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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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Human Rights Day

High Commissioner Türk: Education is the engine of the human rights system

Statements and speeches 11 December 2025

Delivered by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk

Video message to the UN Human Rights-Council of Europe Forum: "Unleashing Human Rights: A forum to further universal human rights education for, with and by young people"

Dear educators, young people, and human rights advocates,

...Today is **Human Rights Day, marking the 77th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights** – a landmark in efforts to steer humanity on to a more peaceful, stable, and prosperous path.

The visionary authors of the Declaration went further than laying the foundations of the human rights system. They equipped it with an engine: human rights education. By embedding human rights education into the text, they ensured that each generation would power and renew this system. They recognized that education – not arms – is our most sustainable investment in peace and security.

As conflicts intensify, inequalities widen, and divisions deepen, we need to learn from history and remember what unites us: the fundamental principles of freedom and dignity for all. Today, when our collective progress is under strain, we need more human rights – not less.

Globally, millions of young people recognize this and are calling for change. Many feel a conflicting mix of responsibility for our shared future and a sense of powerlessness to influence it. Human rights education can give them the confidence and capacity to become agents of change – in their schools, workplaces, on social media.

Human rights education is not an ideology; it is about building the consensus that every society needs to survive. Every young person – whether a future economist, a factory worker, or an IT developer – needs to learn about their rights and how their decisions, how their work affect the rights of others.

Across all continents, my Office works with Governments, educational institutions, and youth organizations to develop human rights curricula, to amplify the voices of children and young people, and to promote our shared values of respect, equality, and solidarity. Understanding these values, which are at the heart of human rights, defines our ability to tackle today's challenges.

Through human rights education,

- **we can inspire leaders** who govern through justice and accountability.
- **we can nurture citizens** who cherish differences and care for others.
- **we can encourage business models** that are grounded in respect for people and planet.
- **and we can cultivate a digital space** that supports meaningful connection and serves the public

good.

To the educators, young leaders, and activists in and beyond this room: thank you for advancing a brighter future for all. I wish you fruitful discussions.

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UN experts call for safeguarding Special Procedures system as 'indispensable pillar' for human rights protection

09 Dec 2025 *Statements and speeches*

Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council

The special procedures of the Human Rights Council are independent human rights experts with mandates to report and advise on human rights from a thematic or country-specific perspective. They are unpaid and their tenure is limited to a maximum of six years. As of November 2025, there are 46 thematic and 13 country mandates.

With the support of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), special procedures:

- :: Undertake country visits
- :: Act on individual cases of reported violations and concerns of a broader nature by sending communications to States and others
- :: Contribute to the development of international human rights standards, and
- :: Engage in advocacy, raise public awareness, and provide advice for technical cooperation.

GENEVA – Amid rising authoritarianism, deepening polarisation, growing intolerance, and mounting pressures on the multilateral system, Human Rights Day offers a vital moment to reaffirm our shared commitment to universal human rights, UN experts* said today.

They issued a joint statement renewing their unwavering dedication to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and emphasising the urgent need for a strong, independent, and properly resourced human rights system — one capable of safeguarding dignity, justice, and equality for all.

"Standing firmly by the promise of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, even as the multilateral order and the global human rights ecosystem face an unprecedented and existential threat, we recommit to upholding our independence as a human rights mechanism and responding to the calls and expectations of victims, survivors and all those in need.

We will continue to call for the full implementation of human rights standards and provide dedicated technical advice, grounding our work in the principles of international human rights law. We endeavour to keep promoting positive change in people's lives by discharging our prevention and protection mandates. **We will remain steadfast in our advocacy for stronger protection of human rights, the rule of law and democratic processes around the world.** We will continue to proclaim inconvenient truths.

Over the decades, UN leaders have repeatedly affirmed the system's significance and power. **In 2006, Secretary-General Kofi Annan hailed Special Procedures as the "crown jewel" of the international human rights system.** His successor, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, described Special Procedures experts as the Council's indispensable "eyes and ears," essential for exposing violations and insisted that they must be allowed to work unhindered. Former High Commissioner for Human Rights Louise Arbour famously characterised Special Procedures as the UN's frontline human rights defenders — the system's early warning and protection mechanism in action.

This mechanism has grown into a dynamic system, with committed independent experts working pro bono on a vast range of thematic and country situations. Special Procedures mandate holders have carried out their duties with courage, impartiality and unwavering dedication — often at great personal cost — at a time when many human rights voices are being intimidated into silence. Their impact has reverberated despite severely limited capacity and resources.

As the United Nations and the Human Rights Council undergo critical moments of reform and reflection, we emphasise that these processes must create more, not fewer spaces for dialogue. Human rights protection is indispensable for peace, security and sustainable development.

We call on Member States to resist all attempts to dilute or sideline the Human Rights Council's Special Procedures system. States and all relevant actors must act now to protect and reinforce Special Procedures as an indispensable pillar through which human rights concerns are heard. As independent voices, we are able to defend all human rights, everywhere, even in the face of personal attacks, threats and sanctions.

On Human Rights Day, we pledge to victims across the world that we will remain your voices and your advocates – even when it seems that the world has turned away.”

**The experts:*

- Cecilia M. Bailliet, the Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity
- Graeme Reid, the Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity
- Claudia Mahler, the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons
- Muluka-Anne Miti-Drummond, the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism
- George Katrougalos, the Independent expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order
- Yao Agbetse, the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Central African Republic
- Eduardo Gonzalez, the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali
- Alexandra Xanthaki, the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights
- Balakrishnan Rajagopal, the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context
- Ashwini K.P., the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance
- Tomoya Obokata, the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences
- Morris Tidball-Binz, the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions
- Olivier De Schutter, the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights
- Nazila Ghanea, the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief
- Nicolas Levrat, the Special Rapporteur on minority issues
- Beatriz Miranda Galarza, the Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy (Hansen's disease) and their family members
- Astrid Puentes Riaño, the Special Rapporteur on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment
- Paula Gaviria, the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons
- Gehad Madi, the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants
- Pedro Arrojo-Agudo, the Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation
- Marcos A. Orellana, the Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes
- Margaret Satterthwaite, the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers

- Ben Saul, the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism
- Elisa Morgera, the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change
- Irene Khan, the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression
- Bernard Duhaime, the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence
- Tlaleng Mofokeng, the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health
- Surya Deva, the Special Rapporteur on the right to development
- Farida Shaheed, the Special Rapporteur on the right to education
- Michael Fakhri, the Special Rapporteur on the right to food
- Ana Brian Nougères, the Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy
- Albert K. Barume, the Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Heba Hagrass, the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities
- Gina Romero, the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association
- Mama Fatima Singhateh, the Special Rapporteur on the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children
- Mary Lawlor, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders
- Richard Bennett, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan
- Nils Muiznieks, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus
- Fortuné Gaetan Zongo, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi
- Mohamed Abdelsalam Babiker, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea
- Thomas Andrews, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar
- Elizabeth Salmón, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
- Mai Sato, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran
- Francesca Albanese, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967
- Mariana Katzarova, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Russian Federation
- Alice Jill Edwards, the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
- Siobhán Mullally, the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children
- Bina D'Costa (Chair), Barbara G. Reynolds, Catherine Namakula, Isabelle Mamadou, Miriam Ekiudoko, the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent
- Ganna Yudkivska (Chair-Rapporteur), Matthew Gillett (Vice-Chair on Communications), Miriam Estrada Castillo (Vice-Chair on Follow-Up), Mumba Malila, and Ethan Hee-Seok Shin, the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention
- Claudia Flores (Chair), Ivana Krstić (Vice-Chair), Dorothy Estrada Tanck, Haina Lu, and Laura Nyirinkindi, the Working Group on discrimination against women and girls
- Gabriella Citroni (Chair-Rapporteur), Grażyna Baranowska (Vice-Chair), Aua Baldé; Ana Lorena Delgadillo Pérez, and Mohammed Al-Obaidi, the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances
- Pichamon Yeophantong (Chairperson), Damilola Olawuyi (Vice-Chairperson), Fernanda Hopenhaym, Lyra Jakulevičienė and Robert McCorquodale, the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises
- Carlos Duarte (Chair), Davit Hakobyan, Uche Ofodile, Shalmali Guttal, Geneviève Savigny, the Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas
- Michelle Small (Chair-Rapporteur), Ravindran Daniel, Jovana Jezdimirovic Ranito, Joana de Deus

Pereira, Andrés Macías Tolosa, the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

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Statement of ICC President Judge Tomoko Akane on the Occasion of Human Rights Day

Statement 10 December 2025

Today, the International Criminal Court (ICC) joins the international community in marking Human Rights Day, a moment to reflect on the universal commitment made in 1948 to uphold the dignity and equality of all people.

This year's theme, "Human Rights, Our Everyday Essentials," highlights the **fundamental truth that human rights are not theoretical concepts**. They are the conditions that allow individuals and societies to live in safety, to participate freely, and to pursue their aspirations. They are the foundations of peaceful and resilient communities.

At the ICC, we are reminded each day of the consequences when these essentials are denied. **The crimes within the Court's jurisdiction – genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and the crimes of aggression – represent the gravest violations of human rights and the international rule of law**. Through its judicial mandate, the Court seeks to uphold accountability for these crimes, and in doing so, to prevent future violations.

Human rights require a shared and sustained commitment. **States, institutions, and individuals all play a role in ensuring that these rights are respected in practice**. The work of the ICC is one part of this collective effort: to provide a forum where victims' voices can be heard and where the law is applied impartially and independently.

On this Human Rights Day, we reaffirm that justice and human rights are closely linked. **A rules-based international order, grounded in accountability, remains essential for safeguarding the rights and security of present and future generations. Together, we must uphold the commitments that form the basis of our shared humanity.**

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Featured Journal Content

PNAS - Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States

December 9, 2025 vol. 122 no. 49

<https://www.pnas.org/toc/pnas/122/49>

Research Article December 3, 2025

Restoring institutional confidence in backsliding democracies: Evidence from Mexico

Significance

The **rise of democratic backsliders, leaders and ministers who win elections fairly but then undermine democratic institutions, is a major challenge to 21st-century democracies**. Backsliding leaders criticize coequal branches of government and public agencies, perhaps reducing public confidence in democratic institutions. Is their rhetoric effective? And can it be rebutted?

We explore these questions in Mexico. A Mexican president's diatribes reduced institutional confidence. But rebuttals attributed to actors outside the partisan fray restored it. Supporters of the backsliding leader, whom we might have expected to be immune to rebuttals, were moved by these rebuttals to view the institution as more effective and honest. **Our research demonstrates that well-attributed rebuttals can counter backsliders' democracy-degrading rhetoric.**

Abstract

Declining confidence in public institutions afflicts many democracies, a trend apparently exacerbated by backsliding leaders. These are leaders who gradually undermine the institutions that sustain democratic competition and accountability. Does the rhetoric of backsliders undermine the public's confidence in the institutions under attack and can rebuttals of presidential diatribes restore this confidence? We explore the impact of backsliding leaders' anti-institutional rhetoric in the context of Mexico. With text-as-data analyses, we demonstrate the harshness of President Andrés Manuel López Obrador's (2018–2024) anti-institutional diatribes against the agency that oversees national elections.

With survey experiments, we demonstrate that these diatribes can indeed undermine public confidence. Yet our research also uncovers the potential for rebuttals to restore confidence.

Counternarratives offered by organizations viewed as above the fray of Mexican politics restored public confidence—surprisingly, even among the president's supporters. Our findings suggest strategies for breaking out of the cage of intense partisanship and countering democracy-degrading rhetoric. Though presidential haranguing of democratic institutions can have a powerful effect, there remains room for public confidence to be restored by more positive accounts.

[Excerpt]

Discussion and Conclusion

...Stepping back, democratic erosion has taken place in a surprisingly large and diverse set of countries. Even when a leader who has undermined democratic institutions exits office, as the Mexican president did in late 2024, adverse effects of backsliding are not immediately undone. In the United States, persistent loss of confidence in election integrity among large segments of the electorate is a phenomenon that the country is likely to struggle with for years to come.

Our study says that it is not a waste of time to offer voters alternative viewpoints and corrective information. In line with recent work on democratic backsliding, we find that presidential discourse can indeed reduce public confidence in critical democratic institutions, in ways that facilitate the expansion of executive power (3, 5, 19). But we also find that public confidence may be rebuilt, even among those who are most under the sway of presidential rhetoric.

In practice, the kinds of rebuttals that succeed in counteracting presidential rhetoric may be hard to disseminate at scale. International, nonpartisan experts have a much smaller megaphone than the president; simply gaining the attention of voters is no easy task. Here, domestic experts with larger or more regular audiences could help. But, as our results show, this may undermine the rebuttal if they are perceived as partisan or biased. **Reaching voters with such rebuttals requires sustained attention and thoughtful investment.**

Our study offers succor both to backsliding leaders and to defenders of democracy...

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Science – Misinformation

[Curated Resources on Addressing Misinformation About Science](#)

NASEM [National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, Medicine]

Our information ecosystem makes it easier than ever for misinformation about science to spread – and harder for people to determine what's scientifically accurate.

The National Academies report [Understanding and Addressing Misinformation About](#)

Science explores proactive, research-based solutions to reduce the spread and impact of misinformation and improve access to reliable scientific information.

Since its release, the National Academies has hosted several events and developed additional resources to further highlight key insights and recommendations from the report and illustrate potential pathways forward for different sectors.

Webinar on Advancing High-Quality Science Journalism

This webinar examined the challenges of reporting on science in today's landscape and surfaced the needs and opportunities for strengthening science, health, and medical journalism. The archived video and resources from the panelists are now available online.

Brief for Public and Private Funders

This brief provides a concise overview of the report's findings and outlines specific actions funders of scientific research, journalism, and science communication and engagement initiatives can take to address science misinformation.

Symposium on Understanding and Addressing Misinformation About Science

This full-day symposium exploring the report brought together key leaders and organizations from science, public health, education, communication, philanthropy, and public policy to discuss evidence-based solutions and actionable, next steps to address science misinformation.

Understanding and Addressing Misinformation About Science

Consensus Report – NASEM [National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, Medicine]
2025 ISBN Ebook: 0-309-72396-5 DOI: <https://doi.org/10.17226/27894>

Our current information ecosystem makes it easier for misinformation about science to spread and harder for people to figure out what is scientifically accurate. Proactive solutions are needed to address misinformation about science, an issue of public concern given its potential to cause harm at individual, community, and societal levels. Improving access to high-quality scientific information can fill information voids that exist for topics of interest to people, reducing the likelihood of exposure to and uptake of misinformation about science. Misinformation is commonly perceived as a matter of bad actors maliciously misleading the public, but misinformation about science arises both intentionally and inadvertently and from a wide range of sources.

Understanding and Addressing Misinformation About Science characterizes the nature, scope, and impacts of this phenomenon, and provides guidance on interventions, policies, and future research. This report is a comprehensive assessment of the available evidence and reflects a systems view of the problem given the broader historical and contemporary contexts that shape the lived experiences of people and their relationships to information. The report aims to illuminate the impacts of misinformation about science and potential solutions across a diversity of individual peoples, communities, and societies.

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Trafficking – Fauna, Flora

30,000 live animals seized in global operation against wildlife and forestry crime

134 participating countries make record seizures of protected plants, animals and timber
World Customs Organization – WCO 11 December 2025

BRUSSELS, Belgium — A global operation against the illegal trafficking of wild fauna and flora has led to

the seizure of nearly 30,000 live animals and the identification of 1,100 suspects. **From 15 September – 15 October, law enforcement agencies comprising Customs, police, border security and forestry and wildlife authorities from 134 countries made a total of 4,640 seizures** during Operation Thunder 2025.

This record number of seizures included tens of thousands of protected animals and plants and tens of thousands of cubic metres of illegally logged timber, as well as more than 30 tonnes of species classified as endangered under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).



Coordinated by the World Customs Organization (WCO) and INTERPOL, the operation sought to intercept and seize illegally traded wildlife and forestry commodities across the global supply chain and identify, disrupt, investigate and dismantle criminal networks involved in these types of environmental crime...

INTERPOL Secretary General, Valdecy Urquiza, said: **"Operation Thunder once again exposes the sophistication and scale of the criminal networks driving the illegal wildlife and forestry trade - networks that increasingly intersect with all crime areas, from drug trafficking to human exploitation.** These syndicates target vulnerable species, undermine the rule of law and endanger communities worldwide. Recognizing these deeply interconnected crime threats, INTERPOL is committed to strengthening global policing responses, dismantling the entire ecosystem of illicit activity and protecting our planet's shared natural and human heritage."

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International Standards – Global Development

World Development Report 2025 – STANDARDS FOR DEVELOPMENT

World Development Report 2025 provides the most comprehensive assessment of the global landscape of standards today and how they can be used to accelerate economic development. It offers a practical framework for countries at all stages of development. Countries at the earliest stage should *adapt* international standards to suit local conditions when needed, whereas at more advanced stages,

they should aim to *align* domestic markets with international standards. Meanwhile, all countries should *author* international standards in priority areas.

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International Standards Proliferate, Reshaping Global Economy: Too Many Developing Countries Are Left Behind, Report Finds

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11, 2025— A proliferating set of international standards—covering everything from food labeling to the specifications of 5G cellular networks—is steadily reshaping the global economic order, delivering hefty benefits to the wealthy nations and large multinational companies that set them while leaving many developing countries on the sidelines, according to a new World Bank report.

Today, standards are foundational economic infrastructure, as vital to prosperity as roads or ports, according to the World Development Report 2025: Standards for Development, which provides the first comprehensive analysis of the landscape of global standards. By making the transportation of goods seamless, the standardization of the shipping container boosted global trade to a greater extent than all of the trade agreements of the last 60 years, the report notes.

Since the turn of the century, however, standards have also become weapons in trade wars: non-tariff measures such as pesticide specifications or labeling requirements, for example, now affect 90 percent of global trade, up from just 15% in the late 1990s.

“Standards are both central and unsung today,” said Indermit Gill, Chief Economist of the World Bank Group and Senior Vice President for Development Economics. “When they’re set right, they go unnoticed: the ship sails through the canal, the building withstands an earthquake, a kilogram weighs the same in Kenya as in Canada, and no one gives the gains that come a second thought. The standardized shipping container might well have catalyzed more trade in manufactured goods than all the trade deals put together. Digital standards could do the same for the services trade.

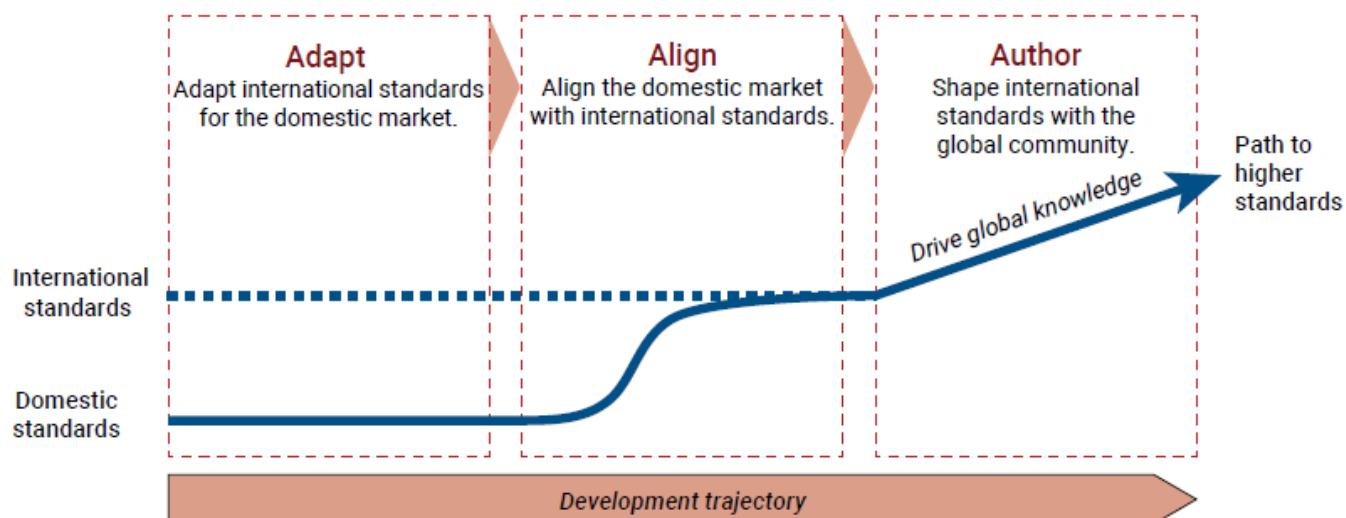
When countries are active in adapting, aligning, and authoring standards, they are a powerful tool for growth and poverty reduction. **This report is the first assessment of the role of standards in economic development--and a call to developing nations to make them a core component of their development strategies.**”

“The World Bank’s decision to dedicate the 2025 World Development Report to standards sends a powerful signal: international standards are no longer invisible infrastructure—they are critical enablers of sustainable, inclusive development,” said Sergio Mujica, Secretary-General of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), the world’s largest standard-setting body, which surveyed 173 national standards bodies in support of the data-gathering work for the report. “Unlocking the full development potential of standards means ensuring all countries can participate in their creation and implement them. This report is a timely call to action to strengthen global participation and cooperation in standardization.”

The global appetite for standards has surged. More than half of the 20,000 standards issued over the last seven decades by ISO have been created since 2000, the report notes. In 2024 alone, key global standard-setting bodies issued more than 7,000 standards. Not enough developing countries are at the table when standards are written—because they often lack the resources and expertise needed to participate. On average, they sit on less than one-third of the technical committees that determine global standards at ISO, and even fewer in other bodies. Supporting broader, more strategic participation is key to ensuring that standards are globally relevant and reflect diverse development needs and contexts.

Turning standards into a springboard for development requires a deliberate strategy. The report proposes an adapt-align-author framework for countries at different stages of development.

Figure O.1 Standards have a great impact on development



Source: WDR 2025 team.

At low levels of development, countries should adapt international standards to local realities, so firms can learn and markets can grow. It isn't wise to blindly copy the most stringent global standards—local ambitions should match local capacity...

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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.

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Meetings Coverage/Press Releases [Selected]

12 December 2025 SC/16245

[Unanimously Adopting Resolution 2806 \(2025\), Security Council Extends Al-Shabaab Sanctions Regime, Panel of Experts](#)

The Security Council today extended until 30 November 2026 its sanctions on weapons entering Somalia and its authorization for Member States to intercept vessels transporting them, while simultaneously renewing until 31 December 2026 the mandate of the Panel of Experts assisting the Al-Shabaab sanctions regime.

12 December 2025 SC/16247

Security Council Speakers Call for Rigorous Sanctions Compliance to Address Multidimensional Crisis in Haiti

As the Security Council was updated today on the work of its subsidiary body devoted to the Haiti sanctions regime, speakers stressed that these measures must be strictly implemented if they are to be effective in addressing the country's many crises.

12 December 2025 SC/16246

Unanimously Adopting Resolution 2807 (2025), Security Council Urges Greater Youth Participation, Leadership in Peace Processes, Conflict Prevention

The Security Council today urged greater youth participation and leadership in peace processes and conflict prevention, reinforcing its ongoing efforts to mainstream youth across the peace and security agenda.

12 December 2025 GA/12743

General Assembly Adopts Resolution Welcoming International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion on Israel's Obligations Related to Occupied Palestinian Territory

By a recorded vote of 139 in favour to 12 against with 19 abstentions, the General Assembly today adopted a resolution welcoming the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on Israel's obligations in relation to the presence and activities of the United Nations, other international organizations and third States in and in relation to the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

10 December 2025 SG/SM/22948

Democratic Norms Face Unprecedented Stress, Secretary-General Warns in Message to Meeting on Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation

9 December 2025 SG/SM/22946

'Humanitarian System Running on Empty', Secretary-General Tells Central Emergency Response Fund Event, Urging Donors Reach \$1 Billion Target

8 December 2025 SC/16238

Russian Federation Has Violated All Helsinki Principles in Ukraine War, OSCE Chief Tells Security Council

By waging a war of aggression against Ukraine, the Russian Federation has breached every Principle set out in the Helsinki Final Act 50 years ago — the document that laid the foundation for today's Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), its Chairperson-in-Office told the Security Council today.

UN Human Rights – OHCHR [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Latest News, Statements, Press Releases [Selected]

Position papers Special Procedures

15 December 2025

Protecting Human Rights while Using Artificial Intelligence to Counter Terrorism

Summary

This Position Paper focuses on the key human rights risks of developing and using relevant AI systems

to counter terrorism. It addresses how the design, development and use of AI engages international human rights law, how human rights must inform decisions relating to the operation of AI systems, and the responsibilities of public authorities and private actors.

Specifically, Part I outlines the characteristics and uses of AI systems that are most relevant in countering terrorism, as well as their limitations and main human rights risks. Part II extends the human rights analysis further by focusing on some key rights affected by AI systems, including equality and non-discrimination, privacy and data protection, freedom of expression and access to information, fair trial, liberty and rights in detention, and effective remedies for human rights violations.

The Conclusion and Recommendations build on existing AI governance frameworks by identifying further opportunities to strengthen regulation and accountability in the development and deployment of AI systems in countering terrorism

Press releases 12 December 2025

Pakistan

[Pakistan: Imran Khan's solitary confinement and inhumane detention conditions must end, UN expert says](#)

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Myanmar

[UK leadership imperative as Myanmar's crisis deepens ahead of junta's announced sham elections: UN expert](#)

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[Nepal: UN expert says minorities and Dalits must be empowered to fulfill their rights](#)

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

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[Human Rights Council elects Ambassadors of Ethiopia, Estonia and Spain to serve as Vice-Presidents for 2026](#)

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

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

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

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

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[UN experts call for safeguarding Special Procedures system as 'indispensable pillar' for human rights protection](#)

SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Press Releases

[Somalia: Volatile Security Situation with Dramatic Impact on Children](#)

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

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

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[Model legislative provisions and guidance on investigation and prosecution of conflict-related sexual violence](#)

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

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

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Special Rapporteur on the right to health [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

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Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 13 Dec 2025]

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Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples [to 13 Dec 2025]

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Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

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

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

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

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

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

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[At Security Council, UN Relief Chief says underfunding has left Afghanistan in a deeper humanitarian crisis](#)

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

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

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No new digest content identified.

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

<http://www.iom.int>

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[Nearly 795,000 Displaced Palestinians at Flood Risk after Storm Byron Makes Landfall in Gaza](#)

News 09 December 2025

[Republic of Türkiye Donates 30,000 Tents to Help IOM Support Displaced Families in Sudan](#)

UNAIDS [13 Dec 2025]
<http://www.unaids.org/en>
News, Stories, Updates
Press Statement

Inclusive, rights-based HIV services a key component to Universal Health Care

GENEVA, 12 December 2025—For the past four decades, the HIV response has worked hard advocating for HIV treatment but also other HIV and health services that are free, without stigma or discrimination, people-centred, and grounded in human rights. It is by delivering inclusive, rights-based HIV and health services, that Universal Health Coverage (UHC) can be achieved. On Universal Health Coverage Day, UNAIDS stresses the importance of UHC so that everyone has access to the quality health services they need without suffering financial hardship due to the cost of paying for those services. UHC should include quality essential HIV services from prevention to treatment through a clearly defined health benefit package.

Press Release

UNAIDS calls on African leaders to resource the HIV response, protect human rights, and seize the opportunity of new innovations to end AIDS

The Executive Director of UNAIDS Winnie Byanyima made the call during the African AIDS conference ICASA in Accra, Ghana saying “ending AIDS is a political choice”
ACCRA/GENEVA, 10 December 2025

Press Statement

Human Rights Day statement

Geneva, 10 December 2025 – This Human Rights Day the global HIV response is facing its most challenging moment in decades.

A new UNAIDS report released last month ahead of World AIDS Day 2025, Overcoming Disruption, Transforming the AIDS Response details the far-reaching consequences of international funding reductions. Millions of people have lost access to HIV prevention services and the critical support to access life-saving treatment services. A deepening funding crisis, geopolitical fragmentation, and rollback of human rights protections have disrupted services and jeopardized decades of progress.

The advocacy of people living with, affected by and vulnerable to HIV, communities and civil society allies, who have built and sustained significant community health systems and have championed a human rights and gender transformative approach, has made an unparalleled contribution to the progress made to date in reaching people with HIV prevention, treatment and care services...

UNICEF [to 13 Dec 2025]
<https://www.unicef.org/media/press-releases>
Latest press releases, news notes and statements [Selected]
Remarks 10 December 2025

Remarks by UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell at the launch of UNICEF’s Humanitarian Action for Children Appeal

NEW YORK, 10 December 2025 -, “Friends, partners, colleagues, thank you for joining this virtual launch of UNICEF’s 2026 Humanitarian Action for Children and for your ongoing support for the world’s most vulnerable children. “Over the past week, I have been travelling in South Sudan and Sudan, where I met children...

Statement 10 December 2025

Age restrictions alone won't keep children safe online

NEW YORK, 9 December 2025, – “Across the globe, governments are debating how young is “too young” to use social media, with some introducing age-related restrictions across platforms. “These restrictions reflect genuine concern: children are facing bullying, exploitation, and exposure to harmful

content online wit...

Press release 10 December 2025

UNICEF calls for urgent investment in life-saving services for children as global humanitarian needs reach new extremes

NEW YORK, 10 December 2025 -, Surging conflicts, rising hunger, global funding cuts, and collapsing basic services are driving humanitarian needs for children to extreme levels worldwide. As UNICEF's Humanitarian Action for Children 2026 (HAC) appeal is launched today, US\$7.66 billion is urgently required to prov...

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WHO & Regional Offices [13 Dec 2025]

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

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11 December 2025 Statement

WHO expert group's new analysis reaffirms there is no link between vaccines and autism

11 December 2025 Statement

Statement of the WHO Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety (GACVS) on vaccines and autism

10 December 2025 Departmental update

WHO and the European Commission expand partnership to combat antimicrobial resistance

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WHO Vaccines and Immunization [IVB]

https://www.who.int/health-topics/vaccines-and-immunization#tab=tab_1

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WHO African Region AFRO

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Community midwives helping to lower maternal deaths in Central African Republic

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

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PAHO calls for strengthened vaccination and surveillance in the Americas amid a global increase of influenza A(H3N2) subclade K

Washington, D.C., 12 December 2025 (PAHO/WHO) – The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) has issued a briefing note, updating countries on the increasing circulation of the influenza A(H3N2)

subclade K (J.2.4.1) virus in several regions of the world, and to reiterate the call to strengthen surveillance and promote vaccination—particularly among...

:: 11 Dec 2025

[PAHO urges countries of the Americas to prioritize financial protection to advance towards universal health](#)

Washington, D.C., December 11, 2025 (PAHO) – On Universal Health Day, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) highlighted the growing impact of out-of-pocket health care spending across the region and called on countries of the Americas to strengthen public investment and financial protection mechanisms—key measures for achieving universal...

:: 9 Dec 2025

[PAHO renews call to close vaccination gaps amid whooping cough resurgence in the Americas](#)

Washington, D.C., December 9, 2025 (PAHO) – The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) has renewed its call for countries in the Americas to close vaccination gaps amid a resurgence of pertussis, or whooping cough, which has been steadily increasing since 2023, according to the latest epidemiological update released yesterday. Globally,...

:: 8 Dec 2025

[PAHO updates influenza situation in the Americas as the winter season advances in the Northern Hemisphere](#)

Following a 29% increase in severe cases in the Southern Hemisphere in 2025 and the onset of winter in the north, PAHO calls for strengthened preparedness to reduce the impact of respiratory viruses.

Washington, D.C., December 8, 2025 (PAHO) – The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) is urging countries in the Americas to adjust their health

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

No new digest content identified.

WHO European Region EURO

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[UHC Watch: the platform powering health financing policy debates in Europe and Central Asia](#)

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

No new digest content identified.

WHO Western Pacific Region

:: 10 December 2025 Joint News Release

[Fiji's HIV epidemic escalates: New rapid assessment highlights urgent gaps in access to sa...](#)

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WHO - Emergency situation reports

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

8 December 2025

[Multi-country outbreak of mpox, External situation report #60 - 8 December 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.

10 December 2025 | Seasonal influenza - Global situation

Situation at a glance

... Seasonal influenza activity has increased globally in recent months, with an increased proportion of seasonal influenza A(H3N2) viruses being detected. This rise coincides with the onset of winter in the northern hemisphere and an increase in acute respiratory infections caused by influenza and other respiratory viruses typically observed at this time of year. Although global activity remains within expected seasonal ranges, early increases and higher activity than typical at this time of year have been observed in some regions. Seasonal influenza viruses, including A(H3N2) viruses, continually evolve over time.

Since August 2025, there has been a rapid increase of A(H3N2) J.2.4.1 alias K subclade viruses detected from several countries based on available genetic sequence data. These subclade K viruses have several changes from related A(H3N2) viruses. Current epidemiological data do not indicate an increase in disease severity, although this subclade marks a notable evolution in influenza A(H3N2) viruses. Early estimates suggest that the influenza vaccine continues to provide protection against hospital attendance in both children and adults, even though its effectiveness against clinical disease during the current season remains uncertain.

Vaccines remain essential, especially for people at high risk of influenza complications and their care givers. Even if there are some genetic differences between the circulating influenza viruses and the strains included in the vaccines, the seasonal influenza vaccine may still provide protection against drifted viruses and the other virus strains included in the vaccine. Vaccination is still expected to protect against severe illness and remains one of the most effective public health measures. WHO continues to monitor global influenza activity and influenza viruses, supports countries in surveillance capacity and updates guidance as needed.

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Weekly Epidemiological Record

Vol. 100, No. 50, pp. 627–642 12 December 2025

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

:: Routine vaccination coverage – worldwide, 2024

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New WHO Publications

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

Selected

12 December 2025

Establishing quality specifications for medicines, vaccines and in vitro diagnostics: week of quality 2024 training kit

Ensuring quality of the health product ensures its safety and efficacy. Manufacturers in low and middle-income countries (LMICs) face challenges to achieve quality in local production, such as the lack of an available manufacturing workforce trained in quality and understanding regulatory quality standards and difficulties in implementing a quality culture in the manufacturing facility.

12 December 2025

Lessons from case studies of social participation and its role in the pandemic response in the WHO South-East Asia Region, 2025

11 December 2025

Low health literacy is costing health

Overview

This document highlights health literacy as a critical determinant of health and a foundation for

empowering individuals to make informed choices amid growing volumes of information and misinformation. It underscores that improving health literacy goes beyond communication or education and requires strengthening the skills, systems, and environments that enable people to access, understand, and use health information effectively. Low health literacy contributes to poorer health outcomes and increased costs, while investment in health literacy may deliver stronger social and economic benefits. The document calls for sustained action to embed health literacy within national strategies and public health systems.

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World Organisation for Animal Health [OIE] [13 Dec 2025]

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

Press Releases, Statements

No new digest announcements identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

News story

[5 ways UNFPA's humanitarian work supports women and girls in the world's biggest crises](#)

11 December 2025

UNITED NATIONS, New York – A new humanitarian appeal released today by UNFPA, the United Nations sexual and reproductive health agency, calls for US\$ 1 billion in urgent funding for 2026 to support women and girls...

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

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[Without Development Action, Global Displacement Crises Will Deepen](#)

UNDP urges sustained investment to help refugees, returnees, and host communities rebuild amid record displacement

Speeches

[Statement by UNDP Administrator Alexander De Croo on Human Rights Day](#)

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

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

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

Resources [Selected]

12 Dec 2025 | *Press Release*

Seventh UN Environment Assembly commits to multilateral solutions for a more resilient planet

The seventh session of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-7) concluded today with Member States delivering 11 resolutions, three decisions and a Ministerial Declaration aiming to advance solutions for a more resilient planet.

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Press Releases, Statements and messages [Selected]

Press release 12 December 2025

UNDRR Investment Advisory Board Welcomes Three New Members

In 2025, the IAB will focus on advancing resilient investing principles, engaging sovereign and institutional investors, and strengthening data on resilience finance [Surabhi Mathur Visser, Gareth Price, and Kristian Flyvholm].

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

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

Latest

10-12-2025 | DESA

UN launches Transport Decade with global commitments for sustainable, inclusive and resilient mobility

10 December 2025 - The launch of the first ever United Nations Decade of Sustainable Transport (2026–2035) and its widely anticipated Implementation Plan brought together transport leaders from governments, the United Nations system, local authorities, the private sector, civil society and youth organizations from around the world today at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

09-12-2025 | DESA

7 things you need to know about sustainable transportation

9 December 2025 - Sustainable transport is about cleaner mobility and safer systems; extending markets; shaping access to jobs, schools and health care; and enabling the movement of food and medicines. With transport demand set to more than double by 2050, choices we make this decade, can unlock sustainable development pathways.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

News [Selected]

ILO highlights 2025 progress on social health protection

On International Universal Health Coverage Day, the International Labour Organization reaffirms its commitment to promoting a rights-based approach to achieve health for all.

Africa draws up a common roadmap for integrating artificial intelligence into vocational training

Skills development

Meeting in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, members of the African Network of Vocational Training Institutions

and Funds (RAFPRO) and their partners adopted the Abidjan Declaration on Artificial Intelligence, a joint commitment to integrate AI into...

News | 11 December 2025

Labour rights protection essential to advancing human rights – ILO and UN bodies affirm

The first of its kind meeting between the ILO Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations and UN human rights mechanisms, emphasized that protecting labour rights is essential for realizing all human rights and...

News | 10 December 2025

UNESCO [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Press Releases, News [Selected]

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

Press release

UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage: 67 cultural practices inscribed

The UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, meeting in New Delhi (India) from 8 to 13 December, examined 67 elements for inscription on the Lists of Intangible Cultural Heritage, at the initiative of 77 countries.

12 December 2025

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

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

Announcements [Selected]

Dec 11, 2025 *event*

Beyond All Borders: First ICOMOS Scientific Symposium of the Americas

ICOMOS proudly announces the successful conclusion of the first ICOMOS Scientific Symposium of the Americas, held from 18 to 21 November 2025 across Ensenada, Baja California (Mexico) and San Diego, California (USA). Jointly organized by ICOMOS Mexico and ICOMOS USA, the event represents the first cross-border scientific gathering in the history of ICOMOS in the Americas, bringing together more than 300 participants from 17 countries, including researchers, practitioners, community representatives, and public officials.

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

<http://unhabitat.org/>

News

Shaping the urban climate agenda: Key takeaways from COP30

December 11th, 2025

Through high-level engagements, technical sessions, and the launch of new knowledge products, UN-Habitat helped bring local implementation, housing, informality, multilevel governance, and urban climate finance to the forefront of global climate discussions.

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

News

Renewable water availability per person plunges 7 percent in a decade as global scarcity deepens, FAO data shows

2025 AQUASTAT Water Data indicates that pressure on freshwater resources is growing as demand increases in regions of scarcity

12/12/2025

Rome – Renewable water availability per person has continued to decline by a further 7 per cent over the past decade, while pressure on already scarce freshwater resources is increasing in several regions, according to the 2025 AQUASTAT Water Data Snapshot released by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

Director-General calls for forward-looking, agile Organization at 3rd Global Working Conference of FAO Representatives

08/12/2025

Cairo/Rome – Director-General QU Dongyu opened the Third Global Working Conference (GWC) of FAO Representatives on Monday by calling on participants to adopt a proactive, agile, and forward-looking approach to ensure FAO's strategies, programmes, and technical support remain aligned with the evolving needs of its Members.

World Food Programme [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Selected News Releases [Selected]

12 December 2025

WFP warns of more displacement in Sudan as fighting rages in Darfurs and Kordofans amidst shrinking resources

This is a summary of what was said by WFP Director of Emergency Preparedness and Response, Ross Smith, to whom quoted text may be attributed – at a press briefing in Geneva today. Mr Smith participated in the briefing remotely from Rome.

GENEVA/ROME – I would like to share the latest updates from WFP about circumstances in Sudan's Darfur and Kordofan regions as well as our operational response.

11 December 2025

FAO and WFP Launch new Tool to Strengthen Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Across Humanitarian Clusters

A practical, cost-effective tool places preventing sexual exploitation and abuse at centre of humanitarian programming

Rome — The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Food Programme (WFP) have launched a first-of-its-kind Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) Risk Mapping Package. It was developed for the Food Security Cluster, which is co-led by FAO and WFP, and coordinates food security responses during and after a humanitarian crisis in 34 operations around the world.

1 December 2025

WFP warns that Myanmar faces rising displacement and unacceptable hunger levels in 2026

YANGON, Myanmar – More than 12 million people in Myanmar will face acute hunger in 2026, with a projected one million people hitting emergency levels that will require lifesaving assistance, the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) warned today. Intensifying conflict and a sharp jump in displacement now risks pushing an underfunded hunger crisis to breaking point.

10 December 2025

WFP unveils regional innovation hub to tackle hunger and malnutrition in West & Central Africa

DAKAR, Senegal – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) today launched a regional innovation hub in Dakar to accelerate the development of sustainable, locally-led solutions in addressing hunger and malnutrition in West and Central Africa.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Latest News and Highlights [Selected]

News 12/12/25

Airlines set to receive first carbon offsetting requirements under ICAO's global climate agreement

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

News

African Member States work together to advance maritime digitalization

IMO, the Africa Transport Policy Program (SSATP) and the World Bank, together with Côte d'Ivoire's Ministry of Transport, hosted a sub-regional workshop in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire (9-12 December) to advance the implementation of the Maritime Single Window (MSW) across 12 French-speaking African countries.

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WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 13 Dec 2025]

<https://public.wmo.int>

News [Selected]

WMO and UNDP report analyses post-disaster needs assessments.

News 11 December 2025

The need for proactive, data-driven strategies to reduce disaster risk and improve recovery outcomes is highlighted in a new report by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) which reveals significant opportunities to shift from reactive disaster response toward risk-informed development.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Press Releases [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

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

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

News [Selected]

UNIDO and partners commit to driving youth-led industrial transformation

12 December 2025

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

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

News [Selected]

11 December 2025

International Standards at the heart of development: ISO joins the World Bank in launching the World Development Report 2025

ISO today joins the World Bank to mark the official launch of the World Development Report 2025: Standards for Development. For the first time in its 45-year history, the World Bank's flagship report is dedicated to the role of International Standards.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 13 Dec 2025] <http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/>

Press releases [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Announcements/Decisions/Events [Selected]

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DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.] [to 13 Dec 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 Dec 2025]

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

Press release

12 December 2025 — *Press release*

UK sanctions commanders responsible for Sudan atrocities and pledges additional humanitarian support as Cooper says atrocities must not go unpunished

The UK has sanctioned individuals suspected of atrocities including mass killings, sexual violence, and deliberate attacks on civilians in El Fasher, Sudan.

9 December 2025 — *Press release*

UK to boost peacebuilding efforts for Israel and Palestine

The UK will host a key peacebuilding conference next year to help establish an International Peace Fund for Israel and Palestine.

ECHO [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

News

News article 11 December 2025

EU steps up efforts to boost the efficiency of humanitarian aid through the strategic supply chain

Commissioner for Equality, Preparedness and Crisis Management, Hadja Lahbib participated in the Humanitarian Leadership Group on Supply Chain Conference and welcomed the agreement reached by participants to continue working for a more interoperable system to deliver humanitarian aid.

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African Union [to 13 Dec 2025]

<http://www.au.int>

Press releases [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 13 Dec 2025] <https://asean.org/category/news/>

Secretariat News [Selected]

ASEAN Chair's Statement on the Airstrike on Mrauk-U Hospital, Western Rakhine State

December 14, 2025

ASEAN expresses deep concern and strongly condemns the airstrike on Mrauk-U Hospital in Western Rakhine State, Myanmar, on 10 December 2025, which resulted in the death of at least 31 civilians and injured at least 76 more.

Attacks targeting civilians and medical facilities, in violation of international humanitarian law, including the Geneva Conventions of 1949, are unacceptable and inconsistent with the principles enshrined in the ASEAN Charter

European Commission [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Latest [Selected]

Press release Dec 10, 2025

[Commission welcomes political agreement on major reform of EU pharmaceutical rules](#)

The European Commission welcomes the political agreement to modernise the EU's pharmaceutical legislation, reached last night by the Council and the European Parliament. The reform is a crucial step in boosting innovation and investment in the EU's pharmaceutical sector, while ensuring that medicines are safe, effective and available for patients throughout Europe. The reform package revises the current EU rules, which are over 20 years old.

OECD [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

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

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

Press Releases

[The OAS General Secretariat Renews its Commitment to the Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation](#)

Dec 12, 2025

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

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

News

[OIC Strongly Condemns New Israeli Settlement Plans in Occupied West Bank](#)

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) condemned in the strongest terms the Israeli occupation authorities' approval for the construction of 764 new settlement units and

2025-12-11

[OIC Condemns Israeli Security Forces' Storming of UNRWA Headquarters in Occupied Jerusalem](#)

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) condemned in the strongest terms the Israeli occupation forces' storming of UNRWA headquarters in the Sheikh Jarrah District in

2025-12-10

[Israel killed and wounded 95 Palestinians in the Gaza Strip in one week——The West Bank witnessed 18 settler attacks and 99 incidents in 7 days](#)

The occupation forces have escalated their aggression in the Gaza Strip despite the ceasefire agreement. In addition to declaring the Yellow Line their new border

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Group of 77 [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Latest Statements and Speeches [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

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UNCTAD [to 13 Dec 2025]

<https://unctad.org/>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 015 Oct 2022]

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

Latest News

[30,000 live animals seized in global operation against wildlife and forestry crime](#)

134 participating countries make record seizures of protected plants, animals and timber

11 December 2025

BRUSSELS, Belgium — A global operation against the illegal trafficking of wild fauna and flora has led to the seizure of nearly 30,000 live animals and the identification of 1,100 suspects.

From 15 September – 15 October, law enforcement agencies comprising Customs, police, border security and forestry and wildlife authorities from 134 countries made a total of 4,640 seizures during Operation Thunder 2025. This record number of seizures included tens of thousands of protected animals and plants and tens of thousands of cubic metres of illegally logged timber, as well as more than 30 tonnes of species classified as endangered under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

Coordinated by the World Customs Organization (WCO) and INTERPOL, the operation sought to intercept and seize illegally traded wildlife and forestry commodities across the global supply chain and identify, disrupt, investigate and dismantle criminal networks involved in these types of environmental crime...

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

WTO News and Events [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 13 Dec

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

Grand Chamber judgment concerning Georgia

In the case of **Tsaava and Others v. Georgia** the Court held that there had been several violations of the Convention: prohibition of inhuman or degrading treatment/lack of effective investigation, freedom of expression and freedom of assembly and association. The Court also held that there was a non-violation of the obligation to furnish all necessary facilities during the examination of the case.

The case concerned the dispersal of a protest in 2019 from the front of the Parliament building in Tbilisi. The applicants were either participants in the demonstration, or journalists reporting on the protests. They allege, in particular, excessive use of force by the authorities causing them physical injury.

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International Court of Justice [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

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

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

News [Selected]

Statement by the ASP Presidency concerning the receipt of the OIOS fact-finding report on alleged misconduct by the ICC Prosecutor

Press Release 12 December 2025 Assembly of States Parties

Austria strengthens its commitment to the ICC Trust Fund for Victims in support of survivors of sexual and gender-based violence

Press Release 12 December 2025 Trust Fund for Victims

Statement of ICC President Judge Tomoko Akane on the Occasion of Human Rights Day

Statement 10 December 2025

International Law Commission [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Recent Developments

No new digest content identified.

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

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

Latest News

9 December 2025

President Heidar gives the Tribunal's annual address to the United Nations General Assembly

Judge Tomas Heidar, President of the Tribunal, addressed the 80th session of the United General Assembly...

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 Dec 2025]

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

News [Selected]

World Bank's USD 200 million Clean Cooking Outcome Bond Highlights Expanding Investor Appetite for Outcome-Linked Investments

Washington, DC, December 12, 2025 – The World Bank (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, IBRD) today settles its USD 200 million Clean Cooking Outcome Bond, following pricing on December...

Date: December 12, 2025 Type: Press Release

Investing in Health to Build Human Capital and Expand Job Opportunities in East Asia and Pacific

In East Asia and Pacific (EAP), access to health care is crucial for unlocking human potential, expanding job opportunities and creating thriving, resilient communities. The region faces significant...

Date: December 12, 2025 Type: Brief

Strong Buffers and Targeted Reforms Can Help Cambodia Withstand Economic Pressures, says World Bank

PHNOM PENH, December 11, 2025 — Cambodia's economy is projected to grow by 4.8 percent in 2025, slowing from 6 percent in 2024 as domestic and external shocks weighed on activity. Prudent fiscal and monetary...

Date: December 11, 2025 Type: Press Release

Agriculture Rooted in Biodiversity

Download report here It's a great paradox that the sector that relies the most on biodiversity, agriculture, is also the greatest threat to the world's most fragile ecosystems. The question isn't...

Date: December 11, 2025 Type: Publication

International Standards Proliferate, Reshaping Global Economy: Too Many Developing Countries Are Left Behind, Report Finds

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11, 2025— A proliferating set of international standards—covering everything from food labeling to the specifications of 5G cellular networks—is steadily reshaping the global economic...

Date: December 11, 2025 Type: Press Release

IMF [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified

African Development Bank [to 13 Dec 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

12-Dec-2025

Algeria: African Development Bank Approves €747 Million loan for first phase of Laghouat–Ghardaïa–El Menéa Railway

12-Dec-2025

Africa's AI Revolution: African Development Bank report projects \$1 trillion in additional GDP by 2035 with use of AI to enhance productivity

Asian Development Bank [to 13 Dec 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]

10 Dec 2025

ADB, Qatar Fund for Development Launch Partnership to Boost Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific

ADB and the Qatar Fund for Development signed a memorandum of understanding to accelerate resilient infrastructure and economic development in developing countries across Asia and the Pacific.

08 Dec 2025

Asia and the Pacific Lifts 2.7 Billion People From Water Insecurity, but Ecosystem Decline Threatens Progress—ADB Report

More than 60% of Asia and the Pacific's population—about 2.7 billion people—has been lifted from extreme water insecurity over the past 12 years, but these hard-won gains are threatened by accelerating environmental decline and a major financing gap, according to a new ADB report.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 13 Dec 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 Dec 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

Increasing Competition Could Boost GDP by 11% and Reduce Inequality by 6% in Latin America and the Caribbean, IDB Report Says

WASHINGTON — Latin America and the Caribbean could raise GDP per capita by 11% and reduce inequality by 6% by making markets more competitive, according to a new report by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). The flagship report, "Markets for Development: Improving Lives through Competition," s...

December 11, 2025

IDB Expands Digital Solutions to Strengthen Transparency in Latin America and Caribbean

Dominican Republic Launches InvestmentMap 2.0, the IDB's Regional Initiative for Budget Traceability

WASHINGTON — The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) reaffirms its leadership in the regional agenda for transparency, integrity, and the fight against corruption with significant advances that strengthen public access to information and accountability in Latin America and the Caribbean. Under the umbrella of InvestmentMap, the regional initiative for active transparency and traceability of budgets, investments, and public procurement, the IDB supports national and subnational governments in
December 9, 2025

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

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

Press Releases

Press release 10 December 2025

[India and IFAD celebrate transformative partnership building rural livelihoods and food security](#)

The Government of India and IFAD celebrated their long-standing partnership in Rome yesterday as they showcased successful models of rural transformation that can be replicated and scaled-

Islamic Development Bank [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

News

Saudi Arabia

[IsDB Board of Executive Directors Approves US\\$ 1.365 Billion To Spur Infrastructure, Energy Security & Human Capital Across 12 Member Countries](#)

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:: [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 Dec 2025]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

Communiqués de presse

No new digest content identified.

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

<https://alima.ngo/>

Our Latest News

"Je me sens plus forte" : le parcours d'une mère déplacée au Burkina Faso

Déplacée interne après avoir perdu son mari et son fils, Zenabo tente de se reconstruire à Bouro, dans le nord du Burkina Faso. Grâce au soutien psychologique proposé au poste de santé avancé de l'Alliance ALIMA-KEOOGO-SOS MEDECINS BF, elle retrouve peu à peu sommeil, apaisement et espoir.

12 décembre 2025

Soudan du Sud

Elle accouche enfin sans complication : l'histoire d'Aheew, un symbole à Aweil, au Soudan du Sud

Au centre de santé de Maper, dans le nord du Soudan du Sud, l'arrivée d'ALIMA, en partenariat avec MSF-France, a transformé les soins destinés aux femmes enceintes.

10 décembre 2025

Haïti

Violences armées et déplacements : l'urgence de la santé mentale en Haïti

En Haïti, la violence, l'instabilité politique, le chômage, les déplacements forcés et l'effondrement des services publics ont plongé la population dans une « crise de la santé mentale ». ALIMA offre des soins en santé mentale pour redonner de l'espoir quand il a disparu.

9 décembre 2025

Amref Health Africa [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Press Releases

Amref Health Africa and Qatar Fund for Development Partner to transform urban health for over 225,000 Kenyans

Doha, Qatar – [6th December, 2025] – In a move set to redefine urban health standards in East Africa, Amref Health Africa today sealed ...

Aravind Eye Care System [to 13 Dec 2025]

<https://aravind.org/>

Aravind News

No new digest content identified.

Blue Shield International [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

BS International News

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Latest

No new digest content identified.

Clubhouse International [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

News/Events

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Press Releases

08 Dec 2025

[Syria, one year later: Challenges and opportunities](#)

08 Dec 2025

[22nd Meeting of State Parties of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention \(APMBC\)](#)

ECPAT [to 13 Dec 2025]

<https://ecpat.org/>

ECPAT News

[ECPAT International Statement on Social Media Bans for Children](#)

Posted on Dec 12, 2025

Across the globe, many governments are considering or have already introduced legislative bans on social media use for children under a certain age. As of 10 December 2025, Australia began enforcing a world-first social media ban restricting children under 16 from using platforms such as Instagram and TikTok. While the urgent and genuine concern to protect children from technology-facilitated child sexual abuse and exploitation often drives these proposals, these bans do not provide a perfect solution.

As an organisation committed to ending the sexual exploitation of children, ECPAT International supports efforts to improve children's safety in digital spaces. However, we are concerned that legislative bans risk misdiagnosing the problem, excluding children from critical connection and support spaces, and shifting responsibility away from the actors best placed to drive systemic change: governments and technology companies.

Instead of hastily implementing age-based bans as a one-size-fits-all solution, we urge policymakers to invest in rights-based and evidence-led solutions that address the complexity of the digital ecosystem...

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

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

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

[Best practices on Open Journal Systems](#)

12 Dec 2025

Open Journal Systems (OJS) is free and open source software for managing the entire researcher-to-reader workflow for submission, peer review and (...)

[Open Access Programme](#)

[16 more grants to strengthen no-fee OA publishing in Africa](#)

10 Dec 2025

EIFL, AJOL (African Journals Online) and WACREN (the West and Central African Research and Education Network) take pleasure in announcing the (...)

[Open Access Programme - Angola, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Morocco, South Africa \(...\)](#)

Fountain House [to 13 Dec 2025]
<https://www.fountainhouse.org/news>
News
No new digest content identified.

GE2P2 Global Foundation [13 Dec 2025]
www.ge2p2.org
News/Analysis/Publications-Digests/Statements
Digests
:: [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 – 12 Nov 2025](#)
:: [Genomics, Gene Editing, Convergent Biosciences: Governance, Ethics, Policy, Practice – A Monthly Review – Nov 2025](#)

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 13 Dec 2025]
<https://hi.org/en/>
News

[Statement by HI regarding recent allegations by NGO Monitor](#)

PUBLISHED ON December 12th 2025

HI wishes to clarify its position following the publication of a recent report by NGO Monitor, which makes allegations regarding our activities in Palestine. HI strongly and unequivocally refutes these allegations, which are not based on any credible evidence. Our organisation has no affiliation with any armed group.

Heifer International [to 13 Dec 2025]
<https://www.heifer.org/about-us/news.html>
News
No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 13 Dec 2025]
<https://www.helpage.org/newsroom/latest-news/>
Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports
No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 13 Dec 2025]
<https://www.icrc.org/en/news>
News

[South Sudan: ICRC-supported hospitals deliver critical care as conflict-related casualties reach highest level in eight years](#)

Article 12-12-2025

[Humanitarian Outlook 2026: A world succumbing to war](#)
Article 11-12-2025

[The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Jordan and the ICRC convene a high-level regional](#)

conference to advance global commitment to international humanitarian law

News release 10-12-2025

UN General Assembly: Principled humanitarian action is under increasing pressure

Statement 10-12-2025

Cambodia-Thailand: ICRC calls for restraint and protection of civilians amid latest border clashes

News release 09-12-2025

IFRC [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Press releases

IFRC unveils 2026 Global Plan to address rising humanitarian needs with stronger locally led action

12/12/2025 | *Press release*

Geneva, 12 December 2025 - The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) has today launched a summary of its Global Plan for 2026, outlining the organisation's operational priorities for the coming year as humanitarian needs reach unprecedented levels - while funding for humanitarian action continues to shrink.

The plan highlights the urgent challenges facing communities worldwide, from more frequent climate related disasters to protracted conflicts, rising displacement, health emergencies and growing vulnerabilities. In many crises, IFRC, Red Cross and Red Crescent staff and volunteers are increasingly the only humanitarians still present as other actors scale down or leave.

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

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

Press Releases/ Updates / Alerts

No new digest content identified.

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

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

Press Releases

IRC Warns Policy Moves Put Refugee Families and U.S. Commitments at Risk

December 12, 2025

Press Release

Thousands of refugees are arriving in Burundi in critical condition from DRC, warns IRC

December 12, 2025

Press Release

Dnipro Attacks Destroy Lifesaving Medicines, IRC Loses Supplies for 30,000 Patients

December 8, 2025

IRCT [to 13 Dec 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 Dec 2025]

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

Latest news and updates

No new digest content identified.

Mercy Corps [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

News Releases & Alerts

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Democratic Republic of Congo

[**MSF briefs UN Security Council on staggering violence in DRC**](#)

Speech 12 Dec 2025

Myanmar

[**Deadly airstrike on a hospital in Mrauk-U, Myanmar**](#)

Statement 11 Dec 2025

Nigeria

[**MSF launches emergency medical services in Gwoza, Borno state**](#)

Project Update 11 Dec 2025

Brazil

[**MSF wraps up activities in northern Brazil**](#)

Project Update 11 Dec 2025

Palestine

[**Palestinians are preparing themselves for loss in the West Bank**](#)

Voices from the Field 10 Dec 2025

The New Humanitarian [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

News

Aid and Policy Cheat Sheet

12 December 2025

[**Syria one year after Assad, deadly hospital strikes in Myanmar and Sudan, and Machado's Oslo odyssey**](#)

Aid and Policy Analysis

11 December 2025

[**Abrupt transitions: The Global Humanitarian Overview pushes a dangerous trend**](#)

Norwegian Refugee Council

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

News & Press Releases

Press release

Mali: Alarming consequences of aid cuts as crisis spreads south

11. Dec 2025 | Mali

OXFAM [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Press Releases/Stories

No new digest content identified.

Pact [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Latest News & Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

News & Stories

No new digest content identified.

PATH [13 Dec 2025]

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

Newsroom [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

News

Children risk as floods and landslides devastate communities across Sumatra

8 December 2025

The humanitarian situation in Sumatra continues to deteriorate as children and their families face the aftermath of some of the most severe floods and landslides Indonesia has experienced in recent years.

Save the Children [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Latest news

11 Dec 2025 *GLOBAL*

Save the Children Launches Bitcoin Fund, breaking ground in humanitarian innovation

This innovative, Bitcoin-powered humanitarian solution is designed to transform how financial resources are held, managed, and delivered in times of crisis. It also helps Save the Children to hold Bitcoin donations to help unlock funds faster during a crisis.

11 Dec 2025 *GLOBAL*

ABOUT 8 MILLION BABIES BORN INTO CONFLICTS AND CLIMATE DISASTERS IN 2025

About 8 million babies were born into crises such as conflict and climate disasters in 2025 so far, with many mothers giving birth in tents, in ill-equipped displacement camps or communities hit by disasters

10 Dec 2025 *Democratic Congo*

DRC: More than 100,000 children and their families forced from homes in South Kivu by escalating violence

The thousands of displaced children and their families are now seeking refuge within other parts of DRC as well as across the border in Burundi and Rwanda.

10 Dec 2025 *Occupied Palestinian territory*

Gaza storms amid Israeli aid restrictions cut off vital services for children

Israel's aid restrictions mean that severe winter weather is cutting children in Gaza off from much-needed child protection and psychosocial support services, Save the Children said, as storms began again today

10 Dec 2025 *GLOBAL*

AUSTRALIA: Focus must be on making social media safe for children as Australia brings in ban

The children's rights organisation urged policy makers and global leaders to maintain focus on ensuring social media is safe for children as Australia's ban, a world first, takes effect.

09 Dec 2025 *sri lanka*

Sri Lanka Cyclone: Tens of thousands of children in temporary shelters need mental health support – Save the Children

At least 86,000 homes were damaged in the landslides and floods triggered by Cyclone Ditwah on 28 November. More than 630 people were killed, and nearly 70,000 are still living in temporary shelters, including schools. Save the Children, and partner organisation CCH (Centre for Children's Happiness), have started providing mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) for children and adolescents using TeamUp, an evidence-based methodology consisting of structured play and movement-based activities provided by trained facilitators.

Tostan [to 13 Dec 2025]

<https://tostan.org/>

News & Stories

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Articles

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 13 Dec 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 Dec 2025]

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

Our Work

Press Release / December 10, 2025

EFF Launches Age Verification Hub as Resource Against Misguided Laws

With ill-advised and dangerous age verification laws proliferating across the United States and around the world, creating surveillance and censorship regimes that will be used to harm both youth and adults, the Electronic Frontier Foundation has launched a new resource hub that will sort through the mess and help people..

Freedom House [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

News Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

Human Rights Watch [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

News Releases/Spotlight

Spotlight

December 11, 2025 | Dispatches

Humanitarians' Baseless Trial in Greece

Two dozen humanitarian workers facing 20 years in prison finally got their day in court on December 4 and 5 on the Greek island of Lesbos after a seven-year wait.

December 10, 2025 | Feature

Human Rights Violations Are Real. So is Our Power to Resist Them.

December 10, 2025 | Dispatches

Georgia Hollows Out Right to Peaceful Assembly

December 10, 2025 | News Release

Iran: Weaponizing Justice System to Persecute Baha'is

December 9, 2025 | News Release

UAE: Emirati Dissident Faces Risk of Torture at Home

Transparency International [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

News

CoSP11: A critical moment for shaping the future of integrity worldwide

News • 08 December 2025

International Anti-Corruption Day highlights rising insecurity and injustice and builds momentum for CoSP11.

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ChildFund Alliance [to 13 Dec 2025]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 13 Dec 2025]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

Latest News and Events

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Elder's Statements, News

Gaza "ceasefire" rings hollow as all Palestinians face security catastrophe

Juan Manuel Santos 11 December 2025

The Elders warn that suffering for Palestinians continues, despite the ceasefire and the release of Israeli hostages

Español

Gavi [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

News Releases

10 December 2025

Cambodia introduces lifesaving rotavirus vaccine nationwide to protect children from severe diarrheal disease

10 December 2025

UEFA, CAF and Gavi bring Goal Getters to Zimbabwe as vaccine awareness campaign grows across Africa

8 December 2025

Gavi statement on protecting health workers and vaccine access in armed conflict settings

Global Fund [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

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

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

Blogs, Press Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

InterAction [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Latest Updates

No new digest content identified.

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

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

What's New/Events

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 13 Dec 2025]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

News

No new digest content identified.

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

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

News, Events

No new digest content identified.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

News, Events

No new digest content identified.

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

<https://www.unige.ch/medecine/humanitarianstudies/latest-updates/news>

News

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Publications, Events, News

No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 13 Dec 2025]

<https://ihsa.info/>

News, Events

[Humanitarian Blog Posts Selection, Dec 13, 2025](#)

[Text bolding from original]

This week's selection looks into a common thread across ongoing crises: **the systematic erosion of protection for displaced and conflict-affected populations.**

In Gaza, a ceasefire "pause" masks ongoing atrocities, while testimonies highlight torture,

mass detention, and the mirrored grief shared with Sudanese civilians enduring parallel horrors. In Bangladesh, severe funding cuts leave Rohingya infants **acutely malnourished, exposing the consequences of donor fatigue in protracted crises.**

Sudanese movements across the Egypt border illustrate how **displacement routes have become treacherous survival corridors shaped by extortion, violence, and policy neglect.** India's new border regime with Myanmar further reveals how **securitisation overrides refugee rights in violation of international law.** Across Syria and other long-term displacement settings, refugees continue returning to destroyed homes amid land disputes and insecurity, underscoring the **gap between "voluntary return" narratives and lived realities.**

Collectively, the pieces call for **reaffirming IHL obligations, prioritising personal safety, and ensuring states facilitate—not obstruct—life-saving humanitarian relief.**

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

<https://inee.org/>

Resources

INEE Event

[INEE Community Conversation: "Power of Student Voices in EiE"](#)

19 January 2026 1:00pm - 2:00pm (UTC)

Students living through emergencies face immense challenges like displacement, disrupted schooling, loss of stability, and limited access to safe learning spaces. Yet they also play a powerful role as leaders, storytellers, and advocates for their own education. This INEE community conversation aims to create a space where practitioners and young people can learn from one another, reflect on what is working, and highlight what is missing in current EiE responses.

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

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Start Network [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

News and Blog

No new digest content identified.

Unitaid [13 Dec 2025]

<https://unitaid.org/>

News releases

[Unitaid marks the 10-year anniversary of the Paris Agreement with the launch of its Climate action roadmap to 2035](#)

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News releases

Unitaid concludes 48th Executive Board in Japan with renewed focus on access and innovation

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Brookings [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Research, Events

Bridging Africa's health financing gap: The case for remittance-based insurance

Pedro Pinheiro Project Manager

December 11, 2025

:: Remittances already function as a de facto, informal health insurance system for millions of African households, but they operate inefficiently, reactively, and without risk pooling or regulatory protection.

:: Scaling formal remittance-based insurance requires solving a three-part coordination failure across product design, regulation, and market incentives.

:: By serving as a neutral ecosystem orchestrator, HealthBridge could transform remittances in Africa into a scalable complement to Universal Health Coverage by standardizing products, harmonizing cross-border regulation, and brokering viable partnerships.

Center for Global Development [13 Dec 2025]

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

All Research [Selected]

POLICY PAPER

How to Deprioritise? Selecting Themes, Countries and Instruments for German Development Policy

Sam Hughes et al.

December 11, 2025

Germany is making steep reductions to its aid budget. Historically, it has struggled to deprioritise, with cuts spread evenly across programmes and countries. In this paper, we show how BMZ can deprioritise across the themes, partner countries and instruments. We find there is substantial room for

CGD NOTE

Latin America: Adapting to the New Global Financial Environment

December 09, 2025

Major policy shifts in trade, fiscal, and monetary domains—against a backdrop of stretched valuations and fragilities in private credit—could threaten financial stability. This is particularly concerning given that advanced economies today are constrained by fiscal weaknesses and already expanded ce...

Chatham House [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Selected Analysis, Comment, Events

Global security continued to unravel in 2025. Crucial tests are coming in 2026

Alarming events in nuclear proliferation, space security and hybrid warfare meant 2025 was a year in which the international security order deteriorated.

Expert comment

Published 12 December 2025 4 minute read

Expert comment

The 'Trump Corollary' in the US security strategy brings a new focus on Latin America – but it is a disordered plan

The dual objective is to prevent migration and impose US domination in the 'Western Hemisphere'. But Latin American leaders will still wish to work with China.

11 December 2025 3 minute READ

Expert comment

Russia is weakened, but its influence in the Middle East should not be underestimated

A widespread, but misleading, assumption holds that Moscow's current weakness signals its inevitable retreat from the region. In reality, Russia has deepened its entrenchment.

11 December 2025 4 minute READ

Expert comment

West Africa needs regional solutions to combat the escalating Sahel security crisis

A military takeover in Guinea-Bissau and an attempted coup in Benin are the latest tests for ECOWAS. But it is the ever-spreading Sahel security crisis that remains the greater challenge for regional leadership.

10 December 2025 4 minute READ

Expert comment

Trump's new national security strategy: Cut deals, hammer Europe, and tread gently around autocrats

The strategy confirms US volatility and unpredictability: hedging remains the best way for other countries to respond.

9 December 2025 4 minute READ

Research paper

Securing the future of US–Japan–South Korea cooperation

With the new US national security strategy demanding greater burden-sharing by Japan and South Korea, officials and policymakers in all three countries must focus on delivering tangible benefits if they are to sustain their trilateral partnership.

10 December 2025

Council on Foreign Relations [13 Dec 2025]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

CSIS [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Reports [Selected]

Stabilizing Cobalt Markets: A Price Floor for U.S. Minerals Security

U.S. cobalt security is threatened by severe price volatility driven by PRC oversupply, which has pushed Western mines—including the only U.S. cobalt mine—offline. The United States should use a price floor for strategic projects needed for national and economic security.

Brief by Gracelin Baskaran and Meredith Schwartz — December 10, 2025

McKinsey Global Institute [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Featured Research

[Advancing adaptation: Mapping costs from cooling to coastal defenses](#)

December 11, 2025 -

The benefits of adaptation far outweigh its costs. Yet, the world today spends just one-third of the amount needed to protect everyone exposed to hazards to developed-economy standards. What would it cost to adapt as the Earth warms, and how much will get spent?

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

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

Publications [Selected]

[The lives and livelihoods of internally displaced people in Baidoa, Somalia](#)

11 December 2025 *Case/country study*

Pew Research Center [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Latest Publications

No new digest content identified.

Rand [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Published Research [Selected]

Research Dec 12, 2025

[Ethical Criteria for Self-Identifying Societal Risk Associated with Dangerous Gain-of-Function Research](#)

We suggest a layered review process for the assessment of societal consequences to inform implementation of the 5 May 2025 executive order "Improving the safety and security of biological research."

Research Dec 12, 2025

[Social Networks, Cultural Pride, and Historical Loss Among Non-Reservation American Indian/Alaska Native Emerging Adults](#)

In this article, we explore the social network characteristics of participants of the first culturally-grounded health intervention for AI/AN emerging adults living outside of reservations/Tribal lands.

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

<http://researchonresearch.org/>

RoRI News, Events

December 11, 2025

[Why researchers change direction – and what funders should do about it](#)

New insights from 21 biomedical researchers

Alan Turing Institute

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

News, Events

No new digest content identified.

Urban Institute [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

New Research Publications - Selected

No new digest content identified.

The Wistar Institute [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

World Economic Forum [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Media [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

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ISC / International Science Council [to 13 Dec 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.

10 December 2025 - 7 min read

[**In memoriam: Anne Husebekk, a champion of freedom and responsibility in science**](#)

blog

10 December 2025 - 5 min read

[**Scientific freedom as a human right: Insights from the dedicated ISC meeting in Aotearoa New Zealand**](#)

blog

09 December 2025 - 6 min read

[**What the world needs now is both 'science advocates' and 'science diplomats'**](#)

Global Research Council [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

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

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

Latest News & Press Releases [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

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

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

News, Stories, Insights

Dec 11, 2025 *News*

National Academy of Medicine Announces Steering Group for Patient Safety in the Era of AI Initiative and Upcoming 2026 Launch

Dec 9, 2025 *News*

National Academy of Medicine Launches the Building Trust in Health Science Through Community Partnership and Lived Experience Action Collaborative; Over 30 Members Will Co-Develop Community-Driven Approaches

... the goal of this Collaborative is to build trust in health sciences in the community by listening first and then acting together,” said Victor J. Dzau, President of the National Academy of Medicine. “We come to this work with a shared sense of responsibility. This is a true partnership—one built on co-developing trustworthy solutions with communities. Together, we can turn urgency into progress and ensure that community insight drives every step forward.”

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

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

News

Search for Life Should Be Top Science Priority for First Human Landing on Mars, Says New Report

Research and Standards

By Megan Lowry Last update December 9, 2025

WASHINGTON — A new report from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine identifies the highest priority science objectives for the first human mission to Mars, and says searching for evidence of existing or past life on Mars should be the top priority. Improving our understanding of the effects of Mars’ environment on humans, plants, and animals; water cycles; geologic records; and dust storms are also among the 11 science priorities named in the report.

The report presents four possible campaigns for human exploration of Mars, each encompassing a sequence of three missions linked to specific science objectives. For each campaign, the report describes which science objectives could be met, the likely roles of crew members, and the campaign’s strengths and weaknesses for meeting scientific goals...

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

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

NIH [to 13 Dec 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-UNESCO)

<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

32nd (Ordinary) Session of the IBC / 14th Session of the IGBC / 14th (Ordinary) Session of COMEST,

UNESCO Paris, France, and Online, 15-19 September 2025

Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC-UNESCO)

<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 Dec 2025]

<https://cioms.ch/>

News; Publications; Events

CIOMS Glossary of ICH terms and definitions: Version 9 now available

Version 9 of the CIOMS Glossary of ICH terms and definitions is now freely available [here](#). It can also be accessed from the ICH webpage [here](#).

Hastings Center [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Press Releases, Events

No new digest content identified.

INSERM [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Press Releases [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

ICH [International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use] [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selected]

11 December 2025

Recommendations for Future Guidelines Related to Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products

The Cell and Gene Therapy Discussion Group, which was established in May 2023, has just published its recommendations paper, Recommendations with Regard to Future Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products-related Guidelines.

Ongoing Public Consultations		^
>	Q3E EWG	Guideline for Extractables and Leachables
>	E22 EWG	General Considerations for Patient Preference Studies

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

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

News and blogs

News 9th December 2025

Nuffield Council on Bioethics appoints new members to join its mission to make ethics matter

Five new members will bring a range of expertise across bioethics, medical and social science, politics, law and communications.

UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights

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

Activities and News

No new digest content identified.

UN Inter-Agency Committee on Bioethics

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

By providing a forum for exchange of information in the field of bioethics and related issues, with special attention to human rights, the UN Inter-Agency Committee on Bioethics (UNIACB) intends to promote coordination and cooperation in the activities carried out by its members.

Activities and News

No new digest content identified.

World Medical Association [WMA] [to 06 Sep 025]

<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 [13 Dec 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [13 Dec 2025]

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

Press Releases & Statements

[With Child Deaths Projected to Rise for the First Time in a Century, Gates Foundation and Mohamed Bin Zayed Foundation for Humanity Urge Action as World Faces Critical Turning Point](#)

:: At Goalkeepers Abu Dhabi, global leaders outline a path to improve and save the lives of millions of children through lifesaving innovation and renewed investment

:: Partners announce \$1.9 billion to advance polio eradication

(December 8, 2025)

Blue Meridian Partners [to 13 Dec 2025]

<https://www.bluemeridian.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 Dec 2025]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

News & Updates

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 13 Dec 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 Dec 2025]

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

News & Press

No new digest content identified.

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Latest

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [13 Dec 2025]

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

Press Releases

December 8, 2025

[**Investment of Approx. USD 460,000 for the Development of a Prototype Mpox Detection Test with NIPRO, TBA, Japan Institute for Health Security and others**](#)

Grameen Foundation [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 13 Dec

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

Latest Updates [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [13 Dec 2025]

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

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 13 Dec 2025]

<https://ikeafoundation.org/>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Kaiser Family Foundation/KFF [13 Dec 2025]

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

Newsroom

Trump Administration Actions to Curb Data Collection Related to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)

Issue Brief Dec 11, 2025

This brief describes Trump Administration efforts to scale back or modify data collection on sexual orientation and gender identity variables in federal surveys. It specifically focuses on changes in three national surveys that are representative of these efforts: the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), the Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey (MCBS), and the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS).

Recent Trends in Commercial Health Insurance Market Concentration

Dec 11, 2025

Commercial health insurance markets remain highly concentrated across coverage types. However, the individual market, which consists mostly of the ACA Marketplaces, has attracted more insurers and witnessed greater insurer competition across a variety of measures since the implementation of the enhanced premium tax credits in 2021, according to a new Healthy System Tracker analysis.

Aga Khan Foundation [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

News Releases

Website not responding at inquiry.

MacArthur Foundation [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Latest News and Grantee News

No new digest content identified.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Recent News

2 days ago

Perspective: Inheriting landscapes

3 days ago

Museums Reimagined: Envisioning the future of Bay Area science museums

5 days ago

Aileen S Lee named president of the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation

Open Society Foundations [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

News Room

Pew Funds 7 New Biomedical Research Collaborations

Press Releases & Statements December 9, 2025

The Pew Center for Arts & Heritage Announces \$8.6 Million in Grants

Press Releases & Statements December 8, 2025

Rockefeller Foundation [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

News and Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 13 Dec 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 Dec 2025]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [13 Dec 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 Dec 2025]

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

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 13 Dec 2025]

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

News, Press Releases [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

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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 4

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

[Reviewed earlier]

AMA Journal of Ethics

Volume 27, Number 12: E823-875 December 2025

<https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/electronic-health-record-evolution>

Aging Is Bad for You?

At some point along life's trajectory, growing becomes aging. Gerotherapeutics—biologically-based approaches to health that target processes of aging—seem poised to respond. This theme issue investigates ethical valences of what gerotherapeutics suggest about our socially, culturally, and historically entrenched patterns of pathologizing and medicalizing aging. Advancement in our understanding of physiological mechanisms of aging has prompted some to reconceive lifespans as health spans. Geroscience also suggests the need to critically evaluate whether and to what extent we should think of anti-aging ventures as legitimate enterprises of health care. Normative roles played by aging in our personal and relational narratives, in our expectations about how duration and quality of life

confer value to life, and in how life extension promotes or undermines our notions of wisdom and a good life are all at stake.

AJOB Neuroscience

Volume 16, Issue 4 (2025)

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/uabn20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Human Genetics

Dec 04, 2025 Volume 112 Issue 12 p2815-3048

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

This month in *The Journal*

Paul W. Hook, Alyson B. Barnes

Through paleogenomics, the study of ancient DNA (aDNA), scientists have been able to construct chronologies of human evolution, detailing interactions between *Homo sapiens*, other species, and past environments. Paleogenomics differs from modern genomics in that aDNA is typically extracted from skeletal remains and other finite organic sources, often destroying irreplaceable samples. Once destroyed, recovery of additional endogenous aDNA is not possible, and re-analysis is limited to the reprocessing of raw data sequence.

ASHG Perspective

Collaborative science in genomics: The value of data sharing and thoughtful stewardship

Large-scale data sharing is indispensable for advancing human genetics and genomics (HGG) research and medicine. The willingness of study participants and researchers to share data has been the foundation of rapid advancements of the HGG field for decades. If the potential benefits of HGG research are to be fully realized, maintaining a broad data-sharing ethos and policy environment is vital. ASHG reasserts the HGG community's commitment to responsible data stewardship and emphasizes the role of researchers in working alongside other interested parties to create a secure research enterprise without imposing undue restrictions on researchers' ability to collaborate, share data, and advance knowledge while also protecting the will and privacy of participants.

Year in review

Genomic medicine year in review: 2025

Teri A. Manolio, Alauna Rupert, Jahnvi Narula, Carol J. Bult, Rex L. Chisholm, Geoffrey S. Ginsburg, Gillian W. Hooker, Gail P. Jarvik, George A. Mensah, Dan M. Roden, Robb Rowley, Casey Overby Taylor, Simona Volpi, Marc S. Williams

Starting in 2019, AJHG has published an annual feature^{1,2,3,4,5,6} identifying ten key advances in applying genomic information to clinical care that were reported in the previous 12 months of published literature. The Genomic Medicine Working Group of the National Advisory Council for Human Genome Research of the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) has authored these reviews based on its broader effort to identify notable accomplishments in genomic medicine on a monthly basis and post them on a searchable website (see web resources).

Forum

How to create personalized gene editing platforms: Next steps toward interventional genetics

Rebecca C. Ahrens-Nicklas, Kiran Musunuru

How do we go from a single individual receiving a personalized gene-editing therapy to a future of "interventional genetics" in which such therapies are the standard of care? First and foremost: regulatory innovation.

American Journal of Infection Control

December 2025 Volume 53 Issue 12 p1243-1366

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

Editorial

Safeguarding America's health: the critical role of public health infrastructure in an era of erosion and uncertainty

Carol M. McLay, David J. Weber

Published in issue: December 2025

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

December 2025 Volume 69 Issue 6

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

Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

January 2026 116(1)

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

EDITOR'S CHOICE

Scientific Independence and Public Health Trustworthiness

Denys T. Lau PhD and Jennifer D. Schoendorf PhD

116(1), pp. 4–5

TRUST IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Restoring and Expanding Public Trust in Public Health

Denys T. Lau PhD

116(1), pp. 31–34

The Role of Uncertainty in Rebuilding Trust in Science

Kevin McCain PhD

116(1), pp. 35–37

Public Health, Science, and the Public's Trust

Kenneth Rochel de Camargo MD, PhD

116(1), pp. 38–41

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 113 (2025): Issue 6 (Dec 2025)

<https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/113/3/tpmd.113.issue-6.xml>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Annals of Internal Medicine

November 2025 Volume 178, Issue 11

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Antiquity – A Review of World Archaeology

Issue 407 - October 2025

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Anti-Trafficking Review

No. 23 (2024)

<https://antitraffickingreview.org/index.php/atjournal/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 349 December 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/349/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Bioethics

Volume 39, Issue 9, Pages: 785-855 November 2025

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14678519/2025/39/9>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 13 Dec 2025)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 13 Dec 2025)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 13 Dec 2025)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 13 Dec 2025)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 13 Dec 2025)

No new digest content identified]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 13 Dec 2025)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 13 Dec 2025)

Articles

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 13 Dec 2025)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine

December 2025 - Volume 30 - 6

<https://ebm.bmj.com/content/30/6>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

BMJ Global Health

November 2025 - Volume 10 - 11

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/10/11>

[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists

DIGITAL MAGAZINE - September 2025

<https://thebulletin.org/magazine/2025-09/#post-heading>

[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 103, Number 11, November 2025, 641-752
<https://www.who.int/publications/journals/bulletin/>
[Reviewed earlier]

Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 52, Issue 1 January 2026
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/13652214/current>
[New issue; No digest content identified]

Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal

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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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The nation's regulators are attempting to match the rapid pace at which AI is evolving. That needs to become a global initiative.

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David Adam

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Fall 2025 Volume 23, Number 4

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Read about philanthropy's response to new threats to the social sector; how community-led outcomes contracts are working for Indigenous communities in northern Canada; how randomized controlled trials can harm nonprofits; how the World Wildlife Fund innovated to address escalating environmental challenges; and other topics in the Fall 2025 issue of *Stanford Social Innovation Review*.

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Migration in the Mountains: Why “Progress” in Uttarakhand Is Pushing People Away

Himani Usha Tripathi

Across valleys once alive with terraced fields, festivals and village schools, families are leaving for towns and plains – not out of choice but because they must.

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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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Informed Consent: We Can Do Better to Defend Privacy

Frederik Zuiderveen Borgesius

Journal-ref: IEEE 2015 (Volume 13, Issue 2, p. 103-107)

We need to rethink our approach to defend privacy on the internet. Currently, policymakers focus heavily on the idea of informed consent as a means to defend privacy. For instance, in many countries the law requires firms to obtain an individual's consent before they use data about her; with such informed consent requirements, the law aims to empower people to make privacy choices in their best interests. But behavioural studies cast doubt on this approach's effectiveness, as people tend to click OK to almost any request they see on their screens. To improve privacy protection, this article argues for a combined approach of protecting and empowering the individual. This article discusses practical problems with informed consent as a means to protect privacy, and illustrates the problems with current data privacy rules regarding behavioural targeting. First, the privacy problems of behavioural targeting, and the central role of informed consent in privacy law are discussed. Following that, practical problems with informed consent are highlighted. Then, the article argues that policymakers should give more attention to rules that protect, rather than empower, people.

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[Ethical considerations in research priority setting on health: a review of Philippine research priority-setting cases](#)

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Reneepearl Kim Sales, Lynnell Alexie Ong, Soumyadeep Bhaumik

Abstract

Background

Setting priorities for research is an essential function of health systems management and policy development. In the Philippines, national policy mandates the establishment of a research agenda as a prerequisite for securing government-supported funding, or for receiving foreign aid. While the process for research priority setting (RPS) is well established, its ethical dimensions have not been systematically assessed. Our study aims to fill this gap by conducting an interpretive review of all RPS exercises designed and implemented by the Alliance for Improving Health Outcomes between 2016 and 2024.

Study Protocol Open Access

[Living Rapid Research Needs Appraisal \(RRNA\) for Priority Diseases Protocol](#)

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Marieke de Swart, et al.

Abstract

Systematic reviews require time and resources to conduct that might not be available in a rapidly developing context such as during new and (re-) emerging infectious disease outbreaks. As part of the Pandemic-PACT program at the Pandemic Sciences Institute at the University of Oxford we have, in collaboration with Cochrane Response and Cochrane South Africa, developed a "living" Rapid Research Needs Appraisal (RRNA) methodology. The aim is to develop a protocol for rapidly and robustly identify key evidence gaps across pre-defined research domains to inform research prioritisation and coordination in preparedness time and during outbreaks. The RRNA utilises modified systematic review

methods, a global relay of reviewers, and systematic review software. The objective is to strengthen capability for carrying out RRNAs, and establish a baseline evidence platform for priority infectious diseases that can be readily updated as new evidence emerges, utilising an adaptable "living" RRNA protocol. This data will be of relevance to funders, researchers, clinical and public health stakeholders involved in management of infectious diseases of epidemic and pandemic potential.

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Public Consultation Opportunities

WMA - Declaration of Taipei Revision Launched [Ongoing]

The World Medical Association (WMA) invites you to attend its first Open Expert Meeting on the Revision of the WMA Declaration of Taipei (DoT), which will take place 4-6 December 2025, in Taipei, Taiwan.

...The Declaration of Taipei tries to achieve a balance between the rights of individuals giving their tissue or data for research and other purposes based on confidentiality and privacy rules while at the same time recognising that health data has become a very powerful tool for increasing knowledge.

In analysing the scenarios that already exist for the use (and misuse) of health data and biobanks, we came to the conclusion that the major risk scenarios may not result from science, but from the commercial, administrative or political use of such data. Limiting our guidelines to research only would have left us blind to the imminent risk of abuse from outside the field of medicine: commercialization, cost-cutting and potential political abuse.

Therefore, in contrast to the Declaration of Helsinki, this policy aims to address any use of health databases and biobanks excluding individual treatment and is not restricted to research. As physicians are the primary custodians of confidential health information, they feel an obligation towards their patients and other persons who entrust them with their data and specimens...

In April 2025, the WMA appointed a workgroup to initiate the revision process of this document. To encourage as much global participation in the revision process as possible, the WMA is collaborating with its members to host a series of regional meetings...

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