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) for malnourished children enduring famine. "The individuals commandeered the drivers at gun point and diverted the RUTF before releasi...

Statement 17 September 2025

Statement by UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell on the denial of education to adolescent girls in Afghanistan for 4 years

NEW YORK, 17 September 2025 , "It has been four years since adolescent girls in Afghanistan were barred from attending school beyond grade 6. By the end of 2025, more than 2.2 million adolescent girls will have been excluded from education. "With more than 2 million Afghans returned from neighboring countries this...

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WHO & Regional Offices [13 Sep 2025]

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

Selected News/Announcements/Statements

19 September 2025 News release

[Amended International Health Regulations enter into force](#)

19 September 2025 Departmental update

[WHO publishes full guideline report to help countries ensure safe, equitable access to controlled medicines](#)

18 September 2025 News release

[WHO urges cost effective solutions on NCDs and mental health amidst slowing progress](#)

17 September 2025 Departmental update

["Patient safety from the start!" — WHO urges global investment in safe paediatric and newborn care](#)

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WHO SAGE

[WHO - Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization \(SAGE\) - September 2025 22 – 25 September 2025](#)

This meeting for the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization (SAGE) will be held from Monday to Thursday. Additional meeting materials, such as a provisional list of participants and background documents, will be provided in due course.

:: [Draft agenda v18Sep25](#)

:: [Declaration on interests \(as of 2 Sept\)](#)

:: **[SAGE Yellow Book - September 2025](#)**

SESSION 2: IA2030 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2.0 Executive Summary: IA2030 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS (essential)

2.1 IA2030 Draft Mid-Term Review document

2.2 IA2030 Global Progress Report – the detailed M&E data

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

[WHO African Region AFRO](#)

:: 14 September 2025

[Ebola vaccination begins in the Democratic Republic of the Congo](#)

:: 12 September 2025

[Namibia rolls out human papillomavirus vaccination to help end cervical cancer](#)

[WHO Region of the Americas PAHO](#)

:: 19 Sep 2025

[PAHO intensifies call to strengthen vaccination in light of rising measles cases in the Americas](#)

Washington, D.C., 19 September 2025 (PAHO) – The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) is urging countries in the Americas to strengthen vaccination efforts, improve surveillance, and accelerate outbreak response following a rise in measles cases in the region. As of September 12, 2025, 11,313 cases and 23 deaths have been confirmed in ten...

:: 18 Sep 2025

[UNGA: PAHO to join global call for action at High-level Meeting on NCDs and Mental Health](#)

With NCDs causing 80% of deaths in the Americas and mental health needs rising, PAHO brings a strong regional voice to global discussions. Director Dr. Jarbas Barbosa will take part in key events and push for concrete action and strengthened cooperation. Washington, DC, September 18, 2025 (PAHO) – On 25 September, global leaders will gather at the...

:: 16 Sep 2025

[PAHO calls for safe care for all newborns and children on World Patient Safety Day 2025](#)

This year's campaign highlights the need to protect the youngest from preventable harm in health care settings Washington, D.C., September 16, 2025 (PAHO) – On the occasion of World Patient Safety Day 2025, observed on September 17, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) urges governments, health professionals, and communities across the...

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

No new digest content identified.

WHO European Region EURO

:: 18 September 2025 News release

[Estonia's effective policies in tackling noncommunicable diseases: lessons learned](#)

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: **[Pakistan joins 150 countries to protect 13 million girls from cervical cancer with WHO-prequalified vaccine](#)**

16 September 2025

WHO Western Pacific Region

:: 14 September 2025 News release

[Mongolia advances the establishment of a Respiratory Infections Surveillance Collaboratory](#)

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WHO - Emergency situation reports

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

[Multi-country outbreak of mpox, External situation report #58 - 19 September 2025](#)

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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.

[18 September 2025 | Nipah virus infection - Bangladesh](#)

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Weekly Epidemiological Record

Vol. 100, No. 38, pp. 385–410 19 September 2025

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

:: Control of epidemic meningitis in countries in the African meningitis belt, 2024
:: Standard case definitions of acute bacterial meningitis and invasive meningococcal disease for routine and outbreak surveillance

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New WHO Publications

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

Selected

18 September 2025

[**Saving lives, spending less: the global investment case for noncommunicable diseases**](#)

17 September 2025

[**Country preparedness for the introduction and appropriate use of antibiotics: operational guidance**](#)

16 September 2025

[**Chronic respiratory diseases in WHO South-East Asia**](#)

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World Organisation for Animal Health [OIE] [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Press Releases, Statements

No new digest announcements identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News story

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News Centre

[**International Day of Peace Statement by UNDP Acting Administrator**](#)

September 21, 2025

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

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

News

No new digest content identified.

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Resources [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 13 Sep

2025] <https://www.undrr.org/>

Press Releases, Statements and messages [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Latest

19-09-2025 | DESA

[Voices of the world gather at the UN: What you need to know about UNGA80](#)

19 September 2025 - World leaders are converging on United Nations Headquarters along the East River in Manhattan for what is shaping up to be one of the most consequential annual gatherings in recent memory.

19-09-2025 | DESA

[Guterres pushes leaders to 'turn the tide' on global crises during high-stakes UNGA week](#)

18 September 2025 - Secretary-General António Guterres has issued a stark call to world leaders on the eve of the United Nations General Assembly's high-level week, warning that a "global crisis" of war, climate change, inequality and technological risk demands urgent, coordinated action.

19-09-2025 | DESA

[UN must evolve to 'stand strong' for the next 80 years: General Assembly president](#)

17 September 2025 - As the United Nations marks 80 years of existence, it must adapt and evolve to be fit for future generations...

ILO International Labour Organization [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News [Selected]

[ILO Director-General to launch landmark State of Social Justice report at UN General Assembly](#)

Director-General, Gilbert F. Houngbo, and senior colleagues from the International Labour Organization (ILO) will also take part in key events aimed at promoting decent work and sustainable development.

News | 19 September 2025

[ILO to release major new report on digitalization, artificial intelligence and the future of work in the Arab States](#)

Media Advisory

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UNESCO [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Press Releases, News [Selected]

- *Observatory of Killed Journalists No new digest content identified.*

[Audrey Azoulay calls for unhindered access to education for girls, particularly in science and technology fields](#)

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International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Announcements [Selected]

Sep 18, 2025 *world heritage*

[International Workshop on Preliminary Assessment for World Heritage Nominations in African and Arab States Regions](#)

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Press Releases [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 13 Sep 2025]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

Press Releases, Statements [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News

[Sudan: FAO moves to protect 9.4 million livestock in nationwide vaccination campaign](#)

Four-month emergency response effort aims to curb transboundary and zoonotic diseases, strengthen livelihoods, ease the food crisis and revive the ailing economy

[Haiti: FAO and CERF launch emergency initiative to bolster rural food security amid climatic shocks, deportations and mass displacement](#)

Cash, seeds, fodder, and training will save lives and help communities rebuild livelihoods

[FAO outlines four key areas for G20 leadership in transforming agrifood systems](#)

Director-General QU Dongyu addresses G20 Agriculture Working Group Ministerial Meeting in South Africa

World Food Programme [to 13 Sep

2025] <https://www.wfp.org/news>

Selected News Releases [Selected]

19 September 2025

[WFP welcomes pledges by over 40 governments to expand national school meals programmes](#)

WFP provides technical assistance to governments to develop national school meals programmes

16 September 2025

WFP Statement on arbitrary detention of aid workers in Yemen

ROME – Recent escalations by the Houthi de facto authorities are intolerable. The arbitrary detention of WFP and United Nations staff members, forced entry into UN offices, destruction and seizure of property, and coerced actions against national staff are unacceptable and have severely compromised the ability of WFP and other UN and humanitarian organizations to reach vulnerable communities in northern Yemen.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Latest News and Highlights [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 13 Sep 2025]

<https://public.wmo.int>

News [Selected]

COP30 Presidency outlines priorities and vision at WMO

News 17 September 2025

Brazil's vision and priorities for the forthcoming UN Climate Change Conference – COP30 – in Belém were presented at a briefing for the diplomatic community hosted by WMO – the “house of weather, climate and water.”

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Press Releases [Selected]

Press Release: UPU re-elects Director General and Deputy Director General

18.09.2025 — 18 September 2025, Dubai – Japan's Masahiko Metoki has been re-elected as Director General of the UN specialized agency responsible for international postal cooperation and development, while Slovenia's Marjan Osvald has been re-elected as its Deputy Director General for the next four years.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 13 Sep 2025] [http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/Press releases](http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/Press%20releases) [Selected]

WIPO Global Innovation Index 2025: Switzerland, Sweden, US, the Republic of Korea and Singapore Top Ranking; China Enters Top 10; Innovation Investment Growth Slows

Switzerland, Sweden, the United States of America (US), the Republic of Korea and Singapore top the World Intellectual Property Organization's Global Innovation Index (GII) 2025 ranking, followed by the United Kingdom, Finland, Netherlands, Denmark and China, which breaks into the top 10 for the first time. Meantime, slowing growth in innovation investments is darkening the innovation forecast, the report found.

Sep 16, 2025 [PR/2025/940](#)

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 13 Sep 2025]
<https://www.cbd.int/Announcements/Decisions/Events> [Selected]
No new digest content identified.

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DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.] [to 13 Sep 2025]
<https://www.darpa.mil/news>
News
No new digest content identified.

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USAID – Office of Inspector General
<https://oig.usaid.gov/>
Editor's Note:

Since February 23, 2025, the USAID website has been carrying the "Notification of Administrative Leave" as below. As some point, the USAID Office of Inspector General began to redirect inquiries to the USAID site to its webpages at <https://oig.usaid.gov/>. We present the most recent Inspector General reports and news as we explore further. We are analyzing the 19=page OIG response below and will report further in next week's edition.

Latest News, Reports [Selected]
No new digest content identified.

February 23, 2025

Notification of Administrative Leave
USAID Office of Inspector General

As of 11:59 p.m. EST on Sunday, February 23, 2025, all USAID direct hire personnel, with the exception of designated personnel responsible for mission-critical functions, core leadership and/or specially designated programs, will be placed on administrative leave globally.

Concurrently, USAID is beginning to implement a Reduction-in-Force that will affect approximately 1,600 USAID personnel with duty stations in the United States.

Individuals that are impacted will receive specific notifications on February 23, 2025, with further instructions and information about their benefits and rights.

Designated essential personnel who are expected to continue working will be informed by Agency leadership February 23, 2025, by 5 p.m. EST.

For overseas personnel, USAID intends a voluntary Agency-funded return travel program and other benefits. USAID is committed to keeping its overseas personnel safe. Until they return home, personnel will retain access to Agency systems and to diplomatic and other resources.

In the coming week, we will provide details on how to retrieve personal items from the former USAID workspaces and return government issued devices.

Additional guidance is forthcoming, and all future updates/notices will continue to be communicated through official USAID channels and posted on USAID.gov for those without access to USAID systems.

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [U.K.] [nee DFID] [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Press release

UK formally recognises Palestinian State

21 September 2025 — Press release

The UK has formally recognised Palestine to protect the viability of a two-state solution and create a path towards lasting peace for the Israeli and Palestinian people.

PM statement on the recognition of Palestine: 21 September 2025

21 September 2025 — Speech

Keir Starmer's statement on the Middle East.

UK sanctions Georgia-linked supporters of Putin's illegal war in Ukraine

19 September 2025 — Press release

The UK has announced new sanctions targeting Georgia-linked supporters of Putin's illegal war in Ukraine.

ECHO [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

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African Union [to 13 Sep 2025]

<http://www.au.int>

Press releases [Selected]

Notification: Africa Biodiversity Summit

September 17, 2025

The Africa Biodiversity Summit is expected to bring together African Heads of State and Government, conservation leaders in the continent and around the world to foster inclusive biodiversity management pathways and increase financial flows to the Africa homegrown solutions.

Date: 2- 5 November 2025 Place: Gaborone, Botswana

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 13 Sep

2025] <https://asean.org/category/news/>

Secretariat News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

European Commission [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Latest [Selected]

Press release Sep 19, 2025

[Global ocean conservation treaty enters into force](#)

Yesterday marks a historic milestone for ocean conservation as the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement reached 60 ratifications, triggering its entry into force in early 2026. This landmark agreement, the result of over a decade of international collaboration, represents a transformative step toward safeguarding marine ecosystems and addressing the urgent threats posed by climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss.

Statement Sep 18, 2025

[Statement by President von der Leyen on the 19th package of sanctions against Russia](#)

On 19 September 2025, President von der Leyen gave a statement on the 19th package of sanctions against Russia.

Press release Sep 16, 2025

[Commission proposes suspension of trade concessions with Israel and sanctions on extremist ministers of the Israeli government and violent settlers *](#)

Following the announcement of President von der Leyen in her State of the Union address, the European Commission presented today its proposal to the Council to suspend certain trade-related provisions of the Association Agreement between the EU and Israel ("the Agreement") as well as its proposals for sanctions on Hamas, extremist ministers and violent settlers.

OECD [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Newsroom

[OECD encourages responsible use of AI by governments to strengthen efficiency, effectiveness and trust](#)

Artificial intelligence

18 September 2025

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Press Releases[Selected]

[Implementation of the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Begins at OAS-Convoked Meeting in Mexico City](#)

Sep 15, 2025

[OAS Secretary General Condemns Gang Attack in Labodrie, Haiti](#)

Sep 15, 2025

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News

[Final Communiqué Adopted by the Arab-Islamic Emergency Summit on the Israeli Aggression against the State of Qatar Doha, 15 September 2025 State of Qatar](#)

We, the Leaders of States and Governments of the League of Arab States and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, meeting today, Monday, 22 Rabi' al-Awwal 1447 AH corresponding

2025-09-15

Group of 77 [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Latest Statements and Speeches [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

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UNCTAD [to 13 Sep 2025]

<https://unctad.org/>

Press Releases

16 Apr 2025 –

[Global Economy under Pressure Could Slow to 2.3%, Signals UN Trade and Development \(UNCTAD\)](#)

UNCTAD/PRESS/PR/2025/005

Geneva, Switzerland

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 015 Oct 2022]

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

Latest News

15 September 2025

[Responding to emerging challenges and paving the way for a secure and resilient global trading environment – WCO publishes new SAFE Framework of Standards](#)

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News [Selected]

September 15, 2025

[UN Tourism Calls on G20 Tourism Ministers to step up collaboration and make tourism a driver of inclusion](#)

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 13 Sep

2025]

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

WTO News and Events [Selected]

[AI to boost trade by nearly 40% by 2040 if gaps are bridged, World Trade Report 2025 finds](#)

17 September 2025

The 2025 edition of the World Trade Report reveals that, with the right enabling policies, artificial intelligence (AI) could boost the value of cross-border flows of goods and services by nearly 40% by 2040 thanks to productivity gains and lower trade costs. However, the flagship publication by the WTO Secretariat notes that for AI and trade to contribute to inclusive growth — with benefits shared widely — policies need to be in place to bridge the digital divide, invest in workforce skills, and maintain an open and predictable trading environment.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 13 Sep

2025] <https://www.ipu.org/news/press-releases>

Press releases

No new digest content identified.

European Court of Human Rights

<https://www.echr.coe.int/>

News, Announcements

[President opens conference on the converging impact of the European Convention and the Istanbul Convention](#)

19/09/25

On 18 September 2025, Court President Mattias Guyomar delivered opening remarks at a conference focused on the converging impact of the European Convention on Human Rights and the Istanbul Convention.

International Court of Justice [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

[Press release No. 2025/41](#)

19 September 2025

Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the **Crime of Genocide in the Gaza Strip (South Africa v. Israel)** - **Brazil files a declaration of intervention** in the proceedings under Article 63 of the Statute

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 13 Sep 2025]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

International Law Commission [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Recent Developments

No new digest content identified.

International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

United States Court of International Trade

<https://www.cit.uscourts.gov/>

News & Announcements

No new digest content identified.

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World Bank [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News [Selected]

Report: Investments in People can Help Future-Proof the Middle East & North Africa for Global Megatrends

Forward-looking human development policies, resilient institutions, and financing reforms can prepare countries in the region for challenges of aging, climate stress, and technological change WASHINGTON...

Date: September 15, 2025 Type: Press Release

Embracing and Shaping Change: Human Development for a Middle East and North Africa in Transition

REPORT: Embracing and Shaping Change: Human Development for a Middle East and North Africa in Transition

Date: September 15, 2025 Type: Publication

IMF [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News

September 19, 2025

Stress Tests Can Help Determine How Much Capital Central Banks Need

Assessments can help clarify the appropriate capitalization to best ensure a sound institutional financial position

September 17, 2025

Global Debt Remains Above 235% of World GDP

Decline in private lending offsets increase in public borrowing; notable differences persist across countries and income groups.

African Development Bank [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

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

News & Events

No new digest content identified.

Asian Development Bank [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

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

17 Sep 2025

ADB Reaffirms Commitment to Long-Standing Partnership with the Federated States of Micronesia

ADB President Masato Kanda met Federated States of Micronesia President Wesley Simina to discuss opportunities for deeper cooperation and shared priorities, as he reaffirmed ADB's commitment to strengthening the partnership.

17 Sep 2025

ADB to Provide \$3 Million in Emergency Earthquake Relief for Afghanistan

ADB has approved a \$3 million grant to support the humanitarian needs of the people of Afghanistan

following the earthquake that struck Nangarhar Province in the country's east on 31 August, causing widespread loss of life and homes.

15 Sep 2025

[ADB President Listens to Pacific Leaders' Shared Vision, Highlights Record Support](#)

Following the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting, ADB President Masato Kanda heard from leaders about the need for a shared vision of development for the region.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

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

News

No new digest content identified.

IDB – Inter-American Development Bank [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

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

News

No new digest content identified.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 13 Sep 2025]

<https://www.ifad.org/en/all-news>

Press Releases

Press release 19 September 2025

[Thriving rural communities are foundation of global security, IFAD's message at the UN General Assembly](#)

In an increasingly unpredictable global economy, investments in the socio-economic transformation of rural areas are fundamental to a more stable and prosperous world. That's the message that Alvaro Lario, President of IFAD will take to the 80th UN

Islamic Development Bank [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News

Uzbekistan

[Historic multi-millionaire tripartite partnership of IsDB, Government and UNICEF delivers on Uzbekistan's Education Reform](#)

IsDB President H.E. Dr. Muhammad Al-Jasser witnesses transformative innovations in pre-school teacher professional development on his inaugural visit.

19 September 2025

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:: [Week in Review](#)

:: Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch - *Selected Updates from 30+ entities*
:: INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch - *Media Releases, Major Initiatives, Research*
:: Foundation/Major Donor Watch - *Selected Updates*
:: Journal Watch - *Key articles and abstracts from 100+ peer-reviewed journals*

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:: **INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch**

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

Action Contre la Faim – Action Against Hunger [to 13 Sep 2025]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

Communiqués de presse

No new digest content identified.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 13 Sep 2025]

<https://alima.ngo/>

Our Latest News

Burkina Faso

Burkina Faso : à Boulsa, des soins hospitaliers dignes pour les patients

À Boulsa, dans le Centre-Nord du Burkina Faso, l'alliance ALIMA-Keoogo-SOS Médecins améliore les conditions hospitalières du service de pédiatrie. Gestion des déchets, buanderie modernisée, salle de psychostimulation et espaces dédiés aux familles : autant d'initiatives qui redonnent dignité et sécurité aux patients et à leurs proches.

17 septembre 2025

Amref Health Africa [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 13 Sep 2025]

<https://aravind.org/>

Aravind News

No new digest content identified.

Blue Shield International [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

BS International News

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Latest

No new digest content identified.

Clubhouse International [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News/Events

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Press Releases

19 Sep 2025

[Paving the way for sustainable change: decarbonizing DRC in Afghanistan](#)

18 Sep 2025

[Upcycling for Change: Chkarty Builds a Sustainable Future in Tunisia](#)

17 Sep 2025

[Immediate Reaction to UN Commission of Inquiry's Conclusion on Genocide in Gaza amid Mass Forced Displacement](#)

17 Sep 2025

[GAZA: Leaders of major aid groups call on world leaders to intervene following UN genocide conclusion](#)

ECPAT [to 13 Sep 2025]

<https://ecpat.org/>

ECPAT News

No new digest content identified.

EIFL – Electronic Information for Libraries [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

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

[Apply now! EIFL Public Library Innovation Award](#)

12 Sep 2025

Growing numbers of public libraries are incorporating STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) activities in their services (...)

Public Library Innovation Programme

Fountain House [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News

[UNGA + Fountain House Panel: Healing Through Creative Expression and Community](#)

September 25, 2025
Fountain House

GE2P2 Global Foundation [to 13 Sep 2025]

www.ge2p2.org

News/Analysis/Publications-Digests/Statements

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

:: [Informed Consent: A Monthly Review – May 2025](#)

:: [Public Consultations Watch :: Global Calls for Input/Public Comment – 25 May 2025](#)

:: [Genomics :: Governance, Ethics, Policy, Practice – A Monthly Digest – May 2025](#)

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News

[Civilians are the main victims of cluster munitions](#)

Armed violence reduction / Rehabilitation / Ukraine | PUBLISHED ON September 15th 2025

Heifer International [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News

[Beijing Xiangshan Forum: Building Regional Peace through Dialogue and Consultation](#)

Statement 19-09-2025

[ICRC Vice-President: Maintaining and strengthening IHL is a collective responsibility of all states](#)

Statement 16-09-2025

[Israel and the occupied territories: ICRC reiterates call to release hostages after release of distressing video](#)

Statement 05-09-2025

[Sudan faces worst cholera outbreak in years as war devastates infrastructure](#)

Article 18-09-2025

Khartoum/Geneva – Amid Sudan's devastating conflict, which has already caused tens of thousands of casualties and displaced millions, another crisis is silently unfolding: the country's worst cholera outbreak in years.

IFRC [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Press releases

[Red Cross in Kiribati and Vanuatu launch new climate resilience initiative](#)

16/09/2025 | *Press release*

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Press Releases/ Updates / Alerts

Story

[Volunteers Target Malnutrition in Jordan and Yemen](#)

September 17, 2025

Imagine a child so weak from malnutrition that she forgets to smile. She sits on her bed, staring into space, unable to walk or play. This was 4-year-old Fatima, from a remote village in Hays district in Yemen. She was suffering from acute malnutrition bordering on the severe category. Her mother suffered along, watching helplessly ...

IRC [International Rescue Committee] [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Press Releases

[The IRC forced to suspend programming in Gaza City amidst Israeli military takeover](#)

September 18, 2025

IRCT [to 13 Sep 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 13 Sep 2025]

https://islamic-relief.org/news_category/news/

Latest news and updates

Pakistan News

[Islamic Relief reaches 100,000 people after Pakistan floods](#)

September 19, 2025

Mercy Corps [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News Releases & Alerts

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Gaza-Israel war

MSF condemns Israeli attack on water distribution site in Gaza City

Statement 18 Sep 2025

Gaza-Israel war

MSF mourns Hussein Alnajjar, thirteenth colleague killed in Gaza

Statement 17 Sep 2025

Gaza-Israel war

Gaza: Leaders of major aid groups call on world leaders to intervene following UN genocide conclusion

Open Letter 17 Sep 2025

Gaza-Israel war

Doctors cannot stop genocide, world leaders can

Opinion 15 Sep 2025

The New Humanitarian [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News

Aid and Policy Cheat Sheet 19 September 2025

The UN's Gaza genocide finding, UNGA's big week, and Asia's nepobaby protests

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

Aid and Policy Podcast 18 September 2025

Rethinking Humanitarianism | The UN's 20th-century diplomacy for 21st-century problems

Norwegian Refugee Council

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

News & Press Releases

Press release

Gaza: Leaders of major aid groups call on world leaders to intervene following UN genocide conclusion

17. Sep 2025 | Palestine

OXFAM [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Press Releases/Stories Story

Story

Democratic Republic of Congo faces growing crisis amid aid cuts

Sept. 18, 2025

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, a health emergency, armed conflict, and a lack of aid are exacerbating the humanitarian crisis.

Pact [to 13 Sep 2025]

<https://www.pactworld.org/press-room>

Latest News & Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News & Stories

No new digest content identified.

PATH [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Newsroom [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News

21 Sep 2025 *united states*

World leaders urged to join forces in a new UN declaration to protect aid workers in deadliest year yet: Save the Children

The Australia-led Declaration – launching today at the UN General Assembly in New York – aims to strengthen compliance and implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 2730, which calls on States to respect and protect United Nations and humanitarian personnel in accordance with their obligations under international law.

18 Sep 2025 *GLOBAL*

GAZA: Failure by the UN Security Council to pass a ceasefire resolution is an abdication of legal and moral responsibility to children

"It is clearer now than ever before that not only the Government of Israel but also the international community has the moral and legal responsibility to stop this. If now is not the moment, when is?"

18 Sep 2025 *Bolivia*

BOLIVIA BANS CHILD MARRIAGE FOLLOWING CAMPAIGN BY CHILDREN AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS INCLUDING SAVE THE CHILDREN

Bolivia becomes the 14th country in Latin America to ban child marriage after girls across the country and Save the Children joined a campaign to criminalise the practice.

18 Sep 2025 *GLOBAL*

FINLAND: One in three girls facing sexual abuse online with messages often becoming sexual in under an hour – Save the Children

A survey of 4,106 children aged 11 to 17 found that at least 31% of respondents had been contacted by an adult online, and two-thirds of those had experienced sexual abuse.

18 Sep 2025 *Kenya*

Kenya: One-third of children found to be malnourished in Turkana as aid cuts, crocodile attacks compound hunger crisis

Mothers in northern Kenya are struggling to feed their children due to drought, crocodile attacks curtailing fishing, locusts decimating crops, and aid cuts reducing nutrition services, Save the Children said.

17 Sep 2025 *Occupied Palestinian territory*

GAZA: Leaders of major aid groups call on world leaders to intervene following UN genocide

conclusion

The leaders of over 20 major aid groups in Gaza call for urgent intervention after a UN commission concluding, for the first time, that genocide is being committed.

Tostan [to 13 Sep 2025]

<https://tostan.org/>

News & Stories

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Articles

September 16, 2025

Announcing our new Partnership with Aurelia (H&H Group)

Sep 16, 2025

We're thrilled to be partnering with innovative beauty brand, Aurelia, who have committed to an annual donation to our work, alongside additional fundraising opportunities throughout the year to enable even more women to access the tools they need to rebuild their lives. Aurelia is committed to formulating science-backed supplements with integrity and care, while championing purpose-driven partnerships that empower women across the globe.

World Vision [to 13 Sep 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 13 Sep 2025]

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

Our Work

No new digest content identified.

Freedom House [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News Releases & Statements

The 2026 Mark Palmer Prize: Call for Nominations

September 18, 2025

Charles F. Kettering Foundation Pledges Multiyear Support for Freedom in the World

September 15, 2025

Human Rights Watch [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News Releases/Spotlight

Spotlight

September 18, 2025 | *News Release*

US: Maritime Strikes Amount to Extrajudicial Killings

United States military strikes against two boats allegedly carrying drug traffickers, which the Trump administration said killed at least 14 people, were unlawful extrajudicial killings, Human Rights Watch said today. The strikes come amid efforts by the White House to secure broad new authority to target so-called "narco-terrorists," which could facilitate further human rights violations.

September 17, 2025 | *News Release*

Brazil Passes Landmark Law to Protect Children Online

September 17, 2025 | *Dispatches*

Russian Strike Kills Dozens of Older People in Ukraine

September 17, 2025 | *Dispatches*

Taliban Deny Afghan Girls' Their Education and Future

September 17, 2025 | *Commentary*

When Politicians Undermine Europe's Rights Court, We All Lose

Transparency International [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News

One click away? The barriers investigators face across the EU when tracing asset ownership

News 12 September 2025

From yachts and real estate to crypto accounts, knowing who really owns what is essential to uncovering corruption.

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ChildFund Alliance [to 13 Sep

2025] <https://childfundalliance.org/>

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 13 Sep 2025]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

Latest News and Events

Understanding the EU's Global Gateway: Why Civil Society Must Pay Attention

Sep 16, 2025 |

The Elders [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Elder's Statements, News

UNGA 2025 - Global cooperation in a fragmented world: proposals for action

15 September 2025

In this policy position paper "*Global cooperation in a fragmented world*", the Elders set out a series of recommendations to make global institutions more effective and representative, focusing on global security, public goods, solidarity, respect for international law and greater inclusion of women, youth and marginalised groups.

The answer is not to abandon multilateralism. The past 80 years show its value: preventing a third

world war, eradicating smallpox, reducing poverty, and establishing human rights norms. The task now is overdue reform led by bold political leaders who can take the long view of the challenges facing the world and recognise the necessity of nations cooperating to address them.

Gavi [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News Releases

15 September 2025

Pakistan introduces HPV vaccine to protect girls from cervical cancer, joining 150 countries

Islamabad, 15 September 2025 – The Government of Pakistan’s Federal Directorate for Immunization (FDI), in partnership with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance (Gavi), UNICEF and the World Health Organization (WHO), today launched the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination campaign to protect adolescent girls from cervical cancer in later stages of their lives. This marks a major leap forward in strengthening women’s health and advancing Pakistan’s commitment to eliminate cervical cancer as a public health problem by 2030.

The HPV vaccination campaign will target girls aged 9–14 years across Punjab, Sindh, Pakistan-Administered Kashmir and Islamabad Capital Territory in the first phase, beginning on 15 September 2025. The goal is to vaccinate at least 90% of 13 million eligible girls during this campaign and integrate the vaccine into routine immunization for 9-year-old girls in subsequent years...

Global Fund [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 13 Sep 2025]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Blogs, Press Releases & Statements

GAZA: Leaders of major aid groups call on world leaders to intervene following UN genocide conclusion

GAZA, 17 Sept 2025: The leaders of over 20 major aid agencies working in Gaza are calling on world leaders to urgently intervene after a UN commission concluded, for the first time, that genocide is being committed.

InterAction [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Latest Updates

No new digest content identified.

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

What's New/Events

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 13 Sep 2025]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

News

No new digest content identified.

(ALNAP) Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News, Events

No new digest content identified.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News, Events

No new digest content identified.

Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies [nee CERAH] – [to 13 Sep 2025]

<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/>

News

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Publications, Events, News

No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 13 Sep 2025]

<https://ihsa.info/>

News, Events

[Humanitarian Blog Posts Selection, Sep 18, 2025](#)

[Text bolding from original]

This week's selection of blogs confronts the realities of war, displacement, and neglected crises across the globe. **From Gaza, where tens of thousands of civilians, including children and teachers, have been killed and education systematically destroyed,** to the West Bank, where settlements and settler violence continue unchecked, the pieces highlight **Israel's reliance on military force and the global failure to enforce international law.** Parallel tragedies continue: in **Haiti, where doctors risk their lives under gang fire;** in **Syria, where humanitarian reform has faltered;** in **Sudan, where millions remain displaced amid a deadly civil war ignored by much of the world;** and in **Myanmar and Bangladesh, where the Rohingya face both the memory of genocide and the collapse of their children's education.** Finally, a piece explores the **role of Qatar as a smaller state and how it could shape conflicts through diplomacy, revealing both the fragility and the possibilities of regional order.**

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 13 Sep 2025]

<https://inee.org/>

News/Events/Resources

10 Principles to Guide EiEPC Financing Approaches: Recommendations for Multilateral & Bilateral Donors

...a brief, developed by civil society actors and endorsed by # education actors, which articulates foundational principles and shared messaging for financing education in emergencies and protracted crises (EiEPC). We hope this brief can provide a common reference point for advocacy across the sector, highlight the essential conditions needed for EiEPC financing, and inform decision-making around potential reforms for EiEPC investments.

Resource Type: Advocacy Brief published: 22 September 2025 [English](#) (378.29 KB)

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 13 Sep 2025]

<https://phap.org/>

Association news, events

"Please note that the PHAP secretariat is currently unstaffed. Therefore, there are no ongoing projects or upcoming events planned. The PHAP Board is evaluating how to proceed. If you have an important request, please email admin@phap.org"

Sphere [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News

[Website not responding at inquiry]

Start Network [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News and Blog

No new digest content identified.

Unitaid [to 13 Sep 2025]

<https://unitaid.org/>

News

No new digest content identified.

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Brookings [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Reports, Events

Tracking regulatory changes in the second Trump administration

September 18, 2025

Center for Global Development [13 Sep 2025]

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

All Research

CGD NOTE

Analyzing USAID Program Disruptions: Implications for PEPFAR Programming and Beneficiaries

Ramona Godbole

September 17, 2025

PEPFAR is still emerging from aid cuts, with major implications for lifesaving HIV services. About 65 percent of USAID's PEPFAR awards have been reported terminated, accounting for 24 percent of planned funding. Terminated USAID awards were responsible for supporting an estimated 2.3 million people ...

WORKING PAPER

Estimating Health Tax Capacity, Effort, and Potential: Evidence from a Global Panel

Sanjeev Gupta et al.

September 15, 2025

Noncommunicable diseases—driven by tobacco use, harmful alcohol consumption, and high-sugar diets—account for over 70 percent of global deaths and impose annual economic losses exceeding US \$514 billion. Excise taxes on these health-harming products offer a dual benefit of reducing consumption and r...

Chatham House [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Selected Analysis, Comment, Events

Expert comment

Israel's attack on Qatar shows why it's time for a Gulf defence union

Saudi Arabia and the other Gulf Arab states would be better served by integrating their defences than relying on other external partners.

19 September 2025 4 minute READ

Expert comment

Can the UN's new AI governance efforts weather the AI race?

The UN's new AI governance architecture is mostly powerless but, if implemented effectively, could set important global agendas on AI.

18 September 2025 4 minute READ

Expert comment

Egypt now sees Israel as an imminent threat

At an emergency summit in Doha, President Sisi escalated his rhetoric on Israel - and may now seek to revive Cairo's vision of an Arab military alliance.

17 September 2025 4 minute READ

Expert comment

The UK must guard against new risks to financial stability coming from the US

Financial services are critical to future UK productivity and growth, but regulators should be wary of deepening cooperation with US counterparts that could expose the UK to greater risk.

17 September 2025 4 minute READ

Council on Foreign Relations [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

No new digest content identified.

CSIS [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Reports [Selected]

GenAI's Human Infrastructure Challenge—Can the United States Meet Skilled Trade Labor Demand Through 2030?

America's AI Action Plan faces a hidden bottleneck: skilled trades. By 2030, the U.S. may need 140,000 more electricians, HVAC techs, and welders to build AI infrastructure. Without urgent action to grow talent, labor—not chips or power—could derail U.S. AI leadership.

Report by Navin Girishankar and Karl Smith — September 16, 2025

McKinsey Global Institute [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Featured Research

Beyond ESG: From checklists to capabilities

September 16, 2025 -

Burgeoning ESG metrics have led to a rethink. Could companies instead focus their particular capabilities to help tackle society's biggest challenges?

ODI [Overseas Development Institute] [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Publications [Selected]

EU climate, trade and industrial policy: building resilient and mutually beneficial critical raw materials supply chains

16 September 2025

Briefing/policy paper

Making Myanmar: humanitarianism amid revolutionary state-building

16 September 2025

Case/country study

Following the 2021 military coup, Myanmar is facing extreme violence and a severe humanitarian crisis – but is also home to unprecedented efforts to reimagine the state and governance across the country, with Indigenous sovereignty and self-determination as critical elements.

An evidence library on Locally Led Development: making the case

15 September 2025

Toolkit/guideline

In 2023, USAID published the Donor Statement on Supporting Locally Led Development, which, as of early 2025, had been signed by 20 bilateral donors and 24 philanthropies. Signatories committed to shifting and sharing power to and with local actors; channeling funding as directly to local actors as possible; and publicly advocating for LLD.

Pew Research Center [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Latest Publications

report Sep 15, 2025

People Around the World Want Political Change, but Many Doubt It Can Happen

Majorities in 20 of 25 countries surveyed say their political system needs major changes or complete reform, but many lack confidence this can happen effectively.

short reads Sep 15, 2025

How people in 24 countries feel about their political parties

People in many countries see at least one party favorably – but in 15 countries, no party we asked about gets positive ratings from a majority of adults.

Rand [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Published Research [Selected]

Commentary Sep 19, 2025

Could AI Help Improve How Public Policy Is Made?

Combining human expertise, artificial intelligence (AI), operations research methods (OR), and large-scale feedback holds promise for enhancing governance and public trust. Further research and collaboration is needed to advance the use of AI and OR to empower people to make better policies and plans.

Research Sep 17, 2025

Physical Approaches to Civilian Biodefense: Identifying Potential Preparedness Measures for Challenging Biological Threats

The authors of this report aim to better define the possibilities and limits of physical approaches to civilian biodefense against three biological threat scenarios.

Research Sep 18, 2025

Tracking County-Level Measles Cases in the US

Investigators developed a national data collection and reporting infrastructure that provides near-real-time, county-level measles case data beginning on January 1, 2025, shared via a public dashboard and open data repository.

Research Sep 17, 2025

The Impacts of COVID-19 Vaccines on Mental Health Outcomes

Leveraging state-level exogenous variation in the timing of when people in different age groups became eligible for COVID-19 vaccination, we find that being eligible leads to large reductions in self-reported anxiety and depression symptoms.

Research Sep 17, 2025

Global Risk Index for AI-enabled Biological Tools: Summary Assessment & Methods Report

The report provides a risk index framework for assessing AI-enabled biological tools, analyzing misuse potential, global trends, and recommending ongoing monitoring, enhanced governance, and responsible innovation to bolster biosecurity.

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 13 Sep 2025]

<http://researchonresearch.org/>

RoRI News, Events

No new digest content identified.

Alan Turing Institute

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

News, Events

No new digest content identified.

Urban Institute [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

New Research Publications - Selected

No new digest content identified.

The Wistar Institute [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Press Releases

September 17, 2025

The Wistar Institute Launches Center for Advanced Therapeutics to Accelerate Scientific Innovation into Future Medicines

Wistar announces the opening of its new Center for Advanced Therapeutics (CAT) led by Paul Lieberman, Ph.D., to harness the power of Wistar science and speed creation of new drugs and therapies for h...

World Economic Forum [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Media [Selected]

Climate Health Risks Put \$1.5 Trillion in Productivity at Stake by 2050

News 18 Sep 2025

- Climate-driven health risks could cost the global economy at least \$1.5 trillion in lost productivity by 2050 in food and agriculture, built environment and health and healthcare, new World Economic Forum report finds.
- The report sets out adaptation priorities for four critical economic sectors, urging companies to act now to protect worker health and build operational resilience.
- Investment in climate health innovation, from climate-resistant crops to heat-stable medicines and new insurance models tackling coverage gaps, can reduce risks, unlock new market opportunities and drive long-term value.
- Follow the Sustainable Development Impact Meetings 2025 [here](#) and on social media using #SDIM25. Read the full report [here](#).

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ISC / International Science Council [to 13 Sep 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.

18 September 2025 - 7 min read

UN Scientific Advisory Board adopts landmark statement on Open Science

At its second annual retreat, the UN Secretary-General's Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) adopted a landmark statement on open science, with the International Science Council serving as lead coordinator.

The [statement](#) highlights open science as vital for research, for connecting science with policy and society, and for tackling global inequality, while warning that its benefits are at risk as barriers to international collaboration grow. The SAB urged the global community to actively advance open science for the benefit of all...

Global Research Council [to 13 Sep 2025]

<https://globalresearchcouncil.org/about/News>
No new digest content identified.

National Academy of Engineering - USA [to 13 Sep 2025]

<https://www.nae.edu/31222/MediaRoom>
Latest News & Press Releases [Selected]
No new digest content identified.

National Academy of Medicine - USA [to 13 Sep 2025]

<https://nam.edu/programs/News, Stories, Insights>
Sep 17, 2025 *News*

NAM and Patients for Patient Safety Reflect on World Patient Safety Day

Sep 17, 2025 *Member News*

National Academy of Medicine to Present Hamburg Award to Carl F. Nathan for Seminal Discoveries That Improve Understanding of Innate Immunity

National Academies-Sciences-Engineering-Medicine [NASEM]- USA [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

National Academies Publish New Report Reviewing Evidence for Greenhouse Gas Emissions and U.S. Climate, Health, and Welfare

A new National Academies report reviews evidence gathered by the scientific community since 2009 on greenhouse gas emissions and their effects on U.S. climate, health, and welfare.

Date 2025-09-17

Type News Release

National Endowment for the Humanities [U.S.] [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Press Release

NEH Announces Largest Grant in Agency's History—\$10.4 Million—for Humanities-Focused Effort to Combat the Normalization of Anti-Semitism in American Society by Focusing on the Study of Jewish Civilization

September 15, 2025

NIH [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

No new digest content identified.

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

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

The work programme of the Commission for 2024-2025 as follows:

:: The Commission will address the ethics of quantum computing, building on its work on the ethics of emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence, robotics and the Internet of Things (IoT).

:: The Commission will also address the ethical considerations on space exploration and exploitation, following its reflection on the ethics of water, land-use and climate engineering.

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)

<https://www.unesco.org/en/ethics-science-technology/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 13 Sep 2025]

<https://cioms.ch/>

News; Publications; Events

No new digest content identified.

Hastings Center [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Press Releases, Events

No new digest content identified.

INSERM [to 13 Sep 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 13 Sep 2025]

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

News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selected]

18 September 2025

[ICH Q3E Step 2 Presentation Now Available on the ICH Website](#)

In follow up to the publication of the ICH Q3E draft “Guideline for Extractables and Leachables” in August

2025, the Q3E EWG has also prepared a Step 2 informational presentation.

18 September 2025

ICH E11A EWG Training Material Now Available on the ICH Website

The ICH Secretariat is pleased to announce the release of E11A Pediatric Extrapolation Training Module 1 - Case Example: Development of a hypothetical TNF-alpha inhibitor "Drug X" for the treatment of polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (pJIA).

| Ongoing Public Consultations | | ^ |
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| > | M13B EWG Bioequivalence for Immediate-Release Solid Oral Dosage Forms | |
| > | Q1 EWG Stability Testing of Drug Substances and Drug Products | |
| > | M4Q(R2) EWG Revision of M4Q(R1) | |
| > | E21 EWG Inclusion of Pregnant and Breastfeeding Individuals in Clinical Trials | |
| > | Q3E EWG Guideline for Extractables and Leachables | |
| v | E20 EWG Adaptive Designs for Clinical Trials | |

<https://www.ich.org/page/public-consultations>

E20 EWG Adaptive Designs for Clinical Trials

The E20 EWG is working on the development of a new E20 Guideline on "Adaptive Clinical Trials" on the design, conduct, analysis, and interpretation of adaptive clinical trials that provides a transparent and harmonized set of principles for the regulatory review of these studies in a global drug development program. These principles should also provide the flexibility to evaluate / discuss innovative approaches to clinical trial design throughout the development process.

Following MC approval in June 2025 the E20 Guideline title was changed to "*Adaptive Designs for Clinical Trials*"

Rapporteur: Dr. Gregory Levin (FDA, United States) *Regulatory Chair:* Dr. Christian Roes (EC, Europe)

Date of Step 2b: 25 June 2025 Status: Step 3

Public consultation dates:

ANMAT, Argentina - Deadline for comments by 8 October 2025

EC, Europe - Deadline for comments by 30 November 2025

Health Canada, Canada - Deadline for comments by 25 September 2025 MHRA,

UK - Deadline for comments by 30 November 2025

Swissmedic, Switzerland - Deadline for comments by 30 November 2025

TFDA, Chinese Taipei - Deadline for comments by 13 October 2025

Nuffield Council on Bioethics [to 13 Sep 2025] <https://www.nuffieldbioethics.org/news>

News and blogs

No new digest content identified.

UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights

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

Activities and News

No new digest content identified.

World Medical Association [WMA] [to 06 Sep 2025]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

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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 13 Sep 2025]

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

Recent News

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 13 Sep 2025]

<https://www.gatesfoundation.org/ideas/media-center> *Press Releases & Statements*

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Blue Meridian Partners is a pioneering philanthropic model for finding and funding scalable solutions to the problems that limit economic and social mobility for America's young people and families in poverty. Updates

No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

center/

News & Updates

Sep 18 2025

Clinton Foundation Launches “IRL is Better” – a Back-to-School Campaign to Support Distraction-Free Schools

Press Release

Initiative led by Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton kicked off at the start of the school year with new ...

Co Impact [to 13 Sep 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.

Website not responding...under construction...

Ford Foundation [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News & Press

No new digest content identified.

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Latest

Getty Announces Landmark Gift for K-12 School Visit Program

The Mia Chandler Endowment for School Visits will support free transportation for Title I and equivalent schools for student visits to the Getty Center and Getty Villa

Sep 18, 2025

New Documentary Art & Science Collide Premieres Friday, October 17 on PBS

The PBS SoCal film brings to life Getty's iconic PST ART event, where artists and scientists unite to reimagine our world

Sep 16, 2025

GHIT Fund [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 13 Sep

2025] <http://hewlett.org/latest-updates/>

Latest Updates [Selected]

Knowledge for Better Philanthropy: Looking back, moving forward

By Marselle Alexander-Ozinskas and Jehan Velji
September 17, 2025

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 13 Sep 2025] <https://www.hhmi.org/news>
Press Room
No new digest content identified.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 13 Sep 2025] <http://www.hiltonfoundation.org/news>
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 13 Sep 2025]
<https://ikeafoundation.org/>
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 13 Sep 2025]
<https://www.rwjf.org/en/about-rwjf/newsroom.html>
Latest News and Highlights

Comments from Richard Besser, MD, on FDA's Proposed Rule to Reduce Nicotine in Certain Tobacco Products
Regulatory Comments Sep-15-2025 | Richard Besser | 31-min read

Kaiser Family Foundation/KFF [13 Sep 2025]
https://www.kff.org/search/?post_type=press-release
Newsroom

New KFF-Washington Post Survey Explores Parents' Trust In, and Confusion About, Childhood Vaccines as the Trump Administration Revamps Federal Policies

Sep 15, 2025 *News Release*

A new KFF-Washington Post partnership survey of parents explores their experiences with and views about vaccines for their children, including a look into how they make decisions related to vaccines and where they are uncertain or confused about their safety.

Litigation Involving Reproductive Health and Rights in the Federal Courts

Sep 19, 2025 *Fact Sheet*

This State and Federal Reproductive Rights Litigation tracker aggregates information about ongoing litigation regarding abortion bans and restrictions, FDA approval of Mifepristone (an abortion pill) and other federal regulations.

Key Global Health Positions and Officials in the U.S. Government

Sep 18, 2025 *Fact Sheet*

This fact sheet identifies key U.S. government global health positions and officials.

Which PEPFAR Investments Drive HIV Outcomes? Informing PEPFAR Transition and Scale-

[Down](#)

Sep 17, 2025 Issue Brief

This analysis examines PEPFAR spending and HIV viral suppression rates in 22 countries from 2018–2023 to help identify which investments most effectively drive HIV outcomes and inform future directions.

[Global COVID-19 Tracker](#)

Sep 16, 2025 Issue Brief

This tracker provides data on global COVID-19 cases and deaths by country, region, and income-level. Additionally, the tracker reports current closure, economic, and health system policy responses to the COVID-19 pandemic globally. This tracker will be updated as new data are available.

Aga Khan Foundation [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Latest News and Grantee News

No new digest content identified.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Recent News

[Announcing the next phase of the Emergent Phenomena in Quantum Systems Initiative](#)
[Emergent Phenomena in Quantum Systems](#)

[Lessons from the second phase of the Emergent Phenomena in Quantum Systems Initiative](#)
[Emergent Phenomena in Quantum Systems](#)

Open Society Foundations [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Newsroom

Press release September 16, 202

[Open Society Foundations Mourn Robert Redford, Advocate for Human Rights and Justice Through Film](#)

The Open Society Foundations mourn the passing of Robert Redford, the award-winning actor and director, who was a champion of human rights and environmental causes.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News Room

Pew Celebrates Major Milestone for High Seas Conservation

Press Releases & Statements September 19, 2025

Pew Praises Entry Into Force of WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies

Press Releases & Statements September 15, 2025

Rockefeller Foundation [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News and Announcements

Press Releases

Rockefeller Foundation's New U.S. \$50 Million Initiative Finds Widespread Support for International Cooperation in Landmark 34-Country Survey

:: 36,405 adults surveyed in U.S., China, Germany, Japan, India, UK, France, Italy, Canada, Brazil, and 23 countries in Africa, Asia & Oceania, Europe, MENA, Latin America

:: Alongside the survey, The Rockefeller Foundation launched a new US\$50 million Build the Shared Future initiative to help build a more modern and effective international system

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 13 Sep 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..."

News & Blog

No new digest content identified.

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

News. Opinion, Reports

No new digest content identified.

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Candid [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 13 Sep 2025]

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

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 13 Sep 2025] <https://cof.org/news-blog>

News, Press Releases [Selected]

Washington Snapshot: Government Funding

Friday, September 19, 2025 - 2:58 pm

With less than two weeks left before the government funding deadline, Congress is working to pass a continuing resolution (CR) to avoid a government shutdown. Plus, Congressional oversight of nonprofits and funders, hearing on the tax-exempt sector, PSLF comments, trendspotting nonprofit regulations, and more.

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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 3

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

[Reviewed earlier]

AMA Journal of Ethics

Volume 27, Number 9: E629-711

<https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/screening-children-structural-drivers-health>

Screening Children for Structural Drivers of Health

Nearly half of all US children—40 million kids—were insured by Medicaid or children's health insurance programs in mid-2025. In 2024, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services added a requirement that all hospitalized Medicaid patients be screened by a qualified clinician for structural drivers of health (SDoH). One justification for this requirement is that health outcomes, particularly for children of color, are widely documented as compromised by social, historical, and fiscal neglect of parental leave and other US policies that support children.

Regardless of whether screening for SDoH is federally required, pediatricians' understandings of

factors that situate health outcomes for all US children, regardless of their insurance status, are key to caring well for children. Yet, despite the value of SDoH screening in improving US children's health outcomes, one problem is that even when such screening is feasible, it's not always clear which follow-up actions should be integrated into children's care plans, based on what screening reveals. This theme issue investigates clinical, ethical, and policy-level questions about how SDoH screening of children should be implemented and administered.

American Journal of Human Genetics

Sep 04, 2025 Volume 112 Issue 9 p1981-2250

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

This month in The Journal

Paul W. Hook, Alyson B. Barnes

Parkinson disease (PD) is a genetically complex neurodegenerative disorder with more than ten million individuals affected worldwide. Although monogenic forms of PD have provided insights into the biological underpinnings of the disease, most PD appears to have a polygenic architecture. Interestingly, known risk variants only represent ~30% of the heritable component of the disease, and based on traits of similar heritability, there are expected to be many thousands of risk variants. To develop successful therapies, efforts to understand the genetic basis of PD need to be expansive and match the global nature of PD.

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Infection Control

September 2025 Volume 53 Issue 9 p919-1022

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

September 2025 Volume 69 Issue 3

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

October 2025 115(10)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 113 (2025): Issue 3 (Sep 2025)

<https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/113/3/tpmd.113.issue-3.xml>

Editorial

Another Dengue Antiviral Drug Bites the Dust Early: Where Does Dengue Therapeutic Drug Development Go from Here?

Swee Sen Kwek and Jenny G. Low

Articles

Mpox, HIV, and a Compounding Sepsis Crisis in Africa

Barnabas Bakamutumaho, et al.

Annals of Internal Medicine

September 2025 Volume 178, Issue 9

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

[New edition; No digest content identified]

Antiquity – A Review of World Archaeology

Issue 406 - August 2025

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

[New edition; No digest content identified]

Anti-Trafficking Review

No. 23 (2024)

<https://antitraffickingreview.org/index.php/atrjournal/issue/view/34>

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

Special Issue - Following the Money II

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

This Special Issue of the *Anti-Trafficking Review* attempts to examine funding and spending on efforts to stop human trafficking, particularly, by the United States, United Kingdom, and the European Union. Featuring articles from academics, non-government organisations, and survivors of trafficking,

this edition explores where the money comes from, who it goes to, and what it actually achieves. The eight articles in the issue suggest that the millions of dollars spent on combating human trafficking do not always reach trafficked persons or at risk groups and, in some cases, are actively harming them. Authors point to potentially more effective uses of anti-trafficking funding.

Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal

Volume 345 August 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/345/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 13 Sep 2025)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 13 Sep 2025)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

t (Accessed 13 Sep 2025)
[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medical Ethics

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmedethics/content>
(Accessed 13 Sep 2025)
[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medicine

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmed/content>
(Accessed 13 Sep 2025)
No new digest content identified]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcpregnancychildbirth/content>
(Accessed 13 Sep 2025)
[No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

<http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles>
(Accessed 13 Sep 2025)
[No new digest content identified]

BMC Research Notes

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcresnotes/content>
(Accessed 13 Sep 2025)
[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine

August 2025 - Volume 30 - 4
<https://ebm.bmj.com/content/30/4>
4 [Reviewed earlier]

BMJ Global Health

August 2025 - Volume 10 - Suppl 5
https://gh.bmj.com/content/10/Suppl_5
[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists

DIGITAL MAGAZINE - July 2025
<https://thebulletin.org/magazine/2025-07/>
[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 103, Number 9, September 2025, 517

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 51, Issue 5 September 2025

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Joseph J. Amon

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International humanitarian law (IHL) represents a balancing of priorities that have often been seen as being in tension: military necessity, on the one hand, and considerations of humanity, on the other.

Inherent in this balancing act is the idea that military necessity and humanitarian imperatives are equally valid priorities that can be accommodated under the same legal framework to achieve related goals, allowing the military to fight effectively while avoiding needless suffering and destruction.

Accordingly, the negotiation of IHL treaties involves diplomats, representatives of the humanitarian

community, and the armed forces working together to find common ground. By working together, the armed forces and the humanitarian community have crafted a body of law that effectively balances oft-competing priorities and optimizes military necessity and humanitarian considerations. While many analyze military decision-making from outside the ranks of States' armed forces, ultimately, the ones applying IHL during real-life battlefield situations are the decision-makers inside these structures. Yet, for various reasons, they express themselves less publicly on matters of IHL in academic journals, including the Review. With the articles selected for this issue, the Review has created a space to put the spotlight on States' armed forces so as to hear from them— and about them first-hand, from a contemporary perspective. Through this, the Review sincerely hopes that military lawyers and operators will more often find their way to our journal's pages in the future, so as to share their experiences with its readers around the world on topics of interest to both the humanitarian and military communities.

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How can Americans “engage with biotechnology the same way they do with cell phones and computers”? In an interview for the Summer 2025 issue, Senator Todd Young explains why the emerging bioeconomy should be understood as an urgent opportunity as well as a potential military and security vulnerability. As chair of the National Security Commission on the Emerging Bioeconomy, Young is optimistic that both parties are willing to foster the bioindustries of the future in order to create “a more informed, empowered, and resilient society capable of leveraging science and technology to solve a wide range of global challenges.”

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Grant Terminations in the US Threaten HIV Research and Future Progress

Philip A. Chan, MD; Amy S. Nunn, ScD

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S.A. Rasmussen and Others

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Abstract

Data and code are essential for ensuring the credibility of scientific results and facilitating reproducibility, areas in which journal sharing policies play a crucial role. However, in ecology and evolution, we still do not know how widespread data- and code-sharing policies are, how accessible they are, and whether journals support data and code peer review. Here, we first assessed the clarity, strictness and timing of data- and code-sharing policies across 275 journals in ecology and evolution. Second, we assessed initial compliance to journal policies using submissions from two journals: *Proceedings of the Royal Society B* (Mar 2023–Feb 2024: n = 2340) and *Ecology Letters* (Jun 2021–Nov 2023: n = 571). Our results indicate the need for improvement: across 275 journals, 22.5% encouraged and 38.2% mandated data-sharing, while 26.6% encouraged and 26.9% mandated code-sharing. Journals that mandated data- or code-sharing typically required it for peer review (59.0% and 77.0%, respectively), which decreased when journals only encouraged sharing (40.3% and 24.7%, respectively). Our evaluation of policy compliance confirmed the important role of journals in increasing data- and code-sharing but also indicated the need for meaningful changes to enhance reproducibility. We provide seven recommendations to help improve data- and code-sharing, and policy compliance.

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World Heritage Review

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World Heritage

Each issue of the World Heritage magazine goes beyond a visual account of cultural and natural sites: it invites readers to understand their significance and their uniqueness and to take action for their long-term protection. Through its articles, images and testimonies, the magazine embodies UNESCO's commitment to making World Heritage a lever for resilience, intercultural dialogue and peace.

Two of UNESCO's strategic priorities are highlighted in this new issue: the revitalisation of heritage in conflict-affected areas and the improvement of Africa's representation on the World Heritage List. In Iraq, the 'Revive the Spirit of Mosul' initiative fully reflects this approach. The reconstruction of Al-Nouri

Mosque, its Al-Hadba Minaret, and the churches of Al-Tahera and Al-Saa'a goes beyond restoring monuments – it contributes to the recovery of communities, strengthens the social fabric, and fosters renewed hope for peaceful coexistence and lasting reconciliation.

Guided by the same conviction, UNESCO is working to fully recognise the richness and diversity of African heritage on the World Heritage List by supporting African States in implementing sustainable management and promotion strategies, based on the active involvement of communities. Thanks to this joint mobilisation, several States previously unrepresented have been able to submit their first nomination, while a new generation of African heritage professionals, trained by UNESCO and its partners, is helping to sustain these efforts...



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Contexts, Facilitators, and Barriers to Integrating Portable Genomics for Outbreak Response in Coastal Kenya: A Qualitative Analysis of Participatory Stakeholder Discussions

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Evelyn Makena, Ling Wang, Dorcas Okanda, Daniel Carter, Cristina Legio, Juliet O. Odhiambo, Catherine Munywoki, Abbas S. Abdalla, Victor Gatie, Ahmed Adam, Hildagard N. Wasike, Salim N. Kassim, Urbanus Kioko, Vera Onwonga, Millicent Ndia, John Kiiru, Leonard Kingwara, Rukia S. Madada, Paul Lang'at, William Nicholas, Charles N. Agoti, James R. Hargreaves, Gwenda Hughes, Eunice W. Kagucia, Farhana Haque, George Githinji

The Kenyan coast frequently experiences infectious disease outbreaks, but the response is often hindered by limited diagnostic capacity, diagnostic delays, and logistic barriers related to sample transportation and storage. Portable genomic sequencing technology offers the potential to accelerate outbreak investigations and inform timely public health interventions. However, a critical gap remains in understanding stakeholders' needs and level of engagement in integrating this technology within resource-limited settings.

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REVISED - Defining tuberculosis stigma: a protocol for a systematic review, analysis, and thematic synthesis

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Douglas L. Huff, et al.

Throughout recorded history, tuberculosis is believed to have killed more people than any other infectious disease. Despite the World Health Organization's determination that preventing and controlling tuberculosis will require understanding and reducing tuberculosis stigma, we noted strikingly diverse definitions and lack of consensus in describing tuberculosis stigma. Furthermore, we found no systematic reviews in the existing tuberculosis stigma literature characterizing, comparing, or assessing tuberculosis stigma definitions or their consistency. To address this knowledge gap, we intend to conduct a systematic review of existing tuberculosis stigma definitions used in the academic research literature, and through quantitative synthesis of the words and phrases contained within those definitions, identify themes that characterize tuberculosis stigma.

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Public Consultation Opportunities

Call for input – Unilateral Coercive Measures and Humanitarian Action

UNHCHR - Issued by Special Rapporteur on unilateral coercive measures

Deadline: 20 October 2025

Purpose:

The Special Rapporteur would like to kindly invite relevant stakeholders, including States, international and regional organisations (incl. their agencies and organs), national human rights institutions, civil society organisations, lawyers and academia to submit additional input, comments and suggestions for the finalisation of the document.

Background"

Pursuant to Human Rights Council resolutions 27/21 and 54/15, the Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights is requested, in fulfilling her mandate, to inter alia gather all information relevant to the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights; to study relevant trends, developments and challenges; and to make guidelines and recommendations on ways and means to prevent, minimize and redress their adverse impact on human rights.

In several of her thematic reports to the UN Human Rights Council and the UN General Assembly and communications to state and non-state actors, and in her latest Guiding Principles on Sanctions,

Business and Human Rights and Commentary thereto, the Special Rapporteur has described how unilateral coercive measures in their different forms, including unilateral economic, financial, trade sanctions, both primary and secondary ones, as well as other sanctions-related restrictions, have adversely impacted the timely and effective delivery of humanitarian assistance to populations in need in sanctioned countries and regions. Complex, overlapping and expanded frameworks of unilateral sanctions, with their multifaceted restrictions and prohibitions, create a serious “chilling effect”, exacerbate fear and uncertainty among humanitarian and other actors, thus undermining any meaningful engagement with sanctioned countries and regions, entities, businesses or persons, independently of the type or sector of activity...

Call for input for EMRTD study "Artificial Intelligence, Cultural Rights, and the Right to Development"

Issued by UN Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development **Deadline: 30 November 2025**

Purpose:

To inform the drafting of EMRTD’s thematic study on "Artificial Intelligence (AI), Cultural Rights, and the Right to Development." This study is part of the Mechanism’s broader mandate to examine emerging global challenges that impact the realization of the right to development.

Background

The Human Rights Council, in its resolution 45/6, welcomed the first report (A/HRC/45/29) of the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development, and requested it to implement the recommendations contained therein, including the preparation and submission to the Council thematic studies in the discharge of Expert Mechanism’s mandate. At its 8th session, the EMRTD outlined the thematic studies that it planned to submit to the Human Rights Council during the 2024-2026 cycle, including a study addressing artificial intelligence, regulation and the right to development.

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