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This weekly digest is intended to aggregate and distill key content from a broad spectrum of practice domains and organization types including key agencies/IGOs, NGOs, governments, academic and research institutions, consortiums and collaborations, foundations, and commercial organizations. We also monitor a spectrum of peer- reviewed journals and general media channels. The Sentinel's geographic scope is global/regional but selected country-level content is included. We recognize that this spectrum/scope yields an indicative and not an exhaustive product.

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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.*



## **Sudan**

### **[Entering Fourth Year, Sudan's Brutal Civil War Hits 'Horrific Milestone', Speakers Tell Security Council, Citing Rising Sexual Violence, Mass Atrocities](#)**

19 February 2026 SC/16300

As Sudan marks "1,000 days of a brutal war," the Security Council heard today that women and girls are enduring horrific sexual violence, as a civil society briefer issued a blunt warning: "Unless you act now, you will have more blood on your hands."

"And as we near the fourth year of the war, the fighting continues to expand," warned Rosemary DiCarlo, Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, in her briefing to the 15-member Council today. She described a conflict marked by "staggering violence and unimaginable suffering" and total impunity for the perpetrators of a long list of atrocities and war crimes that has nearly destroyed Africa's third-largest country.

Frontlines are shifting, she said, across North Darfur, North Kordofan, South Kordofan and Blue Nile states, with military activity, including drone attacks, putting civilians at great risk. North Kordofan's capital, El Obeid, is besieged from three sides by the Rapid Support Forces, also known as the RSF.

#### ***Act Now to Prevent Regional Spillover, Strengthen Humanitarian Truce***

"The risk of regionalization of the conflict is a matter of urgent concern," she added, citing the 16 January announcement by Chad that seven soldiers were killed in a confrontation with Rapid Support Forces' elements. Weapons continue to transit through Sudan's neighbours and civilians face grave threats, including summary executions, sexual violence, arbitrary detention and family separation. "The time to act to prevent a repeat of atrocities elsewhere in the country is now," she stressed.

She welcomed progress in the initiative by the Quad countries — Egypt, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and the United States — to secure a humanitarian truce and urged the warring Sudanese Armed Forces and the Rapid Support Forces to engage with it "in good faith and without preconditions". Any ceasefire must be anchored in a credible political process backed by the Quintet partnership among the African Union, European Union, Intergovernmental Authority on Development, League of Arab States and the United Nations. "Unified messaging and strong action by the Security Council is more important than ever," she stressed.

#### ***Mass Atrocities: Indicators of Genocidal Path***

"The humanitarian toll of the fighting is egregious," reported Edem Wosornu, Director of the Crisis Response Division in the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. She noted that, earlier today, the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission for the Sudan issued a report describing atrocities committed by the Rapid Support Forces in and around El Fasher in late October 2025 as "indicators of a genocidal path". And, for over 12 million women and girls, she stressed that this is "a crisis within a crisis", with "horrific" levels of sexual violence.

Against that backdrop, she underscored that the scale, severity and brutality of gender-based sexual violence demand urgent international action to support survivors, prevent further abuse, reinforce protection services and hold perpetrators accountable. "Protecting women and girls must remain central to any effort to protect civilians in Sudan," she urged.

Sudan has been "stripped of its essential lifelines", she said, as basic services are nearing total collapse, food is largely unavailable in markets and most health facilities have exhausted their medical supplies. She therefore called on the Council to act, urgently, in three areas: use influence to urge the parties to respect international law and protect civilians; ensure that humanitarians are protected, and that their work is facilitated and funded; and work to stop the fighting, stem the flow of weapons and press for the peace "that the people of Sudan so desperately need"...

### ***Sudan Says Government's Road Map Key to 'Confronting Existential Threat'***

Sudan's representative framed the conflict as "a war of systemic aggression waged by regional and international forces". Sudan faces "a single choice confronting an existential threat that is working like a plague to dismantle the Sudanese State", he said. Sudan's road map, presented to the Council in December 2025, aims to make peace based on national ownership, through confidence-building measures, recovery and national reconciliation, and with the objective of holding elections.

Calling for steps to cut off the flow of weapons, ensure uninterrupted aid delivery and respect for international humanitarian law, he also shared that his Government has opened corridors such as the Adre crossing, expanded malnutrition treatment for children and women, and scaled cash transfer programmes and community kitchens.

He further expressed support for the joint initiative of Saudi Arabia, the United States and Egypt. "Ending external military interference must precede any other step," he said, adding: "It is the key to stopping the war and to enhancing civilian protection".

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## **Sexual Exploitation of Children**

### **[Joint Statement Calling upon Governments to Step Up Extraterritorial Cooperation to End the Sexual Exploitation of Children](#)**

Feb 18, 2026

We, the undersigned civil society organisations, **call upon governments to systematically address the sexual exploitation and abuse of children in cross-border contexts, including situations involving travel and tech-facilitated child sexual exploitation and abuse**, with perpetrators exploiting loopholes within national jurisdictions...

Sexual exploitation of children is a grave violation of human rights and a crime that knows no borders. Perpetrators are **able to continue exploiting children not only as the result of weak extraterritorial enforcement, limited cooperation between states and law enforcement and inconsistent accountability for crimes committed abroad**, but also because prevailing social norms and attitudes minimise the seriousness of these crimes and shift blame onto children. Together, these factors leave children subjected to abuse and exploitation unprotected, and denied justice.

**Yet States already have clear obligations under international law to address these crimes and their cross-border nature. The Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child calls on States to establish jurisdiction based on active and passive personality, including over habitual residents. The Committee on the Rights of the Child has further recommended that States establish universal**

jurisdiction for all offences included in the Protocol, particularly in light of the growing use of technologies to commit sexual offences against children.

**We therefore call upon governments to urgently strengthen extraterritorial cooperation and take coordinated action** to prevent, investigate, and prosecute sexual exploitation of children, regardless of where the crime occurs. This includes, to:

- **Enforce extraterritorial jurisdiction** to ensure both nationals and residents are held accountable for sexual crimes against children committed abroad.
- **Strengthen international cooperation** through timely information-sharing, mutual legal assistance, and joint investigations between law enforcement and judicial authorities.
- **Put children and survivors at the center by investing in survivor-centered justice**, ensuring that children receive protection and access to services, and are not blamed for the exploitation they were subjected to, because it is *#NeverTheirFault*.
- **Strengthen prevention through cross-country communication campaigns on child protection.**
- **Preventing sexual exploitation before it occurs** by regulating business, including ICT industry, financial services, and travel and tourism industry across the sectors including hotels, restaurants, transport, booking platforms and private accommodation, as well as addressing online facilitation, and holding private actors accountable.

**Ending the sexual exploitation of children requires political will, clear legal frameworks, and effective cross-border collaboration.** Governments, businesses, and communities must work together to protect children everywhere – in all countries. Governments must act decisively to close jurisdictional loopholes and ensure that no perpetrator can escape responsibility by crossing a border.

Children everywhere have the right to safety, dignity, and justice. We urge governments to step up their commitments in the regions as gaps continue to remain, and work across borders to end sexual exploitation of children.

***Endorsing organisations:***

- ECPAT International, [www.ecpat.org](http://www.ecpat.org)
- The Down to Zero Alliance committed to the protection of children and the prevention of sexual exploitation in 12 countries in Asia and Latin America.
- Defence for Children – ECPAT the Netherlands, [www.defenceforchildren.nl](http://www.defenceforchildren.nl)
- Terre des Hommes Netherlands, [www.int.terredeshommes.nl](http://www.int.terredeshommes.nl)
- Tacteen Naeil-ECPAT Korea, <https://tacteen.net>
- Protect All Children from Trafficking (PACT), USA [www.wearepact.org](http://www.wearepact.org)
- Empowering Children Foundation, Poland, [www.fdds.pl](http://www.fdds.pl)
- ECPAT France, ECPAT France – Mettre fin à l'exploitation sexuelle des enfants
- ECPAT Germany, [www.ecpat.de](http://www.ecpat.de)
- ECPAT Guatemala
- ECPAT Norway, [ecpatnorge.no](http://ecpatnorge.no)
- ECPAT Sri Lanka, [www.ecpat.lk](http://www.ecpat.lk)
- ECPAT Türkiye, [www.ecpattr.org](http://www.ecpattr.org)
- ECPAT Taiwan, [www.ecpat.org.tw](http://www.ecpat.org.tw)
- ECPAT UK, [www.ecpat.org.uk](http://www.ecpat.org.uk)
- CHS Alternativo, ECPAT Perú, [www.chsalternativo.org](http://www.chsalternativo.org)
- ChildSafeNet, Nepal, [www.childsafenet.org](http://www.childsafenet.org)
- End CSEC Network Malaysia (ECPAT Malaysia), [www.psthechildren.org.my](http://www.psthechildren.org.my)
- Fundación Munasim Kullakita -F.M.K., Bolivia, [www.munasimkullakita.org](http://www.munasimkullakita.org)
- Fundación PANIAMOR, Costa Rica, [www.paniamor.org](http://www.paniamor.org)
- Association Burkinabé pour la Survie de l'Enfance (ABSE), [www.absebf.org](http://www.absebf.org)

- Emmanuel Development Association (EDA), [www.edaethiopia.org](http://www.edaethiopia.org)
- PA Legal Center for Women's Initiatives "Sana Sezim", Kazakhstan, [www.sanasezim.org](http://www.sanasezim.org)
- Public Health Foundation of Georgia, [www.phf.org.ge](http://www.phf.org.ge)
- Ramola Bhar Charitable Trust, Project: STOP, India <http://www.stopglobalmovement.com/>

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## IP – "Innovation Diffusion"

### World Intellectual Property Report: Pace of Innovation Diffusion Reaches Historical Heights, But Access, Usage and Capability Gaps Remain

*New technologies are spreading across borders at unprecedented pace and gaps are narrowing in how intensively countries are using the innovations...*

Feb 17, 2026 [PR/2026/946](#)

World Intellectual Property Report (WIPR) 2026, Technology on the Move

**The report draws on 250 years of historical data on technology use and five decades of patent scientific publication data to identify shifts** that are reshaping global innovation dynamics and transforming economic opportunity. The report highlights the role of policymakers, who must focus on promoting invention as well as ensuring diffusion...

#### ***Among the key findings:***

##### **From adoption lags to real-time diffusion**

Historical technologies, including the telegraph and the automobile, took decades to reach global markets. In sharp contrast, today's connected global economy and mature digital infrastructure allow innovations to be accessed almost instantly worldwide. The report shows that the world is entering an era in which technological ideas travel faster than they did decades ago and digital technologies can reach users in virtually every country within days rather than decades.

##### **Convergence in usage**

Advanced economies have long been early adopters, sometimes decades ahead of others. The report finds that newer technologies show rapid convergence in both adoption speed and usage intensity. Asia stands out, with some countries now using certain digital technologies more intensively than advanced economies, reversing historic patterns.

##### **Faster flow of knowledge**

Patent citation analysis shows that international knowledge flows have doubled in speed over the past 50 years. By 2020, the time gap between domestic and international patent citations had nearly vanished, signaling that geography is no longer a major barrier to the global spread of ideas. Despite this rapid exchange across borders, the transition from scientific discovery to innovation continues to take time, averaging roughly a decade. At the same time, innovation leadership remains highly concentrated, led by the United States, Western Europe, and Japan, with China playing an increasingly prominent role.

##### **Four factors consistently shape diffusion outcomes**

The report highlights four factors that determine how quickly and broadly technologies spread:

1. Technology characteristics – Modular, low-cost, infrastructure-light technologies diffuse fastest, while high-capital, system-dependent technologies spread more slowly.
2. Information flows – Digital platforms, and increasingly AI, dramatically lower the cost of learning and enable rapid uptake when other conditions align.
3. Absorptive capacity – Education, skills, R&D institutions, and technical capabilities determine whether countries can adapt technologies to local needs.

4. Public policy and IP systems – Regulation, interoperability standards, infrastructure investment, and balanced IP frameworks shape both the speed and breadth of diffusion.

### **Case Studies Spotlight:**

The WIPR focuses on three case studies to reveal insights on technology diffusion in the agricultural, clean and digital technologies.

#### **Agriculture: Regulation, Local Adaptation and Compatibility with Existing Practices**

##### **Define Diffusion**

Agricultural technologies illustrate the complexity of translating innovation into real-world productivity gains.

#### **Clean technologies: Modular but Slow to Scale**

Clean technologies show a highly uneven scaling trajectory. While some innovations are modular and easily replicated, others require deep systems transformation.

#### **Digital Technologies: Infrastructure is the Gatekeeper**

Digital technologies spread faster than any other category in the report but risk amplifying existing strengths and weaknesses rather than generating development automatically.

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### **AI Governance – Science-Based Policy**

#### **[Science-Based Policy, Not Guesswork, Key to Ensure Artificial Intelligence Serves Humanity, Secretary-General Tells AI Impact Summit Event, Outlining UN's Role](#)**

20 February 2026 SG/SM/23023

*Following are **UN Secretary-General António Guterres' remarks at the side event "Role of Science in International AI Governance" at the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Impact Summit, in New Delhi today:***

Thank you for joining this discussion on the role of science in international AI governance. We are barreling into the unknown. AI innovation is moving at the speed of light — outpacing our collective ability to fully understand it, let alone govern it. AI does not stop at borders, and no nation can fully grasp its implications on its own.

If we want AI to serve humanity, policy cannot be built on guesswork. It cannot be built on hype or disinformation. We need facts we can trust — and share — across countries and across sectors — less noise, more knowledge.

That is why **the United Nations is building a practical architecture that puts science at the centre of international cooperation on AI. And it starts with the Independent International Scientific Panel on Artificial Intelligence.**

**This Panel is designed to help close the AI knowledge gap and assess the real impacts of AI across economies and societies — so countries at every level of AI capacity can act with the same clarity.**

**It is fully independent. It is globally diverse. And it is multidisciplinary** — because AI touches every area of every society. I am delighted that the General Assembly of the United Nations confirmed the 40 experts I proposed to Member States.

Now the real work begins — on a fast track to deliver a first report ahead of the ***Global Dialogue on AI Governance*** in July. The Panel will provide a shared baseline of analysis — helping Member States move from philosophical debates to technical coordination — and anchor choices in evidence so policy is neither a blunt instrument that stifles progress nor a bystander to harm.

That is how science strengthens decision-making. When we understand what systems can do — and what they cannot — we can move from rough measures to smarter, risk-based guardrails. Guardrails that protect people, uphold human rights and preserve human agency. Guardrails that build confidence and give businesses clarity — so innovation can move faster in the right direction.

**Science-led governance is not a brake on progress. It is an accelerator for solutions.** A way to make progress safer, fairer, and more widely shared; it helps us identify where AI can do the most good the fastest, and it helps us anticipate impacts early — from risks for children, to labour markets, to manipulation at scale so countries can prepare, protect, and invest in people.

Today, international cooperation is difficult. Trust is strained, and technological rivalry is growing. Without a common baseline, fragmentation wins — with different regions and different countries operating under incompatible policies and technical standards. A patchwork of rules will raise costs, weaken safety, and widen divides.

**Science is a universal language. Guided by the Independent Panel and the Global Dialogue on AI Governance, we can align our technical baselines. When we agree on how to test systems and measure risk, we create interoperability.**

So a startup in New Delhi can scale globally with confidence — because the benchmarks are shared; and safety can travel with the technology.

**Finally, let us be clear: Science informs, but humans decide.** Our goal is to make human control a technical reality, not a slogan. And that requires meaningful human oversight in every high-stakes decision — in justice, healthcare, credit. And it requires clear accountability — so responsibility is never outsourced to an algorithm. People must understand how decisions are made, challenge them — and get answers.

The message is simple: Less hype, less fear, more facts and evidence. **Guided by science, we can transform AI from a source of uncertainty into a reliable engine for the Sustainable Development Goals.** Let us build a future where policy is as smart as the technology it seeks to guide.

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### **[Independent International Scientific Panel on AI](#)**

Established with Resolution A/RES/79/325 on 26 August 2025, the Independent International Scientific Panel on AI serves as the first global scientific body on Artificial Intelligence (AI), bringing together leading experts to assess how AI is transforming our lives.

The 40 members of the Independent International Scientific Panel on AI include people from all five of the UN's regions. They are from various different backgrounds, including academia, private sector, civil society, government/international organization, and technical community. The Panel members have backgrounds in core technical AI expertise; applied AI, safety and infrastructure experience; and AI policy, ethics and impact.

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## AI in Health

### [Philanthropic Partnership Backs Country-Led Research to Guide the Use of AI in Health](#)

*:: The Gates Foundation, Novo Nordisk Foundation, and Wellcome will support locally led evaluations of AI tools that have the potential to improve health outcomes in low- and middle-income countries*

*:: The first call for proposals, now open, focuses on mature AI tools that support decision-making in primary and community health settings*

NEW DELHI (February 20, 2026) – The **Gates Foundation, Novo Nordisk Foundation, and Wellcome today announced a joint investment of US\$60 million to support locally led evaluations of AI health tools in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)**. The Evidence for AI in Health (EVAH) initiative will help governments and health systems determine which tools work, where they add value, and how they can be used responsibly.

Announced during the AI Impact Summit in New Delhi, EVAH is **designed to address a critical gap in evidence on how AI performs in real-world health settings in LMICs**. This new initiative will support the evaluation of health tools that have moved beyond early development, providing policymakers, providers, and developers in LMICs with the insights needed to make informed decisions about adoption and scale-up. EVAH marks the second investment of the US\$300 million global health research and development partnership launched by these three philanthropic organizations in 2024...

**The first request for proposals (RFP), which is now open, funds evaluations of AI-enabled decision support tools designed to assist frontline workers with clinical tasks—such as triage, diagnosis, and referral—**within primary and community health care settings in sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, and Southeast Asia...

**Evaluations will include implementation science studies, randomized controlled trials, economic analyses assessing both the economic value of the AI tools and the feasibility of their implementation at scale,** and assessments of public and professional acceptability and trust in the tools. All findings will be shared through open access channels to maximize their impact, prioritizing data privacy and principles of safety, ethics, and equity.

**The tools selected for evaluation—**which will span a range of AI-driven health technologies such as machine learning, computer vision, and large language models—**will be identified based on engagement with country partners to ensure alignment with local health priorities.** Priority will be given to tools trained on representative data, designed for deployment in resource-constrained environments, and focused on public benefit.

“We are already seeing the positive impact AI can have in global health—reducing inequities and enabling frontline workers and health systems to deliver more effective, tailored care,” said Trevor Mundel, president of global health at the Gates Foundation. “Ensuring new AI tools are safe and effective can significantly reduce the time it takes to turn promising ideas into scalable innovations that respond to local needs and improve outcomes in the most vulnerable communities.”



## AI – Featured Pre-Print Articles

### [Preserving Historical Truth: Detecting Historical Revisionism in Large Language Models](#)

Francesco Ortu, Joeun Yook, Punya Syon Pandey, Keenan Samway, Bernhard Schölkopf, Alberto Cazzaniga, Rada Mihalcea, Zhijing Jin  
PREPRINT - [arXiv:2602.17433](https://arxiv.org/abs/2602.17433)

*Abstract*

**Large language models (LLMs) are increasingly used as sources of historical information**, motivating the need for scalable audits on contested events and politically charged narratives in settings that mirror real user interactions. **We introduce HistoricalMisinfo, a curated dataset of 500 contested events from 45 countries, each paired with a factual reference narrative and a documented revisionist reference narrative.**

To approximate real-world usage, we instantiate each event in 11 prompt scenarios that reflect common communication settings (e.g., questions, textbooks, social posts, policy briefs). Using an LLM-as-a-judge protocol that compares model outputs to the two references, we evaluate LLMs varying across model architectures in two conditions:

- (i) neutral user prompts that ask for factually accurate information, and
- (ii) robustness prompts in which the user explicitly requests the revisionist version of the event.

Under neutral prompts, models are generally closer to factual references, though the resulting scores should be interpreted as reference-alignment signals rather than definitive evidence of human-interpretable revisionism. **Robustness prompting yields a strong and consistent effect: when the user requests the revisionist narrative, all evaluated models show sharply higher revisionism scores, indicating limited resistance or self-correction.**

**HistoricalMisinfo provides a practical foundation for benchmarking robustness to revisionist framing** and for guiding future work on more precise automatic evaluation of contested historical claims to ensure a sustainable integration of AI systems within society.

### **[Towards a Science of AI Agent Reliability](#)**

Stephan Rabanser, Sayash Kapoor, Peter Kirgis, Kangheng Liu, Saiteja Utpala, Arvind Narayanan  
PREPRINT - [arXiv:2602.16666](https://arxiv.org/abs/2602.16666)

*Abstract*

**AI agents are increasingly deployed to execute important tasks. While rising accuracy scores on standard benchmarks suggest rapid progress, many agents still continue to fail in practice.** This discrepancy highlights a fundamental limitation of current evaluations: compressing agent behavior into a single success metric obscures critical operational flaws. Notably, it ignores whether agents behave consistently across runs, withstand perturbations, fail predictably, or have bounded error severity.

**Grounded in safety-critical engineering, we provide a holistic performance profile by proposing twelve concrete metrics that decompose agent reliability along four key dimensions: consistency, robustness, predictability, and safety.** Evaluating 14 agentic models across two complementary benchmarks, we find that **recent capability gains have only yielded small improvements in reliability.** By exposing these persistent limitations, our metrics complement traditional evaluations while offering tools for reasoning about how agents perform, degrade, and fail.

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### **:: Agency/Government/IGO Watch**

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

#### **United Nations – Secretary General, Security Council, General Assembly** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

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**[Secretary-General, at AI Impact Summit, Urges \\$3 Billion in Investment for Developing Countries, Strong Guardrails to Ensure Technology Benefits Everyone](#)**

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**[Entering Fourth Year, Sudan's Brutal Civil War Hits 'Horrific Milestone', Speakers Tell Security Council, Citing Rising Sexual Violence, Mass Atrocities](#)**

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**[United Nations Palestinian Rights Committee Bureau Strongly Condemns Israeli Actions Undermining Palestinian Land Rights in Occupied West Bank](#)**

18 February 2026 SC/16299

**[Window for Peace in Gaza Not Indefinite, Speakers Stress, Urging Security Council to Consolidate Ceasefire, Ease 'Profound' Suffering of Palestinians](#)**

While the Security Council heard today that a window exists for Israelis and Palestinians to move away from the conflict and suffering that have long defined their relationship, speakers also warned that this opportunity is neither assured nor indefinite.

#### **UN Human Rights – OHCHR** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Latest News, Statements, Press Releases [Selected]*

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Artificial intelligence and algorithms

**[High Commissioner Türk: Human rights are the foundations for AI that benefits humanity](#)**

**[Ethnic cleansing concerns in Gaza and West Bank amid intensified violence and forcible transfers by Israel – UN report](#)**

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**[Special Rapporteur condemns Israeli attempts to further annex West Bank](#)**

**UN Human Rights Council** [to 21 Feb 2026]

[https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/news?field\\_content\\_category=162&field\\_entity=1203](https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/news?field_content_category=162&field_entity=1203)

News

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**Committee on the Rights of the Child** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

Latest news

*No new digest content identified.*

**Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

Latest News

*No new digest content identified.*

**SRSG/CAAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

Press Releases

**[Looking Forward: a New Window of Hope for Children in Syria](#)**

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**SRSG/SVC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

Statements, Press Releases

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**Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

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**Special Rapporteur on the right to health** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

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**[Iran: UN experts demand transparency and accountability following nationwide protests](#)**

**Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

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

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**Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

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**UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Press Releases*

[\*\*After four years of destruction and the coldest winter yet, UNHCR's Salih urges support for Ukraine\*\*](#)

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[\*\*On South Sudan visit, UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador Kristin Davis calls for urgent support for families fleeing Sudan\*\*](#)

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**UN OCHA** Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

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[\*\*OCHA urges Security Council to protect civilians and aid workers in Sudan\*\*](#)

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**Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Latest Stories*

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**IOM [International Organization for Migration]** [to 21 Feb 2026]

<http://www.iom.int>

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[\*\*IOM and IFRC Assume Co-Leadership of Global Shelter, Land and Site Coordination Cluster\*\*](#)

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[\*\*IOM and Muslim Charity Respond to Urgent Shelter Needs in Gaza\*\*](#)

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### **[USD 91M Appeal Launched to Support Migrants Along Key African Migration Corridors](#)**

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### **[IOM Expands Islamic Philanthropy Fund to Reach Migrants and Displaced Families Worldwide](#)**

**UNAIDS** [21 Feb 2026]

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

*News, Stories, Updates*

*Press Release*

### **[UNAIDS rallies African leaders to remain united to end AIDS](#)**

GENEVA, 17 February 2026—At the 39th African Union summit, UNAIDS urged African leaders to stay united, keep HIV high on the political agenda and move towards sustainable financing for health and development.

**UNICEF** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Latest press releases, news notes and statements [Selected]*

*Remarks* 20 February 2026

### **[The children of Syria deserve a future worthy of their strength](#)**

NEWCASTLE/GENEVA, 20 February 2026 –, "I left Syria as a child, clutching my schoolbooks, searching for safety, and thinking home would never be a reality for me again. Last week, I again returned to my country not as a refugee, but as a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador. And yet the moment I landed in Damascus, I was th...

*Statement* 19 February 2026

### **[UNICEF calls for the release of all children arrested in the latest public unrest in Iran](#)**

AMMAN, 19 February 2026 –, "UNICEF is deeply concerned by the reports that children arrested in connection with the recent public unrest in...

### **[Successive cyclones put children at risk in Madagascar](#)**

ANTANANARIVO, 17 February 2026 —, At least 6,000 children have been displaced and nearly 29,000 are unable to attend school in the aftermath of Cyclone Gezani, which struck eastern Madagascar on 10 February with winds exceeding 200 km/h. The second cyclone to hit the country in just two weeks, Gezani has affected ...

Iran remain in detention. "While the number of children currently detained, or the conditions of their detention cannot be verified, we urge that immediate, independent access...

*News note* 18 February 2026

### **[Drone strike in West Kordofan kills 15 children](#)**

NEW YORK, 18 February 2026 - , The lives and safety of children in Sudan continue to be threatened by unchecked violence. On Monday 16 February, at least 15 children were reportedly killed and 10 wounded after a drone strike on a displacement camp in Al Sunut, West Kordofan. "Desperate families in Sudan seek shelt...

*Press release* 17 February 2026

### **[More than a third of Ukraine's children remain displaced four years into war – UNICEF](#)**

GENEVA/KYIV, 17 February 2026 –, More than a third of Ukraine's children – 2,589,900 – remain

displaced as the war in Ukraine enters its fifth year. This includes more than 791,000 children inside Ukraine and nearly 1,798,900 children living as refugees outside the country. "Millions of children and families have...

*Remarks* 17 February 2026

**[This war is following children, as attacks on civilian areas continue across Ukraine four years into war](#)**

KHERSON/GENEVA, 17 February 2026 –, "One freezing night in late January, Kateryna grabbed her two children and ran into the corridor. The explosions were louder than normal by Kherson standards and suddenly a blast ripped through their home. "Sixteen-year-old Daria and eight-year-old Artem were injured by shrapnel...

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**WHO & Regional Offices** [21 Feb 2026]

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

*Selected News/Announcements/Statements*

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**[Next-generation influenza vaccines could save millions of lives, finds WHO](#)**

Next generation influenza vaccines that provide broader and longer-lasting protection than existing seasonal vaccines, could play a vital role in reducing the global burden of influenza, according to a recent World Health Organization (WHO) assessment.

The new WHO Full value of improved influenza vaccine assessment (FVIVA) and Vaccine journal article evaluate the health, economic, and policy impacts of next-generation influenza vaccines and identifies future barriers to their uptake globally. They provide a basis to guide investment, policy decisions, and introduction strategies – supporting stronger seasonal influenza programmes and enhanced pandemic preparedness...

18 February 2026 News release

**[WHO validates elimination of trachoma as a public health problem in Libya](#)**

17 February 2026 Departmental update

**[Conflict and instability make pregnancy more dangerous](#)**

17 February 2026 News release

**[Global commitment on display as countries negotiate key annex to the Pandemic Agreement](#)**

16 February 2026

**[Departmental update ICD-11 2026 Release](#)**

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**WHO Vaccines and Immunization [IVB]**

[https://www.who.int/health-topics/vaccines-and-immunization#tab=tab\\_1](https://www.who.int/health-topics/vaccines-and-immunization#tab=tab_1)

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**[Next-generation influenza vaccines could save millions of lives, finds WHO](#)**

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**WHO African Region AFRO**

:: 17 February 2026

**[Malawi vaccinates 1.3 million children in response to polio outbreak](#)**

**WHO Region of the Americas PAHO**

:: 20 Feb 2026

**[PAHO updates dengue situation in the Americas, recommends strengthened surveillance and health system preparedness](#)**

Washington, D.C., February 20, 2026 (PAHO) – The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) this week released a new epidemiological update on dengue in the Americas, emphasizing the importance for countries of maintaining and reinforcing prevention, surveillance, and health system preparedness, while remaining attentive to potential changes in the...

:: 19 Feb 2026

**[PAHO's Revolving Funds deliver 234 million vaccines and critical health supplies in 2025, reaching 85 million people across the Americas](#)**

Washington D.C., February 19, 2026 (PAHO) – In 2025, the Pan American Health Organization's Regional Revolving Funds (RFF) delivered over 234 million vaccine doses and 13 million diagnostic tests to countries across the Americas. The supplies reached an estimated 85 million people, helping prevent outbreaks, vaccine-preventable diseases, and...

**WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO**

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**WHO European Region EURO**

*No new digest content identified.*

**WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO**

:: **[WHO validates elimination of trachoma as a public health problem in Libya](#)**

18 February 2026

:: **[Vaccinating zero-dose children among returning families in Nimroz](#)**

15 February 2026

**WHO Western Pacific Region**

:: 20 February 2026

**[Media release - Solomon Islands and WHO: Working together to strengthen health security](#)**

:: 18 February 2026

**[Joint News Release - Samoa officially launches One Health Pandemic Preparedness and Response project](#)**

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**WHO - Emergency situation reports**

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

**[Multi-country outbreak of cholera, epidemiological update #34 -21 February 2026](#)**

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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.*

No new digest content identified.

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### **Weekly Epidemiological Record**

Vol. 101, No. 8, pp. 33-36 20 February 2026

<https://iris.who.int/server/api/core/bitstreams/cb19801a-6aa3-4343-ae02-06aa6dae4eb7/content>

:: From Field to Public Health Action: The Path of Genomic Surveillance from Brazil to the Americas

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### **New WHO Publications**

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

*Selected*

20 February 2026

#### **[WHO water, sanitation, hygiene and waste strategy 2026-2035](#)**

*Overview*

Unsafe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) still drive at least 1.4 million preventable deaths each year (1), while climate shocks, outbreaks, migration and aging infrastructure present additional challenges. Despite gains since 2015, 1 in 4 – or 2.1 billion people globally – still lack access to safely managed drinking water, including 106 million who drink directly from untreated surface sources; 3.4 billion people still lack safely managed sanitation, including 354 million who practice open defecation.

Addressing these persistent gaps requires coordinated global action, and WHO's leadership on WASH is a critical part of that effort. By setting evidence-based norms and standards, strengthening regulatory and monitoring systems, and supporting countries to embed WASH into health policies and service delivery, WHO helps translate proven interventions into sustained impact.

The WHO water, sanitation, hygiene and waste strategy 2026–2035 offers an opportunity to strengthen WHO's contribution to improving health through WASH actions within and beyond WHO, to reinforce WHO's influence within WASH partnerships, to mobilize investment, to strengthen alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and relevant regional policy frameworks, and to build on synergies between the SDGs, health and WASH.

17 February 2026

#### **[Maternal mortality in fragile and conflict-affected situations: technical brief](#)**

*Overview*

This brief aligns the latest maternal mortality estimates with whether a country is conflict-affected or considered institutionally fragile. Nearly two-thirds of all maternal deaths worldwide occur in countries marked by conflict or fragility. The risk of a woman who lives in a country affected by conflict dying due to maternal causes is around five times higher for each pregnancy she undergoes compared to her peers in stable countries. In 2023 alone, an estimated 160,000 women died from preventable maternal causes in fragile and conflict-affected settings, that is 6 in 10 maternal deaths worldwide, despite these countries accounting for only around one in ten of global live births.

15 February 2026

#### **[Mainstreaming antimicrobial resistance into primary health care: international workshop report](#)**

15 February 2026

#### **[WHO malaria terminology 2025, Third edition](#)**

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**World Organisation for Animal Health [OIE]** [21 Feb 2026]

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

*Press Releases, Statements*

*No new digest announcements identified.*

**UNFPA United Nations Population Fund** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News story*

*No new digest announcements identified.*

**UNDP** United Nations Development Programme [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News Centre*

**[Statement attributed to Alexander De Croo, Administrator UNDP and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations](#)**

February 16, 2026

... Due to the impacts of war, Gaza has lost nearly 70 years of development progress. We are now working to kickstart a Palestinian owned and led early recovery, providing basic services and boosting the businesses that are ready to scale up again. Gaza is in a critical phase, and laying this groundwork will pave the way for wider stabilization...

**UN Division for Sustainable Development** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNEP** United Nations Environment Programme [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Resources [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNDRR** UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Press Releases, Statements and messages [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN DESA** United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Latest*

17-02-2026 | DESA

### **[A world on the move for sustainable, inclusive and resilient transportation](#)**

17 February 2026 - Every morning around the world, billions of people step onto a bus, bike to work, wait for a train, or drive long distances to reach their jobs, schools, markets, and health care.

16-02-2026 | DESA

### **[World Day of Social Justice: A call for coordinated action](#)**

16 February 2026 - World Day of Social Justice, observed every 20 February by the United Nations, stands as a global reminder of our shared demand for fairness, dignity, and equity.

## **ILO International Labour Organization** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

## **UNESCO** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Press Releases, News [Selected]*

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

*Press releases*

### **[Creators face projected global revenue losses of up to 24% by 2028, new UNESCO report shows](#)**

18 February 2026

UNESCO has just launched the latest edition of its flagship report Re|Shaping Policies for Creativity, which analyses a rapidly evolving cultural landscape shaped by digital transformation, Artificial Intelligence (AI), shifting global trade dynamics, and mounting threats to artistic freedom. A global monitoring report with data from over 120 countries, it points out the need for stronger policies to protect creators from widening inequalities.

### **[UNESCO mobilizes an additional \\$6.9 million from Japan to support emergencies](#)**

17 February 2026

As the world faces unprecedented crises, from conflicts to climate change, UNESCO has today announced 19 new projects worth \$6.9 million to support emergencies around the world, thanks to Japan's contribution. The new funds will strengthen actions in the areas of cultural heritage, education and access to information and will reinforce UNESCO's role in emergency settings.

## **International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)** [to 21 Feb 2026]

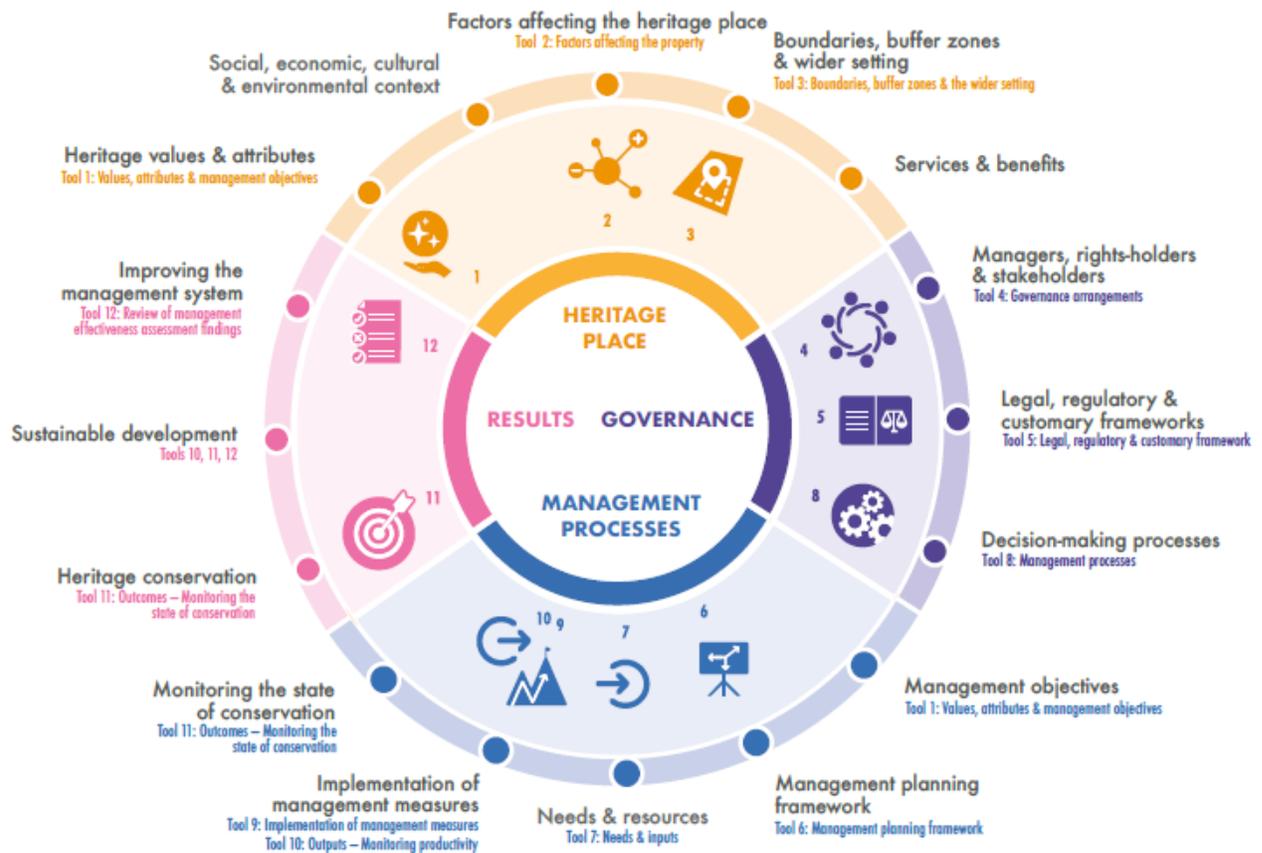
<https://www.icomos.org/news/>

*Announcements [Selected]*

Feb 19, 2026 *World Heritage*

### **[New resource manual sets framework for managing World Heritage](#)**

UNESCO and the Advisory Bodies to the World Heritage Committee – ICCROM, ICOMOS, and IUCN – have announced the release of a new manual, "Managing World Heritage", a foundational reference document to guide conservation in World Heritage and other heritage places, outlining the key elements and processes of the management system.



**Figure 6.1** The twelve tools from the manual *Enhancing our Heritage Toolkit 2.0* can be used separately or collectively to evaluate the effectiveness of the management system. The tools can be used to analyse the most critical elements of the management system. The social, economic, cultural and environmental context together with services and benefits of the heritage place are overarching aspects that can be drawn out by using the tools collectively.

**UNODC** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 21 Feb 2026]

<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 21 Feb 2026]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**FAO** Food & Agriculture Organization [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**World Food Programme** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Selected News Releases [Selected]*

20 February 2026

**[WFP warns of catastrophic shortfalls in Somalia with millions at risk of deepening hunger crisis](#)**

MOGADISHU, Somalia – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) is sounding the alarm that its life-saving emergency food and nutrition assistance in Somalia is at imminent risk of grinding to a halt without new immediate funding commitments. The organization's resources are expected to be depleted within weeks without urgent replenishment.

19 February 2026

**[Government of Sindh and the United States Department of Agriculture announce \\$80 Million for Sindh's School Meals Program](#)**

KARACHI, Pakistan (February 17, 2026) —The Government of Sindh and the United States Department of Agriculture's McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program today launched the Sindh School Meals Program, which leverages U.S.-provided commodities to deliver daily cooked meals and take-home rations to more than 200,000 students across nearly 1,300 primary schools in Sindh.

19 February 2026

**[WFP intensifies emergency response as conflict escalates in Jonglei, South Sudan](#)**

JUBA, South Sudan – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) is scaling up its emergency response to reach the growing number of people forced to flee spiralling conflict in South Sudan's Jonglei state. These life-saving food distributions, transported along river routes, come amid increasing insecurity that is hampering humanitarian efforts and threatening to drive hunger in the region to unprecedented levels.

**ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Latest News and Highlights [Selected]*

**[Governments must enhance support for air crash victims and their families](#)**

Montréal, 20 February 2026 – The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) is urging governments and air transport partners worldwide to accelerate the implementation of comprehensive support systems for air crash victims and their families and to implement recent enhancements to ICAO's accident investigation standards.

**IMO International Maritime Organization** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**WMO World Meteorological Organization** [to 21 Feb 2026]

<https://public.wmo.int>

*News [Selected]*

**[New initiatives launched to address extreme heat in South Asia](#)**

*News* 20 February 2026

The World Health Organization (WHO)–World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Climate and Health Joint Programme, The Rockefeller Foundation, and Wellcome announce new regional efforts to connect

climate science to health action to prevent heat impacts and save lives.

**UPU** Universal Postal Union [to 21 Feb 2026]  
<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 21 Feb 2026]  
<https://www.unido.org/news>  
*News [Selected]*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**International Organization for Standardization (ISO)** [to 21 Feb 2026]  
<https://www.iso.org/announcements.html>  
*News [Selected]*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization [to 21 Feb 2026]  
<http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/>  
*Press releases [Selected]*

**[World Intellectual Property Report: Pace of Innovation Diffusion Reaches Historical Heights, But Access, Usage and Capability Gaps Remain](#)**

New technologies are spreading across borders at unprecedented pace and gaps are narrowing in how intensively countries are using the innovations, the latest World Intellectual Property Report (WIPIR) 2026, Technology on the Move finds.

Feb 17, 2026 [PR/2026/946](#)

**CBD** Convention on Biological Diversity [to 21 Feb 2026]  
<https://www.cbd.int/>  
*Announcements/Decisions/Events [Selected]*  
*Notification 2026-019*

**[Operationalizing the Multilateral Mechanism for the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources, including the Cali Fund: Extension of deadline to submit relevant information and updates on actions to give effect to decision 16/2](#)**

Reference is made to notification [2026-006](#), issued on 15 January 2026, where Parties and other Governments were invited to submit relevant information related to the progress made towards the implementation of [decision 16/2](#). I would like to thank those who have submitted information and invite those who have not done so to submit information as soon as possible. I am also pleased to inform you that the deadline to submit nominations has been **extended to 6 March 2026...**

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**DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.]** [to 21 Feb 2026]  
<https://www.darpa.mil/news>  
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*No new digest content identified.*

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### **U.S. Department of State**

<https://www.state.gov/press-releases/>

*Press Releases - Selected*

*Press Statement*

#### **[Announcement of Additional Visa Restriction Targets for Individuals Involved in Inhibiting Iranians' Rights to Freedom of Expression](#)**

Thomas "Tommy" Pigott February 18, 2026

### **Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [U.K.] [nee DFID] [to 21 Feb 2026]**

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

*Latest*

20 February 2026 — Press release

#### **[Global Partnerships Conference to build new international coalitions to tackle shared challenges](#)**

The UK will cohost a major conference on the future of international development to drive shared growth and prosperity and tackle global challenges head on, it is announced today.

18 February 2026 — Press release

#### **[Foreign Secretary's statement on the situation in the Middle East: UK Statement at the UN Security Council](#)**

Statement by Yvette Cooper, Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, at the UN Security Council meeting on the Middle East.

### **ECHO [to 21 Feb 2026]**

[https://ec.europa.eu/echo/news-stories/news\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/echo/news-stories/news_en)

*News*

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#### **[Sudan: joint statement on protection of civilians and humanitarian operations](#)**

Following the recent severe escalation in the conflict in Sudan, Commissioner Hadja Lahbib joined 32 countries to reiterate EU's full support to the people of Sudan and reaffirm its commitment to the respect of international humanitarian law.

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*News article* 17 February 2026

#### **[EU announces over €81 million in humanitarian aid as conflict in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo pushes Great Lakes crisis to new extremes](#)**

With this new humanitarian funding, the EU will provide life-saving services to the most vulnerable in the eastern DRC, but also to Congolese refugees forced to flee...

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### **African Union [to 21 Feb 2026]**

<http://www.au.int>

*Press releases [Selected]*

#### **[African Leaders Endorse and Launch the Africa Water Vision 2063 & Policy](#)**

February 17, 2026

The launch of the Vision and Policy signals a strategic shift: water and sanitation are no longer treated

merely as sectoral challenges, but recognised as fundamental for economic transformation, climate resilience, regional integration and long-term prosperity.

**ASEAN** Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Secretariat News [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**European Commission** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Latest [Selected]*

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**[European Commission statement on the recent judgment of the Supreme Court of the United States](#)**

*Statement Feb 17, 2026*

**[Joint statement on protection of civilians and humanitarian operations in Sudan](#)**

*Press release Feb 16, 2026*

**[EU announces over €81 million in humanitarian aid as conflict in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo pushes Great Lakes crisis to new extremes](#)**

The escalation of conflict in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is driving mass displacement. The resources of food, water and shelter are stretched to breaking point and women and children increasingly left exposed to violence and exploitation. As Commissioner for Crisis Management Hadja Lahbib visits the region, the EU is mobilising €81.2 million in humanitarian aid across the Great Lakes.

**OECD** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Newsroom*

*Press release*

**[OECD appoints Stefano Scarpetta as Chief Economist](#)**

17 February 2026

**Organization of American States (OAS)** [to 21 Feb 2026]

[https://www.oas.org/en/media\\_center/press\\_releases.asp](https://www.oas.org/en/media_center/press_releases.asp)

*Press Releases*

**[OAS Permanent Council to Discuss Threats to the Constitutional Order in Guatemala and Receive Report on the Secretary General's Administration](#)**

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**Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News*

**[OIC Strongly Condemns Israel's Colonial Measures and Calls for Urgent International Action](#)**

The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) has warned of the danger of a series of illegal measures and decisions taken by

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**Group of 77** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Latest Statements and Speeches [Selected]*

Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China delivered by the delegation of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay at the ECOSOC [Special Meeting on Agrifood Systems Transformations for Leaving No One Behind, Panel 1 – Scaling Up Finance to Transform Agrifood Systems: Accelerating Opportunities for Employment and Entrepreneurship \(New York, 16 February 2026\)](#)

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**UNCTAD** [to 21 Feb 2026]

<https://unctad.org/>

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*No new digest content identified.*

**World Customs Organization – WCO** [to 015 Oct 2022]

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNWTO** World Tourism Organization [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**WTO - World Trade Organisation** [to 21 Feb 2026]

[http://www.wto.org/english/news\\_e/news\\_e.htm](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 21 Feb 2026] <https://www.ipu.org/news/press-releases>

*Press releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**European Court of Human Rights**

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

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*No new digest content identified.*

**International Court of Justice** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Criminal Court (ICC)** [to 21 Feb 2026]

*Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity*

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

*News [Selected]*

**[ICC Judges amend the Regulations of the Court to regulate motions for acquittal](#)**

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**International Law Commission** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Recent Developments*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**United States Court of International Trade**

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

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*No new digest content identified.*

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**World Bank** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

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**IMF** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

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**African Development Bank** [to 21 Feb 2026]

<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*

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**[Resilient Rice Value Chains: African Development Bank Group and AfricaRice launch \\$8.5 million REWARD Programme in 14 West African countries](#)**

20-Feb-2026

**[African Development Bank Group awards \\$16.6 million grant to IITA to scale agricultural technologies in Africa](#)**

16-Feb-2026

**[African regional blocs rally behind the New African Financial Architecture to mobilise Africa's capital power and close Africa's financing gap](#)**

**Asian Development Bank** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

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*Latest News Releases*

20 Feb 2026

**[ADB, Pacific Islands Forum Agree to Accelerate Regional Cooperation](#)**

ADB President Masato Kanda and Pacific Islands Forum Secretary General Baron Waqa today signed a historic Partnership Agreement to deepen collaboration and promote regional cooperation and integration across the Pacific.

**Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

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**IDB – Inter-American Development Bank** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

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*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Press Releases*

*Press release 18 February 2026*

**[Rome-Based UN Agencies Convene High-Level Panel on Scaling AI for Development at India AI Impact Summit 2026](#)**

Leading experts from three Rome-based United Nations agencies joined India's Chief Economic Advisor for a panel discussion on transforming artificial intelligence from pilot projects into sustainable, large-scale solutions th

**Islamic Development Bank** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

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

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

**Action Contre la Faim – Action Against Hunger** [to 21 Feb 2026]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

*Communiqués de presse*

*Madagascar*

**[Madagascar : Action contre la Faim déploie une réponse d’urgence après le passage du cyclone Gezani et lance un appel à la solidarité](#)**

Publié le 13 février 2026, Mis à jour le 16 février 2026

Le mardi 10 février, le cyclone tropical intense Gezani a frappé la côte Est de Madagascar, touchant de plein fouet la ville de Toamasina. Présentes sur le terrain, les équipes d’Action contre la Faim interviennent auprès des populations sinistrées pour leur apporter une aide d’urgence et contribuer à la coordination de la réponse humanitaire face à des besoins en constante augmentation.

**Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA)** [to 21 Feb 2026]

<https://alima.ngo/>

*Our Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Amref Health Africa** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Press Releases*

**[The Netherlands invests €50M to Counter Harmful Practices in East Africa.](#)**

Nairobi, 16 February 2026 – The Dutch government is investing €50 million (USD 59 million) to protect girls in East Africa from Harmful practices, including female genital mutilation (FGM) and child, early, and forced marriages.

**Aravind Eye Care System** [to 21 Feb 2026]

<https://aravind.org/>

*Aravind News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Blue Shield International** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*BS International News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**BRAC** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Updates*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Clubhouse International** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News/Events*

**[Join Our 2026 Clubhouse Movement Celebration Week Mar. 2-8!](#)**

In partnership with Clubhouse Michigan, Clubhouse International presents this special week to amplify Clubhouse voices and invite the public to learn, connect, and celebrate. We share stories of recovery, celebrate achievements, raise awareness, and honor the leaders who shaped the Clubhouse movement—showing what’s possible when inclusion and community come first.

**Danish Refugee Council** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Press Releases*

**[Ukraine: Evacuation from the frontline areas as a last hope](#)**

Despite ongoing hostilities in Ukraine, many people refuse to leave their homes until the very last moment. Only when explosions destroy their houses are they forced to make the painful decision to evacuate.

Posted on 20 Feb 2026

**ECPAT** [to 21 Feb 2026]

<https://ecpat.org/>

*News*

**[Joint Statement Calling upon Governments to Step Up Extraterritorial Cooperation to End the Sexual Exploitation of Children](#)**

Feb 18, 2026

**EIFL – Electronic Information for Libraries** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

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

**[EIFL checklist for using OJS in journal publishing](#)**

17 Feb 2026

We have updated the EIFL checklist of good practices in using the free and open source software, Open Journal Systems (OJS), for managing the (...)

*Open Access Programme*

## **No-fee OA publishing in Africa policy brief and funding sources...**

16 Feb 2026

The 'Collaboration for sustainable open access publishing in Africa' project, implemented by EIFL, African Journals Online (AJOL) and the West and (...)

*Open Access Programme*

**Fountain House** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News*

**Member Spotlight: 'I share my story in hopes of inspiring other Black and Muslim Americans to seek help, support and community'**

February 19, 2026

**GE2P2 Global Foundation** [21 Feb 2026]

[www.ge2p2.org](http://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 – 06 Feb 2026](#)

:: [Genomics, Gene Editing, Convergent Biosciences: Governance, Ethics, Policy, Practice – A Monthly Review – Nov 2025](#)

**Humanity & Inclusion** [nee Handicap International] [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News*

**HI helps earthquake victims in the Philippines regain their independence**

*Emergency | Rehabilitation | Philippines | PUBLISHED ON February 20th 2026*

**Heifer International** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News*

**When Women Invest Together, Communities Grow Stronger**

By Heifer International | February 19, 2026

**HelpAge International** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News*

**A defining week at the UN for the future of older people's rights**

16 February 2026

The UN meets in Geneva for the first session of a new Intergovernmental Working Group tasked with drafting a legally binding instrument on the rights of older people.

**ICRC** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Latest press releases and statements*

**Ukraine: ICRC Director-General - Millions in Ukraine face intolerable suffering and growing needs amid ongoing conflict**

*News release 21-02-2026*

**IFRC** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Press releases*

**IOM and IFRC Assume Co-Leadership of Global Shelter, Land and Site Coordination Cluster**

Geneva, 19 February 2026 – The International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) have assumed joint leadership of the new Global Shelter, Land and Site Coordination Cluster, marking a major step forward in delivering faster, fairer, and more effective humanitarian assistance worldwide.

**International Medical Corps (IMC)** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Press Releases/ Updates / Alerts*

*No new digest content identified.*

**IRC [International Rescue Committee]** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Press Releases*

**IRC: New U.S. Policy Breaks America's Promise to Refugee Families, Undermining Decades of Bipartisan Support for Refugee Resettlement**

February 19, 2026

*Press Release*

**IRC and War Child Announce Five-Year Strategic Partnership to Protect Children Affected by Conflict and Crises**

February 16, 2026

**IRCT** [to 21 Feb 2026]

<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 21 Feb 2026]

[https://islamic-relief.org/news\\_category/news/](https://islamic-relief.org/news_category/news/)

*Latest news and updates*

*Gaza News*

**Gaza's education crisis**

February 17, 2026

**Mercy Corps** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News Releases & Alerts*

February 18, 2026

**[Four Years of War and Freezing Winters: Ukrainian Farmers Feed the Nation Amid Blackouts](#)**

Kyiv – Four years into full-scale war, civilians across Ukraine are battling freezing temperatures, rolling blackouts...

**MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Latest [Selected Announcements]*

*Ethiopia*

**[MSF establishes a new project in Southwest Ethiopia Region](#)**

Project Update 12 Feb 2026

*Conflict in Sudan*

**[MSF launches an emergency response in El Obeid, southern Sudan](#)**

Project Update 11 Feb 2026

**The New Humanitarian** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News*

*Aid and Policy Cheat Sheet* 20 Feb 2026

**[Darfur genocide findings, extra aid cut deaths, and lofty Board of Peace promises](#)**

*Aid and Policy Opinion*

19 February 2026

**[Somalia is facing a disastrous drought. It's not the time to weaponise aid](#)**

**Norwegian Refugee Council**

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

*News & Press Releases*

*Press release*

**[Ukraine: Four years of war leaves displaced on the brink](#)**

19. Feb 2026 | *Ukraine*

**OXFAM** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Press Releases/Stories*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Pact** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Latest News & Highlights*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Partners In Health** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News & Stories*

### **Opening Day at the Maternal Center of Excellence in Sierra Leone**

From the first patient admission to the first birth, a powerful beginning for a new standard of maternal and neonatal care in Kono District.

February 18, 2026

**PATH** [21 Feb 2026]

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

*Newsroom [Selected]*

### **PATH leaders recognized at the highest levels of science and global governance**

February 18, 2026 by PATH

PATH is pleased to announce two recent milestone appointments:

Dr. Melanie Saville, PATH's Chief Scientific Officer, has been named Chair of the World Health Organization's Product Development for Vaccines Advisory Committee (PDVAC), and Prof. Bilal Mateen, PATH's Chief AI Officer, has been appointed to the United Nations' first Independent International Scientific Panel on Artificial Intelligence.

These recognitions, spanning vaccine development and artificial intelligence, reflect the breadth and depth of PATH's scientific leadership and the caliber of expertise the organization brings to the most pressing health challenges of our time...

**Plan International/BORNEfonden** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News*

### **Plan urges action on Sudan's deepening humanitarian crisis**

*Our response to UN's El Fasher Report.*

19 February 2026

**Save the Children** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Latest news*

19 Feb 2026 *GLOBAL*

### **UKRAINE: The demining dog helping children stay safe in the world's most heavily mined country**

Trained to sniff out the vapours from explosive devices, the six-year-old German Spitz participates in sessions run by Save the Children's partner organisation, Ukrainian Deminers Association, in Kharkiv, a frontline area hard hit during four years of full-scale war.

19 Feb 2026 *GLOBAL*

### **UKRAINE: CHILDREN ANXIOUS, FEARFUL AFTER 4,000 HOURS OF AIR RAID ALARMS IN FOUR YEARS OF WAR**

The last quarter of 2025 saw an uptick in the duration of alarms, coinciding with an intensification of the conflict in recent months, further compounding psychological pressure on children and families already living under prolonged strain.

19 Feb 2026 *GLOBAL*

### **SUDAN: Children killed on first day of Ramadan must spur urgent action to protect every child – Save the Children**

At least 18 people, including children, were killed on Wednesday when a drone strike hit a water collection point in Umm Rusum village, located in Al-Sunut locality of West Kordofan State, according to

local media.

18 Feb 2026 *Tanzania*

**[TANZANIA: Over 130,000 children risk losing essential services as refugee camp closures approach](#)**

More than 130,000 refugees and asylum-seeking children living near Tanzania's border with Burundi could lose access to education and all essential services in coming weeks due to an accelerated repatriation programme.

**Tostan** [to 21 Feb 2026]

<https://tostan.org/blog/>

*News & Stories*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Women for Women International** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Articles*

February 19, 2026

**[The Critical Role of Women in Building Lasting Peace](#)**

Article

February 17, 2026

**[A Strategic Partnership to Advance Women's Economic Independence and Address GBV in Africa](#)**

**World Vision** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Featured Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**Electronic Frontiers Foundation** [to 21 Feb 2026]

[https://www.eff.org/updates?type=press\\_release](https://www.eff.org/updates?type=press_release)

*Our Work*

*Press Release / February 17, 2026*

**[New Report Helps Journalists Dig Deeper Into Police Surveillance Technology](#)**

SAN FRANCISCO — A new report released today offers journalists tips on cutting through the sales hype about police surveillance technology and report accurately on costs, benefits, privacy, and accountability as these invasive and often ineffective tools come to communities across the nation. [The "Selling Safety"...](#)

**Freedom House** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News Releases & Statements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Human Rights Watch** [to 21 Feb 2026]

[https://www.hrw.org/  
News Releases/Spotlight](https://www.hrw.org/NewsReleases/Spotlight)  
*Spotlight:*

February 18, 2026 | *Feature*

[After the Storm](#)

A new web feature looks at climate change, planned relocation, and people with disabilities in Siargao, Philippines.

February 5, 2026 | *Interview*

[Interview: Investigating the Downfall of El Fasher, Sudan](#)

February 20, 2026 | *Dispatches*

[Anniversary of Fatal Italy Shipwreck Comes Amid New Tragedies](#)

February 19, 2026 | *Dispatches*

[Six Years of Denied Justice in Hanau](#)

February 19, 2026 | *Dispatches*

[Trinidadian Nationals Face Escalating Abuse in Syrian Camp](#)

**Transparency International** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

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**ChildFund Alliance** [to 21 Feb 2026]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>  
*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

**CONCORD** [to 21 Feb 2026]

<http://concordeurope.org/>  
*Latest News and Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**The Elders** [to 21 Feb 2026]

<https://theelders.org/news-insight>  
*Elder's Statements, News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Gavi** [to 21 Feb 2026]

<https://www.gavi.org/>  
*News Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Global Fund** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News Releases*

18 February 2026

**[Global Fund Board Welcomes Final Eighth Replenishment Outcome of US\\$12.64 Billion, Backs Strategic Shifts to Advance Countries' Path to Self-Reliance](#)**

The Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (the Global Fund) welcomed the final outcome of the partnership's Eighth Replenishment – US\$12.64 billion – at its 54th meeting on 12-13 February.

**ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Blogs, Press Releases & Statements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**InterAction** [to 21 Feb 2026]

<https://www.interaction.org/statements/>

*Latest Updates*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*What's New/Events*

16 February 2026

**[3ie and WHO sign MoU to strengthen evidence-informed policy-making in the Eastern Mediterranean Region](#)**

**CHS Alliance** [to 21 Feb 2026]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**(ALNAP) Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News, Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Disasters Emergency Committee** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*LATEST PRESS RELEASES*

*No new digest content identified.*

**EHLRA/R2HC/HIF** [to 21 Feb 2026]  
<http://www.elrha.org/resource-hub/news/News, Events>  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies** [nee CERAH] – [to 21 Feb 2026]  
<https://www.unige.ch/medecine/humanitarianstudies/latest-updates/news>  
*News*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Groupe URD** [to 21 Feb 2026]  
<https://www.urd.org/en/news/>  
*Publications, Events, News*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**International Humanitarian Studies Association** [to 21 Feb 2026]  
<https://ihsa.info/>  
*News, Events*

**[Humanitarian Blog Posts Selection, Feb 20, 2026](#)**

*[Text-bolding from original]*

This week's blog selection delves into **other acts and forms of violence that may persist beyond peace treaties and agreements**. In Uganda, relics of hostilities from the war are passed down through family ties, leading to **cultivation of other forms of human-centered resilience**. In Sudan, although a new peace plan to end hostilities is underway, **questions and concerns remain about whether it can lead to a lasting political settlement beyond stopping direct conflict**. Political and structural violence in Gaza continue to worsen the humanitarian crisis, with the **political causes of suffering largely ignored**.

In other parts of the world, **dire humanitarian conditions persist even in the absence of direct hostilities, including challenges around immigration and refugee protection**. There is also a pressing need to **invest in health as a means of safeguarding vulnerable populations** in Africa, which is key to securing a prosperous future.

**INEE** – an international network for education in emergencies [to 21 Feb 2026]  
<https://inee.org/>  
*Resources*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP)** [to 21 Feb 2026]  
<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](mailto:admin@phap.org)"***

**Sphere** [to 21 Feb 2026]  
<https://spherestandards.org/news/>

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Start Network** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News and Blog*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Unitaid** [21 Feb 2026]

<https://unitaid.org/>

*News releases*

[United Kingdom review reaffirms Unitaid's impact as a "critical enabler" of global health, awards A+ rating](#)

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**Brookings** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Research, Events*

*Research*

[Beyond paper reforms: Building coalitions for democracy in the DRC](#)

Jason K. Stearns, Ithiel Batumike, and Fred Bauma

February 20, 2026

*Research*

[Avoiding the next digital divide: Defining digital sovereignty for Tribal Nations in the AI age](#)

Morgan Gray, Kennedy Satterfield, Traci Morris, and Nicol Turner Lee

February 17, 2026

*Research*

[Is AI sovereignty possible? Balancing autonomy and interdependence](#)

Brooke Tanner, Cameron F. Kerry, Andrew W. Wyckoff, Nicoleta Kyosovska, Andrea Renda, and Elham Tabassi

February 17, 2026

:: AI sovereignty has entered policy discussions as governments confront the strategic importance of AI infrastructure, data, and models amid rising dependence on a small number of firms and jurisdictions.

:: While sovereign AI can benefit national security and economic competitiveness, it can also become a vehicle for protectionism, fragmented markets and standards, and duplicative or stranded public investment.

:: One practical alternative is "managed interdependence," an approach that relies on strategic alliances and partnerships to reduce risks throughout the AI stack.

**Center for Global Development** [21 Feb 2026]

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

*All Research*

*WORKING PAPER*

[Military Spending and IMF Surveillance: An Assessment, 2008-2023](#)

Sanjeev Gupta

February 18, 2026

Military spending received limited and uneven coverage in IMF surveillance. Of the 63 countries in which military spending was discussed in bilateral surveillance, fewer than 30 percent featured analysis of macroeconomic trade-offs, with most references limited to brief mentions or factual descripti...

**Chatham House** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Selected Analysis, Comment, Events*

**[US Supreme Court strikes down Trump's tariffs: Early analysis from Chatham House](#)**

Initial reaction after the top US court dealt a blow to President Donald Trump's economic agenda.

Expert comment

Published 20 February 2026 2 minute read

*Featured content*

*Audio*

**[As Ukraine peace talks stall, can Europe step up in its defence? Independent Thinking podcast](#)**

Chatham House analysts discuss the state of the Russia-Ukraine peace talks, and whether Europe will step up to provide the weapons and military support that Ukraine needs. They also examine how the Russia-Ukraine conflict fits into the wider superpower competition between the US, Russia and China.

20 February 2026 35 minute listen

*Expert comment*

**[Why are Middle Eastern governments lobbying against a US attack on Iran?](#)**

Threat perceptions have changed. Qatar, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Egypt all wish to avoid a war that would bring even more upheaval to the region.

19 February 2026 4 minute READ

*Explainer*

**[US military base on Diego Garcia: What is its strategic importance?](#)**

President Trump's comments regarding the island's potential use in a strike on Iran show its continued importance in projecting US power in the Indian Ocean region – even in a rapidly changing strategic environment.

19 February 2026 4 minute READ

*Expert comment*

**[Trump wants US energy dominance. Global markets may not agree](#)**

At first glance, the Trump administration's energy dominance policy appears to have been a success. But shifting energy market dynamics has proven difficult.

19 February 2026 4 minute READ

*Research paper*

**[How middle powers can weather US and Chinese AI dominance](#)**

While the US and China dominate AI, effective sovereign strategies can help middle powers ensure that this emerging technology is deployed in the national interest.

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**Council on Foreign Relations** [21 Feb 2026]

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

*News Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**CSIS** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Reports [Selected]*

**[A National Asset: The Colorado Quantum Ecosystem](#)**

The Colorado quantum ecosystem is a vital source of national competitiveness. Long-term institutional support and funding are needed to scale fundamental research and maintain a robust ecosystem. Report by Sujai Shivakumar, Charles Wessner, Phillip Singerman, Hideki Tomoshige, Thomas Howell, and Giulio Busulini — February 20, 2026

**IS Global** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

**McKinsey Global Institute** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Featured Research*

*No new digest content identified.*

**ODI** [Overseas Development Institute] [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Publications*

**[Advancing gender rights at the Human Rights Council in times of backlash](#)**

16 February 2026

Research report

**[MDBs as an asset class](#)**

16 February 2026

Working paper

**[Preferred creditor treatment and multilateral development banks' mobilisation agenda](#)**

16 February 2026

Working paper

**Pew Research Center** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Latest Publications*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Rand** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Published Research [Selected]*

*Expert Insights* Feb 20, 2026

**[Pursuing Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration in Gaza: A Critical Pathway to a](#)**

## **Durable Peace**

The authors propose a disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration (DDR) framework for Gaza. They also describe the preconditions necessary for a successful DDR program in Gaza, including the link to deradicalization.

*Video* Feb 19, 2026

## **The Geopolitics of AGI: How Might Advanced AI Reshape Global Politics and Security?**

How might advanced AI, including the potential emergence of artificial general intelligence (AGI), reshape global politics and security? Jim Mitre and Joel Predd discuss RAND's Geopolitics of AGI initiative and explore what policymakers need to know.

## **RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 21 Feb 2026]**

<http://researchonresearch.org/>

*RoRI News, Events*

February 16, 2026

## **Does targeted research funding reshape research landscapes?**

New evidence from Research Council Norway (RCN) and the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)

## **Alan Turing Institute**

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

*News, Events*

*News*

## **George Williamson appointed as CEO of the Alan Turing Institute**

Tuesday 17 Feb 2026

Dr George Williamson CMG has been appointed as the CEO of the Alan Turing Institute, the UK's national AI and data science institute, to lead a new phase in the organisation's evolution.

He will join the Turing from HMGCC (His Majesty's Government Communications Centre), where as CEO he led the organisation's work to create tools and technologies for the national security community.

George Williamson joins the Turing at a crucial time, with the Institute embarking on a new programme of work to build sovereign capability for national resilience in domains such as defence, security, critical infrastructure, environment and sustainability...

## **Urban Institute [to 21 Feb 2026]**

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

*New Research Publications - Selected*

*Brief*

## **Trade Policy and Democratic Resilience**

*Centering Workers in Economic Policy*

William J. Congdon, Elisabeth Jacobs, Deborah Kobes

February 20, 2026

## **The Wistar Institute [to 21 Feb 2026]**

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**World Economic Forum** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Media [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**ISC / International Science Council** [to 21 Feb 2026]

<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.*

*News*

**[Pacific Academy of Sciences launches first ever AI-powered research platform and Regional R&D assessment report](#)**

February 16, 2026

The Pacific Academy of Sciences (PAS) today announced two historic milestones for Pacific research and innovation at its inaugural Congress, launching the region's first AI-powered research platform alongside a comprehensive assessment of R&D investment across ten Pacific nations.

**Global Research Council** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**National Academy of Engineering - USA** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Latest News & Press Releases [Selected]*

**[Engineering Innovation for People and the Planet: 2026 NAE National Meeting](#)**

Fri, February 20, 2026

A dynamic community of engineering leaders, early-career innovators, and high school students came together on February 12 for the National Academy of Engineering's 2026 National Meeting

**National Academy of Medicine - USA** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News, Stories, Insights*

*No new digest content identified.*

**National Academies-Sciences-Engineering-Medicine [NASEM]- USA** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**National Endowment for the Humanities [U.S.]** [to 21 Feb 2026]

[https://www.neh.gov/newsroom?f%5B0%5D=news\\_type%3A281&f%5B1%5D=newsroom\\_content t](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 21 Feb 2026]

<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*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **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 21 Feb 2026]

<https://cioms.ch/>

*News; Publications; Events*

#### **Working Group XV – Pharmacoepidemiology for Public Health - PUBLIC CONSULTATION DRAFT REPORT**

Pharmacoepidemiology aims to appraise and understand the use and effects — both beneficial and adverse — of medicines in real-world settings. As such it can be considered a bridge science, linking clinical pharmacology, epidemiology, public health and the social sciences.

Medicines are public health tools. With regard to the quality and transparency of the assessment of their effectiveness and safety, they are increasingly subject to the expectations and requirements of patients, healthcare professionals and regulators. Those involved in the development and delivery of medicines must therefore take full account of the aforementioned paradigm shifts. Additionally, the arrival of novel therapeutic agents, such as gene therapy, biologics and mRNA vaccines, whose modes of action and interactions with living organisms have very little in common with those of the more

traditional chemical medicines, has brought into question the classic elements of pharmacovigilance and pharmacoepidemiology, such as the dose–effect relationship, drug causation criteria and the determination of drug exposure.

CIOMS full [concept note on Pharmacoepidemiology for Public Health](#)

You are invited to review and comment on the draft report entitled *Realising the Potential of Pharmacoepidemiology for Public Health Decision-Making*. [Download the report here](#).

Please note that comments will only be considered when using the [template provided here](#). The **deadline to submit your comments is 13 March 2026**.

**Hastings Center** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Press Releases, Events*

*Hastings Center News*

[Navigating “Wicked” Disagreement in Public Health](#)

Published February 19, 2026

**INSERM** [to 21 Feb 2026]

<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 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

Ongoing Public Consultations		^
>	<a href="#">Q3E EWG</a>	<a href="#">Guideline for Extractables and Leachables</a>
>	<a href="#">E22 EWG</a>	<a href="#">General Considerations for Patient Preference Studies</a>
>	<a href="#">M4Q(R2) EWG</a>	<a href="#">Revision of M4Q(R1)</a>

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

**Nuffield Council on Bioethics** [to 21 Feb 2026] <https://www.nuffieldbioethics.org/news>

*News and blogs*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights**

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

*Activities and News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**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*

**[World Health Professions Alliance Calls for Urgent Global Action to Protect Health Personnel from Violence and Persecution](#)**

18.02.2026

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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** [21 Feb 2026]

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

*News*

**[SciShots: Nervous and immune systems team up to take on parasites](#)**

Feb 19, 2026

Pain-sensing neurons in the intestine give marching orders to the immune system to kick off an attack against parasites

**Gates Foundation** [21 Feb 2026]

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

*Press Releases & Statements*

**[Philanthropic Partnership Backs Country-Led Research to Guide the Use of AI in Health](#)**

:: *The Gates Foundation, Novo Nordisk Foundation, and Wellcome will support locally led evaluations of AI tools that have the potential to improve health outcomes in low- and middle-income countries*

:: *The first call for proposals, now open, focuses on mature AI tools that support decision-making in primary and community health settings*

NEW DELHI (February 20, 2026) – The Gates Foundation, Novo Nordisk Foundation, and Wellcome

today announced a joint investment of US\$60 million to support locally led evaluations of AI health tools in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). The Evidence for AI in Health (EVAH) initiative will help governments and health systems determine which tools work, where they add value, and how they can be used responsibly.

Announced during the AI Impact Summit in New Delhi, EVAH is designed to address a critical gap in evidence on how AI performs in real-world health settings in LMICs. This new initiative will support the evaluation of health tools that have moved beyond early development, providing policymakers, providers, and developers in LMICs with the insights needed to make informed decisions about adoption and scale-up. EVAH marks the second investment of the US\$300 million global health research and development partnership launched by these three philanthropic organizations in 2024...

**Blue Meridian Partners** [to 21 Feb 2026]

<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 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Clinton Foundation** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News & Updates*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Co Impact** [to 21 Feb 2026]

[www.co-impact.io](http://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 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News & Press*

*News 19 Feb. 2026*

[\*\*ICYMI: Ford Foundation's Heather Gerken and Knight Foundation's Maribel Pérez Wadsworth Discuss Philanthropy's Role In Safeguarding Democracy at Knight Media Forum 2026\*\*](#)

**J. Paul Getty Trust** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Latest*

[\*\*Getty Does It 'All for Art' and Reveals Refreshed Brand Identity\*\*](#)



Evolution of Getty's design and messaging captures its mission of advancing art's meaning and impact  
Feb 17, 2026

**GHIT Fund** [21 Feb 2026]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Grameen Foundation** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**William and Flora Hewlett Foundation** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Latest Updates [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute** [21 Feb 2026]

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

*Press Room*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Conrad N. Hilton Foundation** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**IKEA Foundation** [to 21 Feb 2026]

<https://ikeafoundation.org/>

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Latest News and Highlights*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Kaiser Family Foundation/KFF** [21 Feb 2026]

[https://www.kff.org/search/?post\\_type=press-release](https://www.kff.org/search/?post_type=press-release)

*Newsroom*

### **Shifting U.S. Vaccine Policy: Explaining Federal Actions and Exploring Public Opinion**

Event Date: Feb 19, 2026

KFF experts shared insights on what the shifting policy for childhood and adult vaccination schedules means for state governments, the U.S. public health system, and Americans.

### **Reliance on Sources Other Than CDC/ACIP for State Childhood Vaccine Recommendations**

Feb 19, 2026

*State Health Facts Indicator*

### **State Requirements for Private Insurance Coverage of Vaccines**

Feb 19, 2026

*State Health Facts Indicator*

**Aga Khan Foundation** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News Releases*

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### **Ismaili Imamat and Aga Khan Foundation donate €1.5 million to support reconstruction efforts in Portugal**

The Ismaili Imamat and the Aga Khan Foundation will donate €1.5 million to support reconstruction and revitalisation efforts in areas of Portugal most affected by the devastating storms in recent weeks.

**MacArthur Foundation** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Latest News and Grantee News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Andrew W. Mellon Foundation** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News*

### **Announcing the 2026 Cohort of Jazz Legacies Fellows**

February 17, 2026

The 2026 Jazz Legacies Fellows are:

- Dee Alexander, 70, Vocals (Chicago, IL) Community cornerstone and defining voice of Chicago jazz, from classic to the avant-garde
- Kenny Barron, 82, Piano (Brooklyn, NY) Paragon of keyboard elegance who framed solos of past legends and nurtured voices of future stars
- Gary Bartz, 85, Saxophone (Oakland, CA) Era-spanning saxophone guru and innovator of socially conscious musical concepts
- William Cepeda, 65, Trombone (Loiza, PR) World-renowned pioneer of “Afro-Rican jazz” fusing folkloric roots and global influences
- Marilyn Crispell, 78, Piano (Woodstock, NY) Avant-garde powerhouse who combines elemental force with tender lyricism
- Donald Harrison, 65, Saxophone (New Orleans, LA) Big Chief and culture bearer of New

- Orleans jazz, and architect of "Nouveau Swing"
- Oliver Lake, 83, Alto Saxophone and Flute (Montclair, NJ) Black Artists Group and World Saxophone Quartet co-founder, and interdisciplinary trailblazer
  - Bennie Maupin, 84, Multi-Reeds (Los Angeles, CA) Multi-reed marvel who catalyzed cutting-edge jazz hybrids in iconic bands of his day
  - Charles McPherson, 86, Saxophone (San Diego, CA) Bebop torchbearer with a direct connection to the bedrock of modern jazz
  - Archie Shepp, 88, Saxophone (Amherst, MA) "Fire Music" forebear and academic pioneer who fearlessly chronicled the Black experience
  - Mary Stallings, 86, Vocals (San Francisco, CA) Preeminent jazz storyteller who recaptured her early glory and then surpassed it
  - Buster Williams, 83, Bass (Camden, NJ) Universally lauded giant of his instrument and lifelong spiritual seeker

**Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Recent News*

[Investments in wildfire resilience are essential for water safety and security](#)

[Wildfire Resilience Initiative](#)

February 19, 2026

[Seeking synthesis, experimental and theory investigators to advance the frontiers of quantum materials science](#)

February 18, 2026

**Open Society Foundations** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

**David and Lucile Packard Foundation** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News*

[Packard Foundation Names Ruth Levine Vice President of Families and Communities](#)

February 18, 2026

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation announced today that Dr. [Ruth Levine](#), Vice President of Just Societies and Chief Learning Officer, will also serve as its Vice President of Families and Communities...

**Pew Charitable Trusts** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News Room*

[Pew Awards \\$9.1M for Food Security, Health, Community Safety, and Economic Advancement in Philadelphia](#)

*Press Releases & Statements*

**Rockefeller Foundation** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News and Announcements*

**[Rockefeller Foundation, Global Energy Alliance, Clean Cooking Alliance, Energy Corps to Scale Modern Cooking Technologies in Africa](#)**

*Press Releases* Published Date February 18, 2026

:: New Clean Cooking Accelerator Initiative launched at IEA 2026 Ministerial to expand prosperity in Africa, where 1 billion people rely on traditional fuels such as wood and charcoal

:: Initiative seeks to scale access to cleaner, healthier cooking methods by strengthening supply chains, investing in infrastructure

Approximately one billion people in Africa rely on traditional fuels such as wood and charcoal. These fuels and appliances significantly increase household air pollution for families — especially women and children — and the associated health risks, such as respiratory illnesses....

**[Indian, Regional, and Global Partners Launch Initiatives to Address Extreme Heat in South Asia](#)**

*Press Releases* Published Date February 19, 2026

The World Health Organization (WHO)–World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Climate and Health Joint Programme, The Rockefeller Foundation, and Wellcome announce new regional efforts to connect climate science to health action to prevent heat impacts, help communities flourish, and save lives.

**Science Philanthropy Alliance** [to 21 Feb 2026]

<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 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Wellcome Trust** [21 Feb 2026]

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

*News, Opinion, Reports*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**Candid** [*formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar*] [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*Press Room*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Council on Foundations** [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

*News, Press Releases [Selected]*

*Blog*

**[2025 Year in Review](#)**

Thursday, February 12, 2026 - 2:16 pm  
Kathleen Enright

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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/aging-bad-you>  
***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 17, Issue 1 (2026)  
<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/uabn20/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **American Journal of Human Genetics**

Feb 05, 2026 Volume 113 Issue 2 p235-400

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

#### **This month in *The Journal***

Paul W. Hook, Alyson B. Barnes

The current biotechnology industry is characterized by intense competition. Although this competition can drive innovation and increased investment, too much competition can prevent collaboration and potentially foster a culture in which data and methods are stockpiled and guarded. The United States Federal Trade Commission (FTC) advances government policies that promote free and open competition and challenges anticompetitive business practices. In this issue, Rashid et al. provide an overview of recent policy changes at the FTC surrounding competition and innovation in human genetics and genomics, using the Illumina and Grail merger in 2021 as a case study.

[Reviewed earlier]

### **American Journal of Public Health**

March 2026 116(3)

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

VACCINE ACCESS

#### **Filling the Federal Void Through Shared Leadership in Vaccine Policy**

David M. Higgins MD, MPH

116(3), pp. 292–294

### **American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene**

Volume 114 (2026): Issue 2 (Feb 2026)

<https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/114/2/tpmd.114.issue-2.xml>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Annals of Internal Medicine**

February 2026 Volume 179, Issue 2

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

### **Antiquity – A Review of World Archaeology**

Issue 409 - February 2026

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

*Research Articles*

#### **Ludus Coriovalli: using artificial intelligence-driven simulations to identify rules for an ancient board game**

Walter Crist *et al.*

Vol 100 Issue 409, 111-126

### **Anti-Trafficking Review**

No. 23 (2024)

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

*Anti-Trafficking Review is the first open access, peer reviewed journal dedicated to the issue of human*

*trafficking. It explores trafficking in its broader context and intersections with gender, labour, and migration.*

**Special Issue - Following the Money II**

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

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

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

**Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal**

Volume 351 February 2026

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/351/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 Health Services Research**

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

(Accessed 21 Feb 2026)

[No new digest content identified]

**BMC Infectious Diseases**

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

(Accessed 21 Feb 2026)

[No new digest content identified]

**BMC Medical Ethics**

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

(Accessed 21 Feb 2026)

[No new digest content identified]

**BMC Medicine**

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

(Accessed 21 Feb 2026)

[No new digest content identified]

**BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth**

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

(Accessed 21 Feb 2026)  
[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Public Health**

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

(Accessed 21 Feb 2026)

*Articles*

#### **[Outreach mpox vaccination at sex-on-premises venues in Sydney: an audit of a collaborative intervention by public health nurses and LGBTQI+ peer workers](#)**

Vendula Belackova, Anna Doab, Phillip Read

Research Open access 18 February 2026

#### **[Cultural and religious influences on parental knowledge of HPV infection and female vaccination in Egypt: a national cross-sectional study](#)**

Mohamed Saad Rakab, Mohamed Baklola, Basel Refky

Research Open access 17 February 2026

### **BMC Research Notes**

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

(Accessed 21 Feb 2026)

[No new digest content identified]

### **BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine**

February 2026 - Volume 31 - 1

<https://ebm.bmj.com/content/31/1>

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

### **BMJ Global Health**

February 2026 - Volume 11 - 2

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/11/2>

*Original research*

#### **[Drug-resistant tuberculosis in war and complex emergencies: jeopardising progress towards TB elimination and antimicrobial resistance control – a scoping review and perspective](#)** (20 February, 2026)

Ignacio Monedero-Recuero, Xiaolin Wei, Fabienne Jouberton, Raquel Duarte, María Rodríguez-Ortega, Mary Rosary T Santiago, Adekola Oyedokun Adekunle, Paul Daru, Irina Felker, Francesca Conradie, Afshan K Isani, Chen-Yuan Chiang, Mariama Mahmoud, Hamdan Mustafa Hamdan, Sangeeta Sharma, Alena Skrahina, Hoang Thi Thanh Thuy, Sha Wei

### **Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists**

DIGITAL MAGAZINE - December 2025

<https://thebulletin.org/magazine/2025-12/#post-heading>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Bulletin of the World Health Organization**

Volume 104, Number 2, February 2026, 61-136

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Child Care, Health and Development**

Volume 52, Issue 1 January 2026

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal**

Volume 166 August 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/child-abuse-and-neglect/vol/166/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics**

Volume 119, Issue 2 Pages: 281-563 February 2026

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Clinical Therapeutics**

February 2026 Volume 48 Issue 2 p135-212

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Clinical Trials**

Volume 23 Issue 1, February 2026

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/23-1>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

### **Conflict and Health**

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

[Accessed 21 Feb 2026]

[The impact of political instability on HIV services in conflict-affected areas of Myanmar following the military coup: a qualitative study](#)

MM Mon, Kyaw Soe Thant, Estella Oo

Research Open access 20 February 2026

### **Contemporary Clinical Trials**

Volume 161 February 2026

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/161/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **The CRISPR Journal**

Volume 8, Issue 6 / December 2025

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/crispr/8/6>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Current Medical Research and Opinion**

Volume 41, Issue 12, 2025

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

### **Current Protocols in Human Genetics**

<https://currentprotocols.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/1934825>

8 [Accessed 21 Feb 2026]

[No new digest content identified]

### **Developing World Bioethics**

Volume 25, Issue 4 Pages: 253-323 December 2025

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Development in Practice**

Volume 35, Issue 5, 2025

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cdip20/35/5?nav=toCList>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Development Policy Review**

Volume 44, Issue 1 January 2026

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677679/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness**

Volume 19 - 2025

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Disasters**

Volume 50, Issue 1 January 2026

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677717/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **EMBO Reports**

Volume 27, Issue 3 February 2026

<https://link.springer.com/journal/44319/volumes-and-issues/27-3>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Emerging Infectious Diseases**

Volume 32, Number 1—January 2026

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Epidemics**

Volume 53 December 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/53/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Epidemiology and Infection**

Volume 154 - 2026

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Ethics & Human Research**

Volume 48, Issue 1 Pages: 1-48 January–February 2026

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

***Research and pregnant women • Considerations for informed consent***

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Ethics & International Affairs**

Volume 39 - Issue 3 - Fall 2025

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Ethics, Medicine and Public Health**

Volume 33 2025

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **The European Journal of Public Health**

Volume 35, Issue 6, December 2025

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/35/6>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Food Policy**

Volume 136 October 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/136/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Food Security**

Volume 17, Issue 5 October 2025

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/volumes-and-issues/17-5>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Forced Migration Review (FMR)**

FMR 76 November 2025

<https://www.fmreview.org/dangerous-journeys/>

#### ***Climate change: Choices for displaced people***

From rising sea levels threatening coastal populations to the intensifying frequency and severity of natural hazards, the climate crisis is rendering homes uninhabitable and futures uncertain for millions – especially for those who have been least responsible for climate change. The contributions to this issue of FMR emphasise that responses to climate displacement must be proactive, rights-based, and human-centered, moving beyond reactive measures. Authors from five continents share from their unique perspectives to bring you a rich body of articles which we hope will inform and inspire, bringing fresh thinking and provoking debate.

### **Foreign Affairs**

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#### **[Rethinking expertise in artificial intelligence ethics for global health](#)**

Bilal Irfan and Roberto Sirvent

*Abstract*

Debates on AI ethics in global health often privilege professionalized authority over those most exposed to harm. We argue for the need to consider redistributing ethical authority to affected communities, particularly in low- and middle-income countries, potentially through participatory councils with decision power over evaluation metrics, equity constraints, and deployment. Centering lived experience can strengthen safety, accountability, and decolonial governance, may aid in addressing algorithmic bias and financial toxicity, and could align with WHO guidance for public-interest AI. We offer potential practical mechanisms to co-lead design, trials, and post-deployment monitoring so AI advances health and rights rather than simply reproducing inequities.

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#### ***Protection of the Dead***

22 articles

Whether lawful or unlawful, death is an inherent part of war– and has been throughout history. Each of the four 1949 Geneva Conventions contains rules addressing this topic quite extensively, as do their Additional Protocols and customary IHL, both for international and non-international armed conflicts. Yet, until now, the IHL rules on the protection of the dead have received relatively little attention in scholarship. The ambition behind this edition of the Review is to remedy this gap, with a focus on contemporary wartime realities and humanitarian responses, including by the International Committee of the Red Cross. This edition also seeks to address how international human rights law and international criminal law can complement the protection of those who have died as a result of armed conflicts. Many contributions in this edition equally reflect on the deeper layers of ethics, values, culture and religion underpinning the legal rules. By treating the dead, no matter who they were in life, in a dignified

manner, parties to an armed conflict contribute to upholding humanity in war. Ultimately, doing so may help to build trust and find pathways to peace between those who have inflicted death upon each other during war.

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Volume 391| Issue 6787| 19 Feb 2026  
<https://www.science.org/toc/science/current>  
*Expert Voices*

#### **[Leaving WHO does not serve America's—or the world's—best interests](#)**

BY Seth Berkley 19 Feb 2026

... From my perspective, neglecting to participate in the public health infrastructure mediated by WHO—the only truly global mechanism—seems like a recipe to weaken America's preparedness to combat disease rather than a strategy to make it safer. This decision will render countries around the world much more vulnerable to health threats than they were previously, and it leaves America anywhere but first.

### **Science and Engineering Ethics**

Volume 32, Issue 1 February 2026

<https://link.springer.com/journal/11948/volumes-and-issues/32-1>

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### **Science, Technology, & Human Values**

Volume 50 Issue 6, November 2025

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### **Science Translational Medicine**

Volume 18| Issue 837| 18 Feb 2026

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### **Scientific Reports**

<https://www.nature.com/srep/articles?type=article>

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### **Social Science & Medicine**

Volume 393 March 2026

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/social-science-and-medicine/vol/393/suppl/C>

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### **Stability: International Journal of Security & Development**

<http://www.stabilityjournal.org/articles>

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### **Stanford Social Innovation Review**

Fall 2025 Volume 23, Number 4

[https://ssir.org/issue/spring\\_2025](https://ssir.org/issue/spring_2025)

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*.

### **Systematic Reviews**

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

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### **Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics**

Volume 46, Issue 6 December 2025

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### **Torture Journal**

Volume 33 – No. 2 2023

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### **Trauma, Violence, & Abuse**

Volume 26 Issue 5, December 2025

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/TVA/current>

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### **Travel Medicine and Infectious Diseases**

Volume 69 January–February 2026

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/travel-medicine-and-infectious-disease/vol/69/suppl/C>

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### **Tropical Medicine & International Health**

Volume 31, Issue 2 Pages: 113-234 February 2026

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/13653156/current>

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### **UN Chronicle**

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

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### **Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies**

*An International Interdisciplinary Journal for Research, Policy and Care*

Volume 20, Issue 4, 2025

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rvch20/current>

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### **Yale Journal of Health Policy, Law, and Ethics**

Volume 23, Issue 1 2025

<https://yaleconnect.yale.edu/yjhple/current-issue/>

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### **World Development**

Volume 200 April 2026

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/world-development/vol/200/suppl/C>

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## **World Heritage Review**

n°108 - June 2025

<https://whc.unesco.org/en/review>

### ***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...



## ***Pre-Print Servers***

### **arXiv**

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arXiv:2602.17433 [pdf, html, other]

### **[Preserving Historical Truth: Detecting Historical Revisionism in Large Language Models](#)**

Francesco Ortu, Joeun Yook, Punya Syon Pandey, Keenan Samway, Bernhard Schölkopf, Alberto Cazzaniga, Rada Mihalcea, Zhijing Jin

Large language models (LLMs) are increasingly used as sources of historical information, motivating the need for scalable audits on contested events and politically charged narratives in settings that mirror real user interactions. We introduce a curated dataset of 500 contested events...

arXiv:2602.17280 [pdf, html, other]

### **[Security at the Border? The Lived Experiences of Refugees and Asylum Seekers in the UK](#)**

Arshia Dutta, Rikke Bjerg Jensen

Comments: To appear at ACM CHI 2026

arXiv:2602.16666 (cross-list from cs.AI) [pdf, html, other]

### **[Towards a Science of AI Agent Reliability](#)**

Stephan Rabanser, Sayash Kapoor, Peter Kirgis, Kangheng Liu, Saiteja Utpala, Arvind Narayanan

AI agents are increasingly deployed to execute important tasks. While rising accuracy scores on standard benchmarks suggest rapid progress, many agents still continue to fail in practice. This discrepancy highlights a fundamental limitation of current evaluations: compressing agent behavior into a single success metric obscures critical operational flaws. Notably, it ignores whether agents behave consistently across runs, withstand perturbations, fail predictably, or have bounded error severity. Grounded in safety-critical engineering, we provide a holistic performance profile by proposing twelve concrete metrics that decompose agent reliability along four key dimensions: consistency, robustness, predictability, and safety. Evaluating 14 agentic models across two complementary benchmarks, we find that recent capability gains have only yielded small improvements in reliability. By exposing these persistent limitations, our metrics complement traditional evaluations while offering tools for reasoning about how agents perform, degrade, and fail.

[arXiv:2602.14951](#) [[pdf](#), [html](#), [other](#)]

**[Sovereign Agents: Towards Infrastructural Sovereignty and Diffused Accountability in Decentralized AI](#)**

[Botao Amber Hu](#), [Helena Rong](#)

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**[What Gets Funded Shapes What We Know: 15 Years of Canadian Women's Health Research](#)**

[Laura L Gravelsins](#), [Tallinn FL Splinter](#), [Ahmad Mohammad](#), [Samantha A Blankers](#), [Gabrielle L Desilets](#), [Liisa AM Galea](#)

medRxiv 2026.02.17.26346472; doi: <https://doi.org/10.64898/2026.02.17.26346472>

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**[The role of embedded public health researchers in local government: Identifying markers of changes in relationships and how evidence is applied in policy and practice](#)**

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[Lisa Dowling](#), et al.

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**[Adoption and use of the 7-1-7 target for timely outbreak detection, notification and early response in the human and animal sectors in humanitarian crisis-affected South Sudan: A mixed-methods study during 2025](#)**

[version 1; peer review: awaiting peer review]

Joseph Daniel Wani Lako, et al.

Globally, the 7-1-7 target (detect within 7 days, notify within 1 day, respond within 7 days) was introduced to improve outbreak response. South Sudan adopted the 7-1-7 framework in August 2023. This study aimed to describe the process and challenges of adopting the 7-1-7 framework, assess the performance of outbreaks in the animal and human sector against the 7-1-7 target, and explore the challenges for 7-1-7 adoption in humanitarian settings.

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**Public Consultation Opportunities**

**[WMA - Declaration of Taipei Revision Launched \[Ongoing\]](#)**

...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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