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Week in Review

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

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Haiti

OAS Secretary General: Security and Elections Are Haiti's Urgent Priorities; Efforts to Restore Democratic Institutions Must Be Accelerated

September 3, 2026

The Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS), Albert R. Ramdin, today presented to the Permanent Council a report on the situation in Haiti and the results of the visit by a high-level Inter-American and international delegation to the Caribbean country from August 16 to 19.

Secretary General Ramdin said that security and elections are the country's most urgent and interconnected priorities and called on Haitian stakeholders and the international community to accelerate efforts to restore democratic institutions through a credible electoral process.

"Haiti stands at a critical juncture. Our responsibility is clear: to strengthen security efforts, advance electoral preparations, deliver on the commitments already made, and ensure that international cooperation translates into tangible improvements in the daily lives of the Haitian people," said Secretary General Ramdin.

The OAS Secretary General warned that armed gangs control between 80 and 90 percent of Port-au-Prince, while approximately 1.47 million people have been displaced and 6.4 million require humanitarian assistance. He stressed the importance of providing the Gang Suppression Force with the personnel, financing, logistical support, and operational capabilities required to deliver results, while pursuing parallel efforts to strengthen the Haitian National Police and the criminal justice system.

On elections, Secretary General Ramdin recognized the progress made by the Provisional Electoral Council and the National Identification Office but said preparations for the elections scheduled for December 13 must be accelerated.

In response to a shortfall of approximately one million identification cards, he reported that the OAS and Japan signed a US\$3 million cooperation agreement that will finance the acquisition of 350,000 biometric identification cards and expand mobile registration services. He also called on other international partners to complement those efforts to further ensure a legitimate election with high participation. He also confirmed that the OAS had received an invitation to deploy an Electoral Observation Mission and had begun preparations.

The visit also helped advance initiatives in health and sustainable development. The OAS, together with the Pan American Health Organization and other partners, will work with the Haitian National Police to establish trauma care centers for injured officers.

In addition, Haiti's accession to CAF (Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean), facilitated by the OAS, was announced—a move that will provide access to

approximately US\$168 million in financing, technical cooperation, and development tools.

The OAS also launched a cooperation agreement with the Brazilian NGO Viva Rio to jointly facilitate opportunities for youth and women affected by violence in Haiti.

In the same meeting, Haiti's Minister of Foreign Affairs and Religious Affairs, Raina Forbin, emphasized the government's commitment to restoring security and constitutional order while calling for decisive international support. **"We must now move from solidarity to action, from commitments to implementation, and from promises to results. Two urgent priorities guide our action today: security and elections," said Foreign Minister Forbin...**

Secretary General Ramdin announced further OAS-led follow-up actions, including an environmental technical mission, coordination meetings with international organizations, and a meeting of the Group of Friends of Haiti to mobilize political, technical, and financial support. Through its Electoral Task Force, the OAS will intensify its technical assistance to Haiti's electoral authorities and support the implementation of the measures required to advance a credible and inclusive electoral process.

On security, the Organization will strengthen its capacity-building support for the Haitian National Police, including through the Haiti Secure initiative. Secretary General Ramdin also said the OAS would promote a private sector delegation to explore investment and job creation opportunities, particularly for at-risk youth, and reaffirmed that the Organization would remain fully engaged in supporting Haiti's security, democratic restoration, and long-term development.

The video with all presentations and comments from Member States on this issue is available [here](#).

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Fertilizer Supply Chains

Strengthening fertilizer supply chains

Joint Statement by the Multilateral Development Banks and International Financial Institutions.

31 August 2026

Preamble

We, the Multilateral Development Banks (MDB), recognize that food security remains one of the world's most pressing development challenges. **Repeated shocks have exposed structural vulnerabilities in global fertilizer supply chains, disproportionately affecting smallholder farmers and low-income households.**

Increased investment in global fertilizer supply chains can support economic corridors that reduce vulnerability to future shocks. In addition to ensuring fertilizer availability, strengthening long-term food security requires improving fertilizer-use efficiency, diversifying nutrient sources, restoring healthy soils and natural capital, and investing in resilient food systems.

MDBs are positioned to support this through coordinated financing, policy dialogue, knowledge and innovation, and private sector engagement.

Building on Collective Action

In response to the 2022 global food crisis, MDBs and other international financial institutions implemented the ***IFI Action Plan to Address Food Insecurity***, expanding support for agriculture, food trade, social protection, and resilient food systems.

More recently, G20 discussions have reinforced the importance of resilient food and fertilizer value chains, while the proposed **G7+ Action Plan on Fertilizer Shocks and Food Systems Resilience** highlights the need for stronger monitoring, early warning, coordination, and timely financing to address fertilizer-related food security risks.

These initiatives provide a strong foundation for deepening collaboration to strengthen fertilizer resilience while accelerating long-term food systems transformation.

Our Ambition

We affirm our readiness to work with G20 members, development partners and the private sector to develop a coordinated *MDB Roadmap on Strengthening Fertilizer Supply Chains* in line with MDB financing, analytical work, policy dialogue, and technical assistance around a shared agenda to strengthen fertilizer value chains, including through economic corridors that are less vulnerable to future shocks, complementing G20 and G7 efforts.

The agenda aims to:

- Support countries in **strengthening fertilizer supply chain resilience through increased financing for fertilizer production, upstream production, processing, blending, storage, transportation, and other critical infrastructure**, while improving market monitoring and ensuring timely access to fertilizers.
- **Promote the efficient use of fertilizer through soil diagnostics, fertilizer recommendation, precision nutrient management, digital agriculture, farmer advisory services, research, and innovation.**
- Support countries to strengthen food systems through **improved soil and water management, nature-based solutions, resilient value chains, innovative technologies, and private sector investment.**
- Continue supporting food security for vulnerable households while improving access to finance, inputs, logistics and markets for smallholder farmers and agrifood enterprises, particularly for fertilizers, and promoting efficient resource use.
- **Deepen collaboration with governments, international organizations, research institutions, civil society, and the private sector by sharing data and knowledge** while strengthening evidence-based policy dialogue and coordinated operational support.

This statement was signed by the following MDBs and IFIs: African Development Bank Group, Asian Development Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Inter-American Development Bank Group, International Fund for Agricultural Development and the World Bank Group.

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Civil Aviation in Conflict Zones

ICAO statement on the safety and security of international civil aviation

Convention on International Civil Aviation requires all ICAO Member States to protect civilian aircraft, prohibits use of weapons

Montréal, 2 September 2026

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) is reiterating its calls for stronger commitments from all Member States to protect civilian aircraft from all risks arising from conflict zones.

This message from the specialized agency of the United Nations comes as the risk of weapons targeting civilian planes grows worldwide. **Long-range weapons systems, unmanned aircraft systems**

(UAS), global navigation satellite system radio frequency interference, and advanced air defence systems are among the military technologies jeopardizing civilian aviation.

ICAO is observing heightened risks of civil aircraft being targeted or caught in crossfire, and while the aviation industry is able to reroute flights and maintain operations during conflicts, this operational flexibility does not address the fundamental security threat.

Article 3 bis of the 1944 Convention on Civil Aviation and ICAO Assembly Resolution A42-4 explicitly prohibit the use of weapons against civilian aircraft.

As reaffirmed in last year's unanimous adoption of ICAO Assembly Resolution A42-4: Addressing risks to civil aviation arising from conflict zones, **it is essential that Member States assess the safety of airspace controlled by them and take all appropriate measures.** Aircraft operators must also conduct safety and security risk assessments in accordance with applicable ICAO provisions and guidance.

Member States must share threat intelligence rapidly when activities pose risks to civilian aircraft, strengthen risk assessment mechanisms and timely decision making, and improve coordination between military and civilian authorities to prevent misidentification of civilian aircraft as military targets.

ICAO is updating its Manual Concerning Safety Measures relating to Military Activities and its Risk Assessment Manual for Civil Aircraft Operations Over or Near Conflict Zones, which focus on how authorities and airlines and air navigation services providers can better assess threats from malicious activities.

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Palestine: Documentary Heritage

Palestinian Documentary Heritage Professionals to Receive 2026 UNESCO/Jikji Memory of the World Prize

UNESCO Director-General Khaled El-Enany has named Abdul Latif Hashim and Haneen Al-Amassi as the laureates of the 2026 UNESCO/Jikji Memory of the World Prize, following the recommendation of an international jury of experts.

4 September 2026

In its recommendation, **the international jury of experts recognized the two professionals for their exceptional efforts to safeguard endangered documentary heritage under extremely challenging circumstances in Gaza,** and their contributions to strengthening local capacity for long-term preservation.

The laureates are the first individuals to receive the Prize since its establishment in 2004. They will be presented with the award in a ceremony in Cheongju, Republic of Korea, on 4 September, "Jikji Day".

Abdul Latif Hashim and Haneen Al-Amassi

Historian Dr Abdul Latif Abu Hashem and heritage researcher Haneen Al-Amassi have worked together to safeguard Gaza's manuscript heritage through documentation, digitization, conservation and emergency rescue efforts.

Together, **they developed an integrated approach combining long-term preservation with emergency heritage response. Their work includes digitizing more than 25,000 pages of**

endangered manuscript materials from the Mamluk and Ottoman periods, with support from the British Library's Endangered Archives Programme, and establishing Gaza's first specialized manuscript restoration laboratory to strengthen local preservation capacities. During the ongoing conflict, they have also developed emergency preservation protocols and rescued endangered manuscript collections...

UNESCO / Jikji Memory of the World Prize

The UNESCO / Jikji Memory of the World Prize commemorates the inscription on the Memory of the World International Register of Buljo jikji simche yojeol, a Korean work considered to be the oldest book printed with movable metal type. Endowed with \$40,000, funded by the Republic of Korea through the City of Cheongju, the Prize recognizes efforts to contribute to the preservation of and accessibility to documentary heritage as the common heritage of humanity.

Memory of the World Programme

UNESCO established its Memory of the World Programme in 1992 to help preserve the world's documentary heritage – a rich repository of our collective memory. Documents, whether written, audio or visual, are fragile and require global collaboration to ensure their survival and continued access for future generations.

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International Criminal Court (ICC)

Why Countering the Assault on the International Criminal Court is Necessary to Protect the International Legal Order

Current and Former Presidents of the International Criminal Court Assembly of States Parties of the International Criminal Court:

Päivi Kaukoranta (2024-2026), Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi (2021-2023), O-Gon Kwon (2018-2020), Sidiki Kaba (2015-2017), Tiina Intelman (2012-2014), Christian Wenaweser (2008-2011), Bruno Stagno Ugarte (2005-2007), and Prince Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein (2002-2004).

Just Security, Published on September 3, 2026

Each of us has had the privilege of serving as President of the Assembly of States Parties of the International Criminal Court (ICC) at different moments in its history. We have witnessed both the remarkable progress made in advancing international criminal justice and the formidable challenges that the ICC has faced since its establishment.

We have, at times, been frustrated by serious shortcomings at the Court itself and the tepid engagement from its State Parties, but also enthusiastic about efforts deployed to improve its performance. Throughout, however, one conviction has remained constant: the rule of law in international relations is strongest when States choose to uphold it together.

The debate surrounding the ICC is ultimately not about one institution. It is about whether States remain committed to the international legal order they have built together since the end of World War II.

At a time of aggressive war-making, geopolitical rivalry, the imposition of unprecedented punitive measures and growing pressure on the international institutions, the answer cannot be to retreat from the rules that have helped preserve international peace, security and justice. It must be to strengthen them.

The ICC embodies one of humanity's most important commitments: genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and the crime of aggression must never go unanswered.

Sovereignty includes sovereign choices in upholding international law.

The ICC is not a political institution. **It is an independent court mandated by 125 sovereign States Parties from every region of the world to exercise a carefully defined jurisdiction over the most serious international crimes**, in line with its founding treaty: the Rome Statute.

Sovereign equality of all states is enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations. One of the highest expressions of sovereignty is the decision of States to cooperate through treaties and international institutions in pursuit of common purposes. **By adopting the Rome Statute, States freely chose to confer, under certain conditions, the exercise of its own jurisdiction over the gravest international crimes to an independent Court.**

This choice to do through an institution what each state had the authority to do on its own is not an intrusion upon sovereignty—it is an affirmation and exercise of it. States have always exercised criminal jurisdiction over foreign nationals who commit crimes on their territory. The ICC applies that same long-established principle to the gravest crimes known to humanity, by virtue of the mandate given to it by its States Parties.

The ICC is a court of last resort.

The Rome Statute rests on the principle of complementarity. National jurisdictions retain the primary responsibility to investigate and prosecute genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and the crime of aggression. **The ICC does not replace national courts. It acts only where States are unable or unwilling to genuinely carry out that responsibility.**

Standing up for the Court therefore means standing up for something much larger than the Court itself. It means standing up for an international order in which States choose a system based on rules applicable to all because they understand that lasting peace and security depend upon it.

The ICC exists for victims of the gravest crimes.

International justice is not an abstract legal exercise. It is the world's promise that victims of the gravest crimes will not be forgotten because accountability has become politically inconvenient.

Behind every investigation are lives destroyed, families torn apart and communities left to carry the consequences of violence for generations. When institutions of accountability are weakened, it is victims—not institutions—who bear the greatest cost.

No victim of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes or the crime of aggression should be denied justice because accountability has become uncomfortable.

And, while the Court is not a standing substitute for national justice, it is a safeguard against its absence.

Efforts to isolate the Court diplomatically — whether by encouraging States Parties to withdraw from the Rome Statute or urging non-States Parties to join measures intended to weaken it — are aimed at eroding not only one institution, but confidence in the international legal order itself.

Whether such efforts succeed will depend on whether States committed to international law and global cooperation are willing to stand together in response.

We therefore call upon all ICC States Parties, international and regional organisations, and the broader community committed to the rule of law to provide the political, legal and practical support necessary for the Court to fulfil the mandate entrusted to it by sovereign States.

The choice before us is between a world based on the rule of law and one where might decides what is right.

Now is the time to strengthen the institutions that uphold international law, not dismantle them. Defending the International Criminal Court is not simply about defending one institution. It is about preserving the international legal order as we have built it, as humanity's strongest safeguard against a descent into lawlessness and impunity.

This is a critical moment for the International Criminal Court and those who support it. This is a moment to come together and rally through effective diplomacy and to reach out in particular to those who may need support to withstand any political pressure to weaken the institution.

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ICC: Recent Analysis, Commentary

Advancing the United States' Campaign to Address the Threat Posed by the International Criminal Court

Marco Rubio , Secretary of State August 18, 2026

The Trump Administration has been clear: the International Criminal Court (ICC) is a corrupt and fatally politicized supranational court that has maliciously abused its authority and exceeded its mandate. We will not tolerate its assault on state sovereignty...

The ICC strongly rejects new US sanctions designations

Statement 19 August 2026

The International Criminal Court deplores the announcement of new designations for sanctions by the US administration against Judge Tomoko Akane (Japan), the President of the Court, and Mr Abdoulaye Seye (Senegal), Senior Trial Lawyer at the Office of the Prosecutor...

Presidency of the Assembly of States Parties expresses deep regret at the extension of US sanctions targeting the ICC President and a staff member

Statement 19 August 2026 Assembly of States Parties

It is with deep concern that we note the latest actions announced by the Government of the United States against the President of the International Criminal Court and a Trial Lawyer working for the Office of the Prosecutor. These new actions, in addition to the earlier designations of the leadership of the Office of the Prosecutor and 8 judges of the International Criminal Court, are regrettable attempts to impede the Court and its personnel in the exercise of their mandated functions to investigate and adjudicate cases involving the worst crimes known to humanity...

UN experts demand bold action from ICC Member States, denounce new sanctions against president of the court and personnel

28 Aug 2026 GENEVA –

The United States must immediately withdraw sanctions against International Criminal Court (ICC) personnel, UN experts said today, after new designations targeting the President of the Court and a staff member were issued on 18 August.

"All ICC Members and other States committed to accountability must take bold and urgent action to protect the Court against unlawful interference in the administration of international

justice,” the experts said. “States must act immediately to mitigate the impact of these measures against judges, prosecutors and staff of the ICC.”...

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Misinformation - Disinformation

MMMMM: A Unified Taxonomy for Investigating the Mechanisms of Multilingual MultiModal Misinformation

Nadav Borenstein, Greta Warren, Desmond Elliott, Isabelle Augenstein

arXiv:2608.29681 PREPRINT [Submitted on 30 Aug 2026]

Abstract

Multimodal misinformation on social media is highly prevalent, potent, and harmful, yet difficult to detect and counter, and still poorly understood compared to its text-only counterpart.

Research on the properties and deceptive strategies of multimodal misinformation is hindered by a lack of taxonomies grounded in real-world contexts and by the limitations of current multimodal machine learning models, which prevent the automation of annotation and analysis at scale.

We address these shortcomings in three steps.

:: First, we collect a large-scale, high-quality dataset of real-world misinformation instances from Twitter/X in seven languages.

:: Second, we develop a novel, comprehensive taxonomy of multimodal misinformation grounded in an in-depth qualitative analysis of the data and prior theoretical work.

:: Finally, we operationalise the taxonomy through an automated multi-step annotation pipeline using a Vision-Language Model (VLM), and perform human-validation.

Our novel approach leads to previously undocumented insights about how social media users combine images with text to spread misinformation in the wild, e.g., that **AI-generated content is particularly prevalent in technology and science, while vaccination misinformation disproportionately utilises images from news outlets to assert credibility.**

Our method and findings provide guidance for targeted approaches for detecting multimodal misinformation, and suggest that mitigation efforts should be developed and applied strategically rather than uniformly.

Introduction [excerpts]

Online misinformation poses severe real-world harms to individuals, groups and society.

These risks are amplified when the misinformation is multimodal: claims accompanied by images and videos¹ can be more convincing (*Newman et al., 2012; Newman and Zhang, 2020; Hameleers et al., 2020*) and emotionally salient (*Li and Xie (2019)*) than text alone. This concern is compounded by the multimodal nature of today’s social media, as most popular platforms being either exclusively (TikTok, Instagram, YouTube) or predominantly (Twitter/X², Facebook, and Reddit) multimodal.

Developing a comprehensive taxonomy of how multimodal misinformation manifests on social media is a crucial step toward designing effective mitigation strategies. In particular, categorising the mechanisms (i.e., how an image-text pairing produces a false or misleading impression) through which images are used to propagate false narratives (e.g., taking an image out of context or manipulating its content) can provide actionable guidance on which interventions are likely to be most

impactful and cost-effective. Existing work is limited; current taxonomies of multimodal misinformation (see § 2 for an overview) are disparate, contain ambiguous categories, and leave many cases unclassified.³

Moreover, the scope of current research is limited by the difficulty of reliably analysing multimodal misinformation at scale. It is challenging for crowdsourced annotators to apply extensive taxonomies, while the complex and ambiguous nature of multimodal misinformation often requires domain-specific knowledge to accurately evaluate them. Until recently, Vision Language Models (VLMs) lacked the capabilities to reliably annotate such data (Qi et al., 2024; Abdali et al., 2024; Liu et al., 2025; Zhang et al., 2026). To date, this has necessitated reliance on time and resource-intensive expert annotations, limiting the scale of analysis.

This study addresses these limitations through a novel and comprehensive taxonomy of multimodal misinformation mechanisms, including five additional orthogonal axes: Classification, Image Type, Emotions, Rhetorical Role, and Topic and Message (§ 4.2).

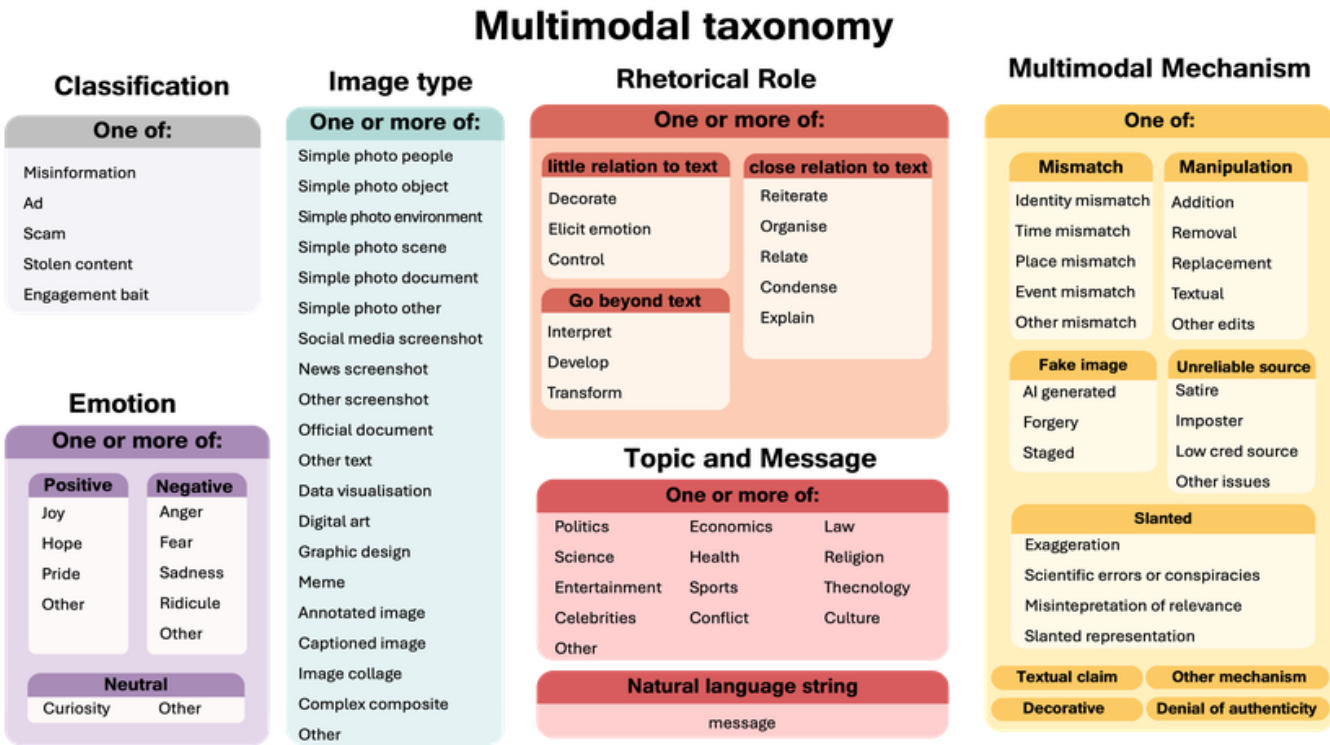


Figure 2: The six axes of our multimodal misinformation taxonomy. Definitions are given in [Tab. 10](#) in [App. E](#).



Picture is worth a thousand words.



Readers added context to this image

This photo was digitally altered to add the "Latinos for Trump 2024" logo on the back of the t-shirt. The image was originally taken in June 2019 in Salem, Ohio.

Do you find this helpful?

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Classification:

misinformation

Image type:

Simple photo - people

Simple photo - event

Emotions:

Ridicule

Rhetorical role:

Elicit emotion

Develop beyond text

Topic:

politics

law

Message:

Trump betrays voters

Mechanism (sub-mechanism):

manipulated image (textual)

Figure 1: Example of a multimodal misinformation instance found on X, and the labels assigned to it from our taxonomy. Refer to [Tab. 10](#) in [App. E](#) for a detailed description of the taxonomy and its labels.

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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 05 Sep 2026]

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

Meetings Coverage/Press Releases [Selected]

3 September 2026 *Press Release*

SG/SM/23260

UN80 Moving from 'Diagnosis to Design' and Implementation, Secretary-General Tells General Assembly

2 September 2026 *Press Release*

SG/SM/23257

Humanity Speeding Past 1.5°C Climate Limit, Secretary-General Warns, Urging Immediate Action, in Message on Launch of Environment Report

2 September 2026 *Meetings Coverage*

GA/PAL/1496

Desperate Conditions across Occupied Territory Worsen amid Aid Shortfalls, Approaching Winter, Palestinian Rights Committee Hears

Desperate conditions prevail throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People heard today, as humanitarian actors detailed inadequate funding to address dire need as another winter threatens to make things even worse.

UN Human Rights – OHCHR [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Latest News, Statements, Press Releases [Selected]

Press releases 04 September 2026

Honduras must immediately halt mass evictions of peasant, Indigenous and Afro-descendant communities: UN experts

Press releases 04 September 2026

Israeli forces expelled Palestinian refugees from three West Bank camps, in violation of international law – UN report

Thematic reports 04 September 2026

Thematic Report - Destruction of Palestinian refugee camps in northern West Bank (Dec. 2024 – Jan. 2026)

UN Human Rights Council [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Latest news

04 Sep 2026 *Meeting summaries*

Experts of the Committee on the Rights of the Child Welcome Positive Developments on Child Rights in Tanzania, Ask about Measures to Prohibit Corporal Punishment and Prevent Female Genital Mutilation

03 Sep 2026 *Meeting summaries*

Experts of the Committee on the Rights of the Child Commend Timor-Leste on Child Protection Measures, Raise Questions on Children in Street Situations and Birth Registration

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children [to 05 Sep 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 05 Sep 2026]

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

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No new digest content identified.

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

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No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the right to health [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Latest news

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

UN OCHA Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Featured News

News

"Time is not on our side," UN relief chief warns as Ebola spreads in DRC

1 September 2026

Virtual Briefing to Member States on the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo by Tom Fletcher, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Latest Stories

No new digest content identified.

IOM [International Organization for Migration] [to 05 Sep 2026]

<http://www.iom.int>

Press Releases – Selected News

News 03 September 2026

IOM Appeals for USD 110 Million to Protect 4.9 Million People Ahead of El Niño Impacts

News 02 September 2026

IOM and Amazon Partnership Aids Flood-Affected Communities in Nepal

UNAIDS [05 Sep 2026]

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

News, Stories, Updates

Press Statement

UNAIDS condemns the destruction of lifesaving HIV supplies in Ukraine

04 Sep 2026

UNAIDS strongly condemns the destruction of a warehouse containing HIV supplies in the region of Kyiv. The warehouse, which was destroyed on 19 July, was used by Ukraine's National HIV Prevention Programme to store HIV prevention supplies for programmes reaching more than 300,000 people each year...

UNICEF [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Latest press releases, news notes and statements [Selected]

Press release 04 September 2026

Flight lands in Kathmandu carrying vital humanitarian supplies for children and families affected by Nepal floods

KATHMANDU, 4 September 2026, – A flight carrying 84 metric tonnes of critical humanitarian supplies landed in Kathmandu, Nepal this morning, with the support of the European Union Humanitarian Aid.

UNICEF is dispatching the supplies to bring urgently needed assistance for children and families affected by the dev...

Press release 03 September 2026

More than one week on from Nepal's floods, thousands of children remain without safe water and face rising risk of disease

KATHMANDU, 3 September 2026, – More than one week after flash floods swept down the Bhotekoshi-Trishuli river basin in Nepal, at least 22,000 children urgently need safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene support, UNICEF said today. Water supply systems have been damaged across the affected districts, from co...

Press release 03 September 2026

1 in 5 children across 21 countries have experienced tech-facilitated sexual exploitation and abuse – UNICEF

NEW YORK, 3 September 2026, –, An estimated 20 million children aged 12 to 17 – almost 1 in 5 – were subjected to at least one form of technology-facilitated sexual exploitation and abuse in a single year across 21 countries, according to a new report released by UNICEF today. Through Children's Eyes: How Digital...

Press release 02 September 2026

Global initiative launched to improve access to mpox vaccines

GENEVA/NEW YORK/COPENHAGEN, 2 September 2026 – , A global initiative to establish a stockpile of mpox vaccines was launched on 27 August, creating a long-term mechanism to ensure countries have access to vaccines when responding to mpox outbreaks. Set to begin operations later this month, this new global mpox vac...

Remarks 01 September 2026

UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell opening remarks at the second regular session of the 2026 UNICEF Executive Board

NEW YORK, 1 September 2026 –, "Excellencies, distinguished delegates, colleagues ... welcome to the second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board for 2026. "Thank you to the President and to the Bureau for your continued leadership. "We meet today at a consequential moment for children, for UNICEF, and for th...

Press release 01 September 2026

El Niño threatens more than two-thirds of children in Eastern and Southern Africa

NAIROBI, 1 September 2026 -, More than 162 million children, over two-thirds of all children in Eastern and Southern Africa, live in areas exposed to the impact of the strengthening 2026/2027 El Niño, UNICEF warned today. Intensifying drought, extreme heat and flooding threaten children's nutrition, health, access...

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WHO & Regional Offices [05 Sep 2026]

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

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WHO validates Bhutan for eliminating dog-transmitted human rabies

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WHO advances access to quality-assured, child-friendly cancer medicines

3 September 2026 *News release*

[WHO validates Timor-Leste's elimination of trachoma as a public health problem](#)

2 September 2026 *Joint News Release*

[Global initiative launched to improve access to mpox vaccines](#)

2 September 2026 *Departmental update*

[The Third Global Summit on Traditional Medicine set for November 2027](#)

1 September 2026 *Departmental update*

[WHO moves to expand access to lifesaving sickle cell treatment and care for children](#)

31 August 2026 *Departmental update*

[Global action plan on rare diseases – process and next steps](#)

31 August 2026 *Departmental update*

[African Traditional Medicine Day 2026: from research to reach, advancing health for all](#)

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WHO Vaccines and Immunization [IVB]

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

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[Community dialogue building trust in Ebola response in the Democratic Republic of the Congo](#)

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[Ten Africa countries sign agreement to strengthen cross-border cooperation for health emergencies](#)

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[On the frontlines of infection prevention for Ebola control](#)

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

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[New tool will help countries in Latin America and the Caribbean prevent rabies and other zoonotic diseases through better data on dog and cat populations](#)

The methodology provides a practical and adaptable approach to estimating dog and cat populations, improving the planning of vaccination campaigns, disease surveillance, and other public health interventions. Rio de Janeiro, September 3, 2026 (PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO) – The Pan American Center for Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Veterinary Public Health...

:: 1 Sep 2026

Maternal vaccination protects mothers and newborns, but coverage gaps persist across the Americas

Experts highlighted the importance of strengthening maternal vaccination efforts, including through routine recommendations during prenatal care, to better protect pregnant women and their babies.

US Proposal to Eliminate PAHO Funding Raises Alarm Over Health Security in Americas

Health Policy Watch, 03/09/2026 Sophia Samantaroy

... Amid ongoing outbreaks across the Americas, the US President's Fiscal Year 2027 budget request to Congress proposes eliminating funding to PAHO, calling it and the World Health Organization (WHO) "corrupt organizations" that show "no independence from inappropriate political influence", part of a raft of international organisations it describes as promoting "dangerous ideologies" and "taking advantage of American generosity".

The US is the largest single contributor to PAHO and accounts for half of all member state contributions to the organization. The US already owes nearly \$135 million in member fees since 2024...

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

:: **WHO validates Bhutan for eliminating dog-transmitted human rabies**

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:: **WHO validates Timor-Leste's elimination of trachoma as a public health problem**

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:: **Thailand verified for eliminating rubella as a public health problem**

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WHO European Region EURO

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Ukraine: 3 WHO humanitarian warehouses destroyed in 3 months

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

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

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Disease Outbreak News (DONs)

Latest WHO Disease Outbreak News (DONs), providing information on confirmed acute public health

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Weekly Epidemiological Record

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

4 September 2026, Vol. 101, No. 35

https://hq_weeklyepidemiologicalrecord.cmail19.com/t/d-l-wyuwud-ijjdtklujh-y/

:: Highlighted Signals and Events

:: Global Respiratory Virus Activity: Weekly Update

:: Multi-country outbreak of cholera

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New WHO Publications

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

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3 September 2026

[Vaccines, thiomersal and autism spectrum disorder: evidence review 2010-2025](#)

Overview

This systematic review provides a current assessment of peer-reviewed studies published between 2010 and August 2025 investigating potential associations between vaccines and autism spectrum disorder (ASD), with particular focus on the organomercury vaccine component thiomersal, and also considers studies reporting other neurodevelopmental disorders (NDD). It updates previous WHO reviews by assessing the methodological quality, strength of evidence and risk of bias of the available literature. The review finds that the most methodologically rigorous primary studies do not support a causal association between vaccines, including thiomersal-containing vaccines, and ASD. Studies reporting positive associations had very low strength of evidence and high risk of bias, while none of the included meta-analyses supported a causal relationship. Overall, the evidence continues to support the safety of current vaccines with respect to ASD and other NDD. The review aims to provide clinicians, policy-makers and public health professionals with reliable and balanced evidence to inform decision-making, strengthen vaccine confidence and contextualize ongoing scientific and public dialogue.

2 September 2026

[Integration of equity into national action plans on antimicrobial resistance: guidance to complement the people-centred approach](#)

1 September 2026

[WHO emergency guidance on the use of licensed Ebola vaccine during Bundibugyo virus disease outbreaks,...](#)

31 August 2026

Overview

This updated WHO emergency guidance provides recommendations on the potential use of Ervebo®, the only licensed Ebola vaccine, during outbreaks caused by Bundibugyo virus (BDBV). The document reviews additional animal, immunological and observational evidence assessed by the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization (SAGE) and concludes that, although some findings suggest possible cross-protection against BDBV, the available evidence remains insufficient to determine whether Ervebo® provides clinically meaningful protection in humans.

The guidance outlines the benefits, risks and unknowns associated with off-label use of Ervebo® during the ongoing BDBV outbreak and recommends that the vaccine be used only within research protocols. It emphasizes the importance of rapidly generating robust efficacy data through a ring randomized controlled trial, maintaining proven outbreak-control measures, clearly communicating the unknown efficacy against BDBV, and accelerating development of BDBV-specific vaccines and other countermeasures.

Urban yellow fever risk management: handbook for national preparedness and response planning

31 August 2026 | Handbook

Overview

This handbook provides practical guidance to help countries prepare for and respond to the risk of urban yellow fever outbreaks. It highlights that even a single yellow fever case in an urban setting can signal a potential public health emergency where *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes are present and population immunity is low. The handbook supports early detection, rapid response and coordinated preparedness efforts, helping countries assess and manage urban yellow fever risk and develop context-specific contingency plans.

Organized around seven preparedness and response pillars, the handbook offers operational tools, checklists and scenario-based actions for coordination, surveillance, laboratory testing, community engagement, clinical care, vaccination, vector control, and management of travel and population movement. It enables Member States to identify gaps, strengthen capacities and implement measures to prevent urban transmission, reduce illness and deaths, and protect vulnerable populations.

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World Organisation for Animal Health [WOAH/OIE] [05 Sep 2026]

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

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UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News story

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News Centre

Nepal floods hit vulnerable communities as UNDP estimates 2.2 million tonnes of debris

September 1, 2026

See the full RAPIDA (Rapid Assessment and Analysis) for Nepal.

UN DESA - Division for Sustainable Development [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

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UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

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

News

Registration is now open for UN World Data Forum in Riyadh 9–12 November 2026

20 July 2026

Registrations for in-person participation is now open!. [Register here](#) for in-person participation by 1

October 2026.

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Resources [Selected]

28 Jul 2026 *Press Release*

From courts to legislatures, countries are embedding just transition in law and policy

Countries around the world are increasingly turning Just Transition pledges into laws, policies, institutions, and court decisions. This is the key finding of a report published today by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), released ahead of the first anniversary of the International Court of Justice advisory opinion on the Obligations of States in respect of climate change.

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Press Releases, Statements and messages [Selected]

Update 4 September 2026

Disaster risk reduction takes center stage in talks on global disaster treaty

As UN Member States prepare for negotiations on a proposed international convention on the Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters (PPED), the need for disaster prevention is emerging as a significant part of the discussion.

United Nations Office for Di

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Latest

03-09-2026 | DESA

The SDGs need more than financing. They need structural transformation.

3 September 2026 - The SDGs remain the world's best shared vision for peace, justice, and sustainable prosperity. But achieving that vision requires more than accelerating implementation of existing policies. It requires asking whether the international economic rules themselves are fit for purpose in the twenty-first century.

02-09-2026 | DESA

'Fight for humanity': Avoiding a climate catastrophe means acting now

2 September 2026 - Record heat waves, deadly flooding and extreme weather reflect an ever-warming planet poised to soon breach safe temperature limits, according to a UN report released on Tuesday, but doubling down 4 on climate action now could avoid a climate catastrophe.

01-09-2026 | DESA

From global challenges to collective action: What to watch at UNGA 2026

1 September 2026 - This month, world leaders will convene at United Nations Headquarters in New York for the largest annual gathering in global diplomacy—the high-level week of the UN General Assembly (UNGA), happening 21-25 September. Amid mounting global challenges, UN Member States will participate in the UNGA's 81st session, debating a broad agenda and seeking solutions to keep the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in reach by 2030. Here are some of the key moments to look out for this month and beyond.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News [Selected]

African trade unions advance social dialogue strategies for rural and agricultural workers

More than 50 trade union representatives and labour experts from 20 African countries are exchanging knowledge and developing practical strategies to strengthen the representation of rural and agricultural workers, facilitate access to social...

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UNESCO [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

- Observatory of Killed Journalists No new digest content identified.

Press Releases, News [Selected]

Palestinian Documentary Heritage Professionals to Receive 2026 UNESCO/Jikji Memory of the World Prize

4 September 2026

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Announcements [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 05 Sep 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 05 Sep 2026]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

News

Website not responding at inquiry.

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Highlights

No new digest content identified.

World Food Programme [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Selected News Releases [Selected]

4 September 2026

WFP scales up response in Nepal as remote communities remain isolated

KATHMANDU, Nepal – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) is scaling up its response in Nepal as some communities devastated by flash floods and landslides remain isolated by damaged roads, destroyed infrastructure, and challenging terrain. Emergency food assistance was dispatched and distributed to affected areas within hours of the disaster, and specialist logistics teams have been deployed to help humanitarian partners reach the most isolated locations.

3 September 2026

WFP launches emergency logistics service to support Myanmar flood response

YANGON, Myanmar – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has activated a free-to-user emergency cargo transport service to bolster the humanitarian response to severe flooding in Myanmar's Ayeyarwady Region. By making its logistics capacity available to all humanitarian partners, WFP is accelerating the delivery of life-saving relief to flood-impacted communities.

2 September 2026

WFP strongly condemns aerial attack on trucks carrying food for families in South Kordofan

KHARTOUM, Sudan – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) strongly condemns the aerial attack that hit two trucks carrying WFP food assistance outside of Dilling, South Kordofan, on 30 August 2026. The trucks were destined for Kadugli, South Kordofan, and were clearly marked with WFP banners and flags.

1 September 2026

Funding shortfall forces the World Food Programme to cut food assistance by half in the West Bank

JERUSALEM – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) today announced that due to critical funding constraints, it is cutting in half the number of people it can support with food assistance in the West Bank. The reduction comes at a time when food needs have more than doubled since 2023.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Latest News and Highlights [Selected]

ICAO statement on the safety and security of international civil aviation

Convention on International Civil Aviation requires all ICAO Member States to protect civilian aircraft, prohibits use of weapons

Montréal, 2 September 2026

IEA International Energy Agency [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Latest news, commentaries and reports

No new digest content identified.

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News

03 September 2026

IMO joins ATLAS launch for safe nuclear technologies at sea

IMO participated in the International Atomic Energy Agency's High-Level Forum launching the ATLAS initiative, held in Washington, D.C. (26-27 August).

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 05 Sep 2026]

<https://public.wmo.int>

News [Selected]

News 3 September 2026

El Niño set to become very strong, raising risks of extreme weather into 2027

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 05 Sep 2026]
<https://www.upu.int/en/News-Media/Press/Press-Releases>
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UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 05 Sep 2026]
<https://www.unido.org/news>
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International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 05 Sep 2026]
<https://www.iso.org/announcements.html>
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WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 05 Sep 2026]
<http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/>
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CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 05 Sep 2026]
<https://www.cbd.int/>
Announcement, Meeting documents
Notification 2026-066
[**Call for submission of data to inform the preparation of the report on progress towards Target 3 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**](#)
No later than 30 November 2026.

DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.] [to 05 Sep 2026]
<https://www.darpa.mil/news>
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U.S. Department of State
<https://www.state.gov/press-releases/>
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Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [U.K.] [nee DFID] [to 05 Sep 2026]
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/foreign-commonwealth-development-office>
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ECHO [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

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News article 4 September 2026

EU sends more aid to Nepal as flood survivors face severe humanitarian conditions

As families across Nepal face the human toll of one of the country's deadliest floods in decades, the EU is adding to the relief effort led by Nepalese authorities and humanitarian partners. A first EU humanitarian air bridge flight has delivered 82 tonnes of essential supplies.

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African Union [to 05 Sep 2026]

<http://www.au.int>

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ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Secretariat News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

European Commission [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

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OECD [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Newsroom

The Space Economy at a Glance 2026

Report 9 September 2026 142 Pages

As space activities expand and become embedded in everyday economic and public-service functions, governments need better evidence to understand their benefits, risks and policy implications. The Space Economy at a Glance 2026 provides a compact and comparative assessment of recent developments across the space economy.

Financing of Social Protection

Report 9 September 2026 98 Pages

OECD and EU countries face growing spending pressures. Population ageing raises expenditure on pensions, health and long-term care, the green transition requires investments, and AI's effects on employment and wages remain uncertain. Labour income, the main financing base for social protection in most countries, is under pressure from shrinking...

New Data for Africa's Changing Climate: Mapping Risks, Readiness and Policy Action

Report 1 September 2026 76 Pages

The African continent is highly vulnerable to climate-related risks. At the same time, Africa contributes

only 4% of global energy-related greenhouse gas emissions. Policymakers need foundational data on key climate indicators to point the way towards a low-carbon, climate-resilient path. Yet these data remain limited for most African countries....

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

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OAS Secretary General: Security and Elections Are Haiti's Urgent Priorities; Efforts to Restore Democratic Institutions Must Be Accelerated

September 3, 2026

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 05 Sep 2026]

<https://www.oic-oci.org/en>

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OIC Observatory Report 143: Israeli Occupation Commits 393,752 Crimes Since October 7, 2023

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Group of 77 [to 05 Sep 2026]

<https://www.oic-oci.org/en/news/8395>

Latest Statements and Speeches [Selected]

- [Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China delivered by the delegation of Uruguay at the informal meeting of the plenary of the General Assembly on the UN80 briefing by the UN Secretary-General \(New York, 3 September 2026\)](#)

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UNCTAD [to 05 Sep 2026]

<https://unctad.org/>

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World Customs Organization – WCO [to 015 Oct 2022]

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

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UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News

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WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

WTO News and Events [Selected]

Trade finance: how volatile financial conditions influence its availability and impact trade levels

3 September 2026

Global trade opens opportunities for economic growth. However, moving goods across borders, between exporters and importers, involves counterparty risk such as payment and liquidity risk. Trade finance facilitates trade by mitigating these risks. Using a new dataset, we find that volatile global financial conditions constrict the availability of trade finance, especially in emerging markets and developing countries. In addition, the level of development of local financial markets influences the supply of trade finance by global institutions.

Public Forum 2026 programme is now available

1 September 2026

This year's Public Forum, entitled Powering the Future, will feature 113 sessions – with a focus on trade in services – from 15 to 17 September. Sessions are organized by WTO member governments, businesses, non-governmental organizations, academia and international organizations, with many sessions livestreamed on the WTO website.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Press releases

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European Court of Human Rights

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

News, Announcements

Update on processing of applications against the Russian Federation

03/09/26

Since 16 September 2022, the ECHR has dealt with a substantial number of pending cases against the Russian Federation in an exceptional situation, namely that State having ceased to be a party to the Convention. Those cases fall into two main categories...

International Court of Justice [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Press Releases

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International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 05 Sep 2026]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

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No new digest content identified.

International Law Commission [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

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No new digest content identified.

International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

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United States Court of International Trade

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

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World Bank [to 05 Sep 2026]

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Joint Statement by the Multilateral Development Banks and International Financial Institutions on Strengthening Fertilizer Supply Chains

Joint Statement by the Multilateral Development Banks and International Financial Institutions on Strengthening Fertilizer Supply Chains

August 31, 2026| Statement

Integrating Africa: From Threads to Hubs

Africa's integration challenge has shifted to making markets work together. The African Continental Free Trade Area has established a historic continental framework for a larger African market. Its economic impact will depend on the systems firms use every day: customs, transport, standards, payments, services, energy, finance, digital platforms, and data. These systems frequently remain fragmented across national borders. Goods face repeated inspections. Customs platforms cannot always exchange information. Product standards and professional qualifications differ across markets. Transport, logistics, financial, and professional services remain restricted. Power, digital, and payment systems operate within national boundaries. Integrating Africa: From Threads to Hubs sets out an implementation agenda for connecting these systems and reducing the economic distance between African markets. It combines evidence on regional and global value chains, trade costs, services restrictions, agreement depth and enforceability, ports and corridors, digital inputs, and regional public goods.

August 28, 2026| Brief

What's Next for Africa's Integration Agenda

August 28, 2026| Press Release

IMF [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Latest News

September 1, 2026

IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva's Statement at the Conclusion of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting in Asheville, North Carolina

Asheville, N.C., United States: International Monetary Fund Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva delivered the following remarks at the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting in Asheville, North Carolina

African Development Bank [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

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News & Events

03-Sep-2026

Korea and Africa Chart New Course on AI and Digital Infrastructure at 20th anniversary of KOAFEC

02-Sep-2026

African Development Bank and AXIAN Launch Digital Finance Programme to Support 34,000 Women-led Businesses in Africa

01-Sep-2026

Joint Statement by the Multilateral Development Banks and International Financial Institutions on Strengthening Fertilizer Supply Chains

Asian Development Bank [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

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Latest News Releases

01 Sep 2026

Masato Kanda Reelected ADB President for 5-Year Term

ADB President Masato Kanda received unanimous support for a second term as ADB President from the members of ADB's Board of Governors voting in the recently concluded election. His new term runs for 5 years beginning 24 November 2026.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank – AIIB [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

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News

Beijing, Aug. 31, 2026

AIIB Appoints Gustavo De Rosa as Chief Financial Officer

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has appointed Gustavo De Rosa as Chief Financial Officer effective today. ...

IDB – Inter-American Development Bank [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

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News

More Than 50 Mayors from Latin America and the Caribbean Gather in Colombia to Strengthen Cooperation and Advance More Resilient Cities

BOGOTÁ — The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), through its IDB Cities Network, is bringing together more than 50 mayors and national and local authorities from Latin America and the Caribbean in Bogotá and Barranquilla, Colombia, for the 2026 Mayors Forum, one of the region's leading platforms...

September 2, 2026

On Strengthening Fertilizer Supply Chains: Joint Statement by the Multilateral Development Banks and International Financial Institutions

We, the Multilateral Development Banks (MDB), recognize that food security remains one of the world's most pressing development challenges. Repeated shocks have exposed structural vulnerabilities in global fertilizer supply chains, disproportionately affecting smallholder farmers and low-income...

August 31, 2026

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News

Press release 4 September 2026

IFAD and Equity Group kick off US\$200 million mechanism to make climate adaptation finance reach East Africa's farmers

The twelve-year blended finance mechanism will reach 260,000 smallholder producers and 500 rural enterprises across Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Rwanda, with Equity Group matching

Press release 3 September 2026

IFAD and AgDevCo sign \$10 million loan agreement to mobilize blended financing for Africa's next generation of agribusinesses

An investment aiming to build more resilient and inclusive food systems while creating pathways for greater private investment in agribusinesses that are often overlooked by conventional lenders.

Press release 31 August 2026

Indigenous Peoples highlight their role in driving rural economies and protecting nature

At a regional gathering in Mexico, Indigenous leaders call for greater investment, market access and recognition of their role in sustainable rural development.

Media statement 31 August 2026

Strengthening fertilizer supply chains

Joint Statement by the Multilateral Development Banks and International Financial Institutions.

Islamic Development Bank [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News

Bangladesh

Bangladesh and IsDB Sign US\$1 Billion Financing Agreement for Eastern Refinery Expansion

3 September 2026

Bangladesh

IsDB Group Chairman and Professor Muhammad Yunus Discuss Approaches to Development Financing for Greater Social and Economic Impact

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Bangladesh Prime Minister and IsDB Group Chairman Discuss Next Phase of Strategic Partnership

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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 05 Sep 2026]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

Communiqués de presse

No new digest content identified.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 05 Sep 2026]

<https://alima.ngo/>

L'actualité de nos actions

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 05 Sep 2026]

<https://amrefusa.org/media-and-resources/news/>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 05 Sep 2026]

<https://aravind.org/>

Aravind News

No new digest content identified.

Blue Shield International [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

BS International News

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Updates

No new digest content identified.

Clubhouse International [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News/Events

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News

[EU hubs: costly, ineffective, and potential human rights blind spots](#)

Statement on behalf of Danish Refugee Council Secretary General Charlotte Slente

04 Sep 2026

The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) regrets today's joint Ministerial commitment to establish return hubs for failed asylum seekers. Return hubs risk becoming 'exemption zones' where fundamental human rights disappear, excessive force is routine, and people are denied essential services.

ECPAT [to 05 Sep 2026]

<https://ecpat.org/>

News

No new digest content identified.

ELIF – Electronic Information for Libraries [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Fountain House [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

GE2P2 Global Foundation [05 Sep 2026]

www.ge2p2.org

News/Analysis/Publications-Digests/Statements/Digests

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

:: **[Public Consultations Watch :: Global Calls for Input/Public Comment – 04 Sep 2026 Issue 43](#)**

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News

[Peru: when inclusivity addresses climate change](#)

Laws / Prevention / Peru | PUBLISHED ON September 2nd 2026

In the Peruvian Amazon and the Andes, the consequences of climate change are becoming more severe by the day. On the ground, HI is providing an inclusive response, ensuring that everyone has a say.

Heifer International [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News, Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News

[Deadly strike near Kyiv highlights the risks faced by older people during attacks](#)

4 September 2026

The deaths of 34 care home residents in the Kyiv region starkly illustrate the particular risks faced by older people and people with disabilities during the war.

[Age-friendly societies are better societies for everyone](#)

4 September 2026

Exploring how communities across the region can enable people of all ages to participate, contribute and live with dignity throughout their lives.

ICRC [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Latest press releases and statements

[Lebanon: ICRC facilitates transfer to Lebanon of 5 people detained by Israel](#)

News release 04-09-2026

[South Africa: ICRC president visits Pretoria as part of global effort to build political commitment to international humanitarian law](#)

News release 01-09-2026

[Sri Lanka: Sustained and collective efforts are critical to address the issue of missing persons](#)

News release 31-08-2026

IFRC [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Press releases

[Global initiative launched to improve access to mpox vaccines](#)

02/09/2026 | *Press release*

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Press Releases/ Updates / Alerts

Story

Slowing the Spread of Ebola in the DRC with Safe and Dignified Burials

September 3, 2026

The current Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is the fastest spreading and the second largest ever, with almost 6,200 confirmed cases and 3,000 confirmed deaths recorded so far. With such a quickly spreading and dangerous disease, education is vital. Healthcare staff and community health workers (CHWs) are doing their best ...

IRC [International Rescue Committee] [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Press Releases

Haiti: Attack in Kenscoff signals deadly cycle of violence and displacement as gangs continue to expand territory

September 3, 2026

Press Release

New IRC assessment finds critical resource gap in Venezuela as earthquake emergency medical teams wind down

September 1, 2026

Press Release

DRC: Ebola response must step up as millions of children return to school

August 31, 2026

IRCT [to 05 Sep 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 05 Sep 2026]

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

Nepal News

Nepal floods: Islamic Relief begins delivering 1,000 emergency shelter kits

September 2, 2026

Mercy Corps [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News Releases & Alerts

September 01, 2026

Mercy Corps Reaches Flood-Affected Communities in Nepal, Begins Emergency Aid Distributions

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Kiribati

Water security and public health in a changing climate

Project Update 4 Sep 2026

Colombia

Urgent needs persist three weeks after earthquake in Colombia

Project Update 2 Sep 2026

Conflict in Sudan

Bringing water and healthcare to displaced people in Abu Jubayhah, South Kordofan

Project Update 1 Sep 2026

The New Humanitarian [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News

Aid and Policy Cheat Sheet 4 Sep 2026

Israel's Gaza expulsion plans, Nepal's loss and damage test, and Syria's \$7 billion deal

Aid and Policy Newsletter 3 September 2026

Inklings | WFP defends new 5-year Palantir deal to staff

The World Food Programme is standing by its partnership with Palantir, telling staff that the new deal with the controversial military contractor will save the organisation millions of dollars. But some WFPers have questions.

Conflict Feature 3 September 2026

Lives on hold: Young Iranians watch their futures slip away

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News & Press Releases

Less presence, less protection: the cost of UN peacekeeping cuts

02. Sep 2026 | Global

NORCAP peacekeeping experts warns that major cuts to UN peacekeeping operations means less capacity to protect civilians in some of the world's most conflict-affected areas.

OXFAM [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Press Releases/Stories Story

Story

Palestinians should lead the rebuilding of Gaza

Sept. 1, 2026

Decisions about the future of Gaza must be made by Palestinians, with respect for basic human rights and self-determination.

Pact [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Latest News & Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News & Stories

[How Peer Support is Changing Substance Use Recovery in Liberia](#)

With community-based support, Peter. J Wallace stopped using substances, returned to school, and is now helping others navigate recovery.

September 2, 2026

[PIH Engage: "A Way To Keep the Despair at Bay"](#)

PIH Engage Team Coordinator for the University of Nevada, Reno, Emma Charles, shares their reflection on Engage's annual Training Institute and finding inspiration in the movement.

September 2, 2026

PATH [05 Sep 2026]

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

Newsroom [Selected]

[New SARS-CoV-1 antibody available for vaccine researchers](#)

September 3, 2026 by PATH

Targeted antibodies can speed the development and testing of vaccines globally.

A collaboration between PATH, Baylor College of Medicine, and the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has made a monoclonal antibody (mAb) specific for SARS-CoV-1 available to researchers globally. This mAb can support the development of vaccines for SARS-CoV-1 and its evolving variants, as well as future characterization of novel and multivalent coronavirus vaccines.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Save the Children [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Latest news

02 Sep 2026 *Lebanon*

[LEBANON: More than seven children killed or injured each day in six months of violence](#)

Despite a so-called ceasefire announced in June, the crisis for children in Lebanon is far from over with about 348,800 people remaining internally displaced across Lebanon and uncertainty over whether they can return home and about their futures.

02 Sep 2026 *Nepal*

[NEPAL: Children who witnessed horrors face mounting mental health issues one week after devastating floods](#)

Save the Children staff spoke to children in Nuwakot district who said they are fearful and anxious after witnessing wide-ranging horrors including school buses full of friends washed away, their homes submerged and everything they hold dear carried away by the waters.

31 Aug 2026 GLOBAL

NEPAL FLOODS: Children at risk of disease as families struggle to access clean water – Save the Children

Decaying human and animal remains, unmanaged waste, and stagnant water are further heightening the risk of waterborne diseases including diarrhoea and skin infections, Save the Children said.

Tostan [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News & Stories

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Blog

September 2, 2026

Leadership Update from Women for Women International

Women for Women International (WfWI) announces that Thelma Ekiyor has made the decision to resign from her role as International CEO, to pursue the next phase of her professional and academic journey...

To ensure a smooth transition, the WfWI Board has temporarily appointed current International Board Chair Nunu Ntshingila as Acting CEO. Nunu brings decades of senior leadership experience across Africa, including as former Regional Director of Africa for Meta and Ogilvy. She has served on the WfWI Board since 2023 and as Chair since 2025...

World Vision [to 05 Sep 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 05 Sep 2026]

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

Our Work

No new digest content identified.

Freedom House [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News Releases & Statements

Freedom House and the R.T. Weatherman Foundation Announce Partnership to Advocate for the Release of Hong Kong Political Prisoner Joshua Wong

September 1, 2026

Human Rights Watch [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News Releases/Spotlight

Spotlight

September 3, 2026 | *Dispatches*

Philippine Police Arrest 11 Indigenous Rights Protesters

Philippine police on August 28 dispersed a barricade that Indigenous communities had erected in Kasibu town, Nueva Vizcaya province, and arrested 11 Indigenous protesters. Members of the Bugkalot/Ilangot and other tribes have peacefully maintained a barricade since May to oppose the exploration activities of North Luzon Mineral Resources Corporation.

September 3, 2026 | *Dispatches*

EU Partnership Talks with Bahrain Should Seek Activists' Release

September 2, 2026 | *Dispatches*

Cambodia Court Sentences 3 Activists to 7 Years in Prison

September 2, 2026 | *Dispatches*

Tragedy at Pakistani Hospital Should Prompt Reform

September 2, 2026 | *News Release*

Sweden: Most Parties Back Stronger Action on Israel

Transparency International [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

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ChildFund Alliance [to 05 Sep 2026]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Elder's Statements, News

Each violation of international law emboldens others

September 2026

In our latest newsletter, [Ernesto Zedillo](#) explores how the international rule of law benefits us in our everyday lives, and why we cannot afford to take it for granted.

Gavi [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News Releases, VaccinesWork

2 September 2026

Global initiative launched to improve access to mpox vaccines

Global Fund [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News Releases
No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 05 Sep 2026]

<https://icvanetwork.org/news>

Blogs, Press Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

InterAction [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Latest Updates

No new digest content identified.

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

What's New/Events

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 05 Sep 2026]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

News

No new digest content identified.

(ALNAP) Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News, Events

No new digest content identified.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF [to 05 Sep 2026]

<https://www.elrha.org>

News

Website

Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies [nee CERAH] – [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Publications, Events, News

No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [IHSA] [to 05 Sep 2026]

<https://ihsa.info/>

News, Events

No new digest content identified.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 05 Sep 2026]

<https://inee.org>

Resources

[Safe Schools Now: A Call to Action to Uphold the Right to Education in Yemen](#)

Advocacy Brief Published 2 September 2026

This Call to Action forms part of a joint effort by a broad coalition of education actors and civil society standing in solidarity with the people of Yemen. It seeks to amplify the voices of Yemeni educators and education actors, mobilize sustained international support and funding, and demand urgent, coordinated action to ensure equitable access to quality, safe, inclusive education for millions of people in Yemen.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 05 Sep 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"

[Website no longer responding at inquiry [12 July 2026]]

Sphere [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Start Network [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News and Blog

No new digest content identified.

Unitaid [05 Sep 2026]

<https://unitaid.org/>

News releases

No new digest content identified.

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Brookings [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Research, Events

Research

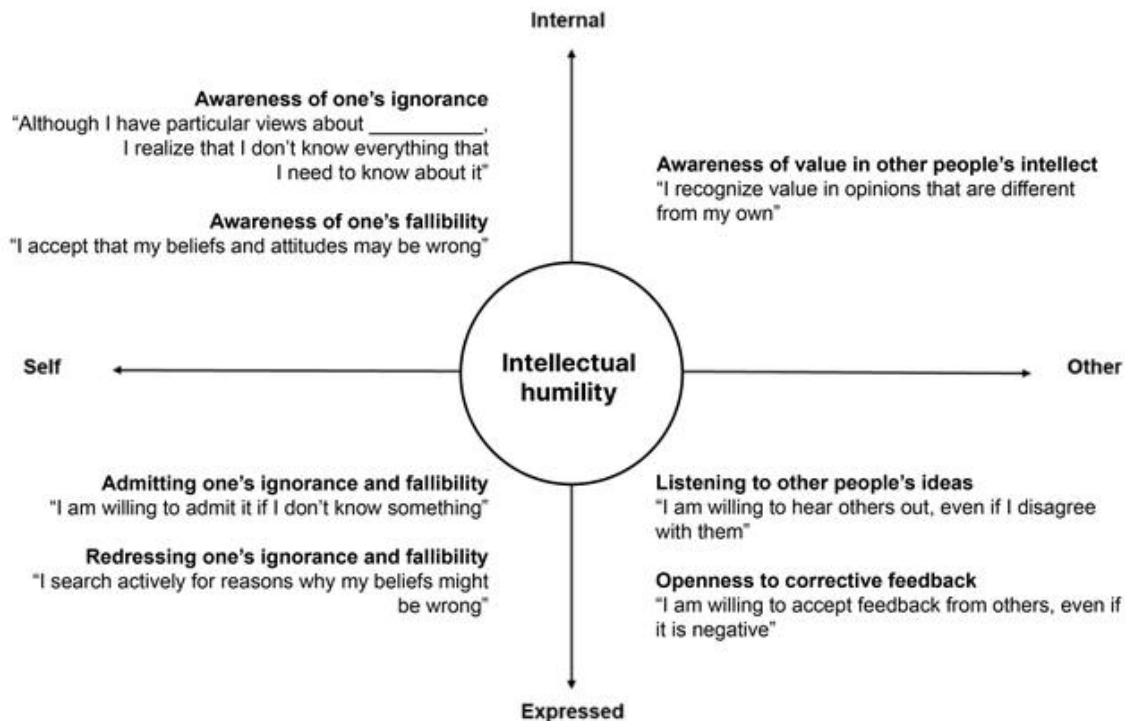
Chapter 1: Developing intellectual humility in middle and high school students

Tenelle Porter and Jon Valant

August 31, 2026

- Adolescence is a developmentally opportune time to cultivate intellectual humility, with benefits for young people's intellectual, social, and civic growth.
- Teachers can help students become more intellectually humble by modeling it themselves and building "learning cultures" that reward curiosity and exploration.
- Researchers are learning how schools can measure and develop intellectual humility, and are creating tools and strategies for classroom use.

Framework for defining intellectual humility



Source: Adapted from Porter, T., Baldwin, C. R., Warren, M. T., Murray, E. D., Cotton Bronk, K., Forgeard, M. J., ... & Jayawickreme, E. (2022). Clarifying the content of intellectual humility: A systematic review and integrative framework. *Journal of personality assessment*, 104(5), 573-585.

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Education Policy
at BROOKINGS

Center for Global Development [05 Sep 2026]

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

All Research

WORKING PAPER

Familiar Faces, Honest Answers? The Impacts of Enumerator Familiarity and Modality on Survey Responses

Travis Baseler et al.

September 01, 2026

Survey data can be distorted through mistrust, discomfort, or demand effects on the part of respondents. We test whether familiar enumerators—those with whom a respondent has completed a prior survey—influence data quality in a panel survey with small business owners in Uganda. We randomly assign re...

CGD NOTE

AI RCTs Are Booming—To Be Useful, They Must Evolve

Tim Ohlenburg et al.

August 27, 2026

AI RCTs are on the rise, a trend that's set to continue, and is likely to intensify. But randomising a rapidly evolving, increasingly widely adopted, technology poses a distinct set of challenges. So how can we actually garner durable, generalisable and policy relevant insights?

Chatham House [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Selected Analysis, Comment, Events

What is the United Nations for?

On this week's episode of Independent Thinking, our experts discuss the issues facing the United Nations ahead of the 81st General Assembly.

Audio

Published 4 September 2026 35 minute listen

Featured content

Explainer

Who owns the Falkland Islands?

The Trump administration has reignited debate over ownership – which is complicated by Argentinian independence, British administration, and the principle of self-determination.

1 May 2026 6 minute READ

Expert comment

Banning UK trade with illegal Israeli settlements is long overdue

It would be a natural extension of current UK positions, and parliament's cross-party Foreign Affairs Committee has recommended a formal ban for over a year.

4 September 2026 3 minute READ

Expert comment

Is China's humanoid robot industry a bubble?

The market debut of Unitree, China's leading humanoid robot company, has stoked fears that Beijing's ambitions for robots exceed demand. Until humanoid robots reach their 'ChatGPT moment' those worries will remain.

3 September 2026 3 minute READ

Expert comment

The 'reverse Kindleberger Trap': reasons to worry about the next financial crisis

A US crisis is very likely to be associated with a capital outflow, rather than a capital inflow, with the result that the dollar could weaken substantially against other currencies.

1 September 2026 3 minute READ

Council on Foreign Relations [05 Sep 2026]

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

Featured Content

Horse Wrestling and Hegemony: Why Central Asia's Nomad Games Matter This Year

By Michael Froman

September 4, 2026

Far-Right AfD and Russian Hybrid Campaign Pose Twin Threat for Germany's Merz

September 3, 2026

By Liana Fix and Rafaela Uzan

The Influence Operation That Ran on Borrowed Reputations

September 3, 2026

By Jessica Brandt

The Battle Over Mail-in Voting May Disrupt the 2026 Midterm Elections

September 3, 2026

By James M. Lindsay

Making Sense of John Ratcliffe's Trip to Moscow

September 2, 2026

By James M. Lindsay

CSIS [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Reports [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

IS Global [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Press releases

No new digest content identified.

McKinsey Global Institute [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Featured Research

Why progress is more physical than we think

September 2, 2026 -

From tomatoes and copper to data centers and steel, the modern economy depends on a material world hidden in plain sight.

ODI [Overseas Development Institute] [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Publications

Poverty and public finance: a primer

02 September 2026

Research report

This primer bridges that gap. It gives public finance staff a clear, practical grounding in poverty measurement, then shows how that understanding connects directly to fiscal policy design, tax and transfer analysis, and evidence-based reform.

Pew Research Center [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Latest Publications

No new digest content identified.

Rand [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Published Research [Selected]

Commentary Sep 4, 2026

[AI Can Now Design Viruses. We Need Biosecurity Guardrails Now](#)

As AI advances, the risk of engineered viral bioweapons is growing. The window to prepare is now—by building a layered, resilient system of defense.

Expert Insights Sep 2, 2026

[Countering Model Distillation: Limits and Alternatives](#)

Artificial intelligence model distillation (training new models on outputs of more capable ones) could affect U.S. frontier model advantage. New policy tools could augment such technical countermeasures as raising costs or reducing model quality.

Sep 2, 2026

[A Standardized Framework for Assessing High-Risk Life Sciences Research: Defining Objective Criteria That Can Facilitate Expert and AI Reviews of Dangerous Gain-of-Function Research](#)

Recent federal policies establish funding prohibitions and review requirements for certain high-risk life sciences research. The authors advise that federal agencies adopt an objective decisionmaking framework for dangerous gain-of-function research.

Commentary Aug 31, 2026

[Mirror Life Is Theoretical. The Danger Is Anything But.](#)

With mirror life, scientists have given world leaders both the foresight and the time to address the danger. What's needed isn't alarm but action to ensure that mirror life remains just a footnote in human history—and not its final chapter.

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 05 Sep 2026]

<http://researchonresearch.org/>

RoRI News, Events

No new digest content identified.

Alan Turing Institute

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

Latest

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Urban Institute [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

New Research Publications - Selected

Research Report

Democratizing Public Safety Budget Data

How to Understand, Visualize, and Share Public Safety Budget Information with Your Community

Lily Robin, Rudy Perez, Jesse Jannetta

September 4, 2026

The Wistar Institute [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

World Economic Forum [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Media [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

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InterAcademy Partnership (IAP)

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

News

Mon, 31 August 2026

Antonella di Trapani appointed IAP Coordinator

The IAP has appointed Dr Antonella di Trapani as its new Coordinator. She will join the IAP Trieste Secretariat on 1 September 2026.

Di Trapani comes to IAP with a background spanning science, international policy and diplomacy. Most recently, she was a Senior Research Fellow at the United Nations University (UNU) in Paris, where she worked on science diplomacy, digital technologies and global governance for sustainable development...

ISC / International Science Council [to 05 Sep 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, Blogs

03 September 2026 - 9 min read

Call for proposals: Research consultancy | deadline: 27 September

The Multilateral Dialogue (MLD) project is seeking an external research consultant to support the conceptual and empirical groundwork for MLD Workshop 1, scheduled for February 2027.

blog

03 September 2026 - 5 min read

Bridging science and governance in Latin America and the Caribbean

The ISC RFP-LAC, along with CEPAL, is working together to strengthen legislative science advice and anticipatory governance.

Union of Concerned Scientists [USC] [to 05 Sep 2026]

<https://www.ucs.org/about/media-center/press-releases>

Press Releases

[UN Report Highlights Dangers of Overshoot of 1.5 degrees Celsius of Global Warming, Pathways to Limit Risks](#)

Statement by Dr. Rachel Cleatus, Union of Concerned Scientists

September 2, 2026

Global Research Council [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

National Academies-Sciences-Engineering-Medicine [NASEM] - USA [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News

[A Framework for K-12 Science Education: Practices, Crosscutting Concepts, and Core Ideas 2012](#)

NASEM, Consensus Study Report 2026

Science, engineering, and technology permeate nearly every facet of modern life and hold the key to solving many of humanity's most pressing current and future challenges. The United States' position in the global economy is declining, in part because U.S. workers lack fundamental knowledge in these fields. To address the critical issues of U.S. competitiveness and to better prepare the workforce, *A Framework for K-12 Science Education* proposes a new approach to K-12 science education that will capture students' interest and provide them with the necessary foundational knowledge in the field.

A Framework for K-12 Science Education outlines a broad set of expectations for students in science and engineering in grades K-12. These expectations will inform the development of new standards for K-12 science education and, subsequently, revisions to curriculum, instruction, assessment, and professional development for educators. This book identifies three dimensions that convey the core ideas and practices around which science and engineering education in these grades should be built. These three dimensions are: crosscutting concepts that unify the study of science through their common application across science and engineering; scientific and engineering practices; and disciplinary core ideas in the physical sciences, life sciences, and earth and space sciences and for engineering, technology, and the applications of science. The overarching goal is for all high school graduates to have sufficient knowledge of science and engineering to engage in public discussions on science-related issues, be careful consumers of scientific and technical information, and enter the careers of their choice.

A Framework for K-12 Science Education is the first step in a process that can inform state-level decisions and achieve a research-grounded basis for improving science instruction and learning across the country. The book will guide standards developers, teachers, curriculum designers, assessment developers, state and district science administrators, and educators who teach science in informal environments.

National Academy of Engineering - USA [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Latest News & Press Releases [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

National Academy of Medicine - USA [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News, Stories, Insights
No new digest content identified.

National Endowment for the Humanities [U.S.] [to 05 Sep 2026]

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 05 Sep 2026]

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

News Releases

Physician-scientist and informatics leader Dr. Peter Embí to helm NIH's National Library of Medicine

September 2, 2026 — He is anticipated to begin his role on Sept. 10, 2026.

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

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

Reports. Statements, Meetings

Fourteenth (Extraordinary) Session of COMEST / 33rd (Ordinary) Session of the IBC / Joint Session of the IBC and the IGBC, UNESCO Paris, France, and Online, 29 September - 2 October 2026

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

33rd (Ordinary) Session of the IBC / Joint Session of the IBC and the IGBC /

14th (Extraordinary) Session of COMEST, UNESCO Paris, France, and Online, 29 September - 2 October 2026

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 05 Sep 2026]

<https://cioms.ch/>

News; Publications; Events

Reciprocal Effects of Drugs & the Microbiome – 2nd webinar

Online - October 7, 2026 Webinar Time: 14:00 – 15:30 (UTC+2, CEST)

Hastings Center [to 05 Sep 2026]
<https://www.thehastingscenter.org/>
Press Releases, Events
No new digest content identified.

INSERM [to 05 Sep 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 05 Sep 2026]

<https://www.ich.org/page/public-consultations>
News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selected]

2 September 2026

ICH and ISoP Sign MOU to Advance Global Awareness and Adoption of Harmonised Pharmacovigilance Requirements

ICH and ISoP have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to formalise their strategic collaboration to strengthen global awareness, recognition and adoption of ICH Guidelines, with a focus on pharmacovigilance, medication safety and MedDRA, a standardised international medical terminology produced by ICH.

1 September 2026

MedDRA Version 29.1 released in English

MedDRA Version 29.1 was released today in English. All 26 language translations will be available on 15 September 2026.

Nuffield Council on Bioethics [to 05 Sep 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

11th International Bioethics, Multiculturalism and Religion Workshop (5-7 January, 2027) – Hong Kong

Aug 1, 2026 | *News*

Cross-cultural Perspectives on AI, Law, and Health JANUARY 5-7, 2027 Artificial Intelligence is reshaping healthcare, legal systems, and human society at an unprecedented pace. As these technologies continue to evolve, they raise profound ethical,...

UN Inter-Agency Committee on Bioethics

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

By providing a forum for exchange of information in the field of bioethics and related issues, with

special attention to human rights, the UN Inter-Agency Committee on Bioethics (UNIACB) intends to promote coordination and cooperation in the activities carried out by its members.

Activities and News

No new digest content identified.

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

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

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:: Foundation/Major Donor Watch

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

Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [05 Sep 2026]

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

[AI BioDesign accelerator combines experimental biology and artificial intelligence to learn nature's design rules](#)

Researchers from the Allen Institute, University of Washington, and Fred Hutch Cancer Center, supported by Fund for Science and Technology, will build open AI models, datasets, and tools to accelerate biological design for health, sustainability, and other global challenges
September 3, 2026

Gates Foundation [05 Sep 2026]

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

Press Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

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

No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News & Updates

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 05 Sep 2026]

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 05 Sep 2026]

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

News & Press

The Stakes of America's 2026 Midterm Elections

3 September 2026 Published in *TIME*

By Heather Gerken and Robert E. Rubin

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Latest

Unearthing the Buried History of Christiansborg Castle

How a Getty Scholar and Getty Graduate Intern are working to strengthen how we record histories of the transatlantic slave trade

Sep 3, 2026

GHIT Fund [05 Sep 2026]

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

Press Releases

September 4, 2026

GHIT Fund to Exhibit at BioJapan 2026 and ASTMH 2026

Grameen Foundation [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Latest Updates [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [05 Sep 2026]

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

News & Stories

No new digest content identified.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Latest News

Last ones standing: Catholic sisters on the front lines of development

[Undated]

IKEA Foundation [to 05 Sep 2026]

<https://ikeafoundation.org/>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Kaiser Family Foundation/KFF [05 Sep 2026]

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

Research, Analysis

No new digest content identified.

Aga Khan Foundation [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

Lilly Endowment Inc. [to 05 Sep 2026]

<https://lillyendowment.org/news-and-insights/endowment-news/>

Endowment News

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Latest News and Grantee News

Increasing Our Charitable Giving Through 2028

September 2, 2026 *Perspectives*

MacArthur President John Palfrey shares our extended commitment to a payout rate of 6 percent for 2027 and 2028, responding to the ongoing nonprofit funding crisis.

As the nonprofit sector continues to struggle with uncertainty and funding cuts, we will extend our commitment to a charitable payout rate of 6 percent through 2028. This will mean approximately \$190 million in additional charitable payout spread over 2027 and 2028 relative to our baseline, assuming projected investment returns...

Mastercard Foundation [Canada] [to 05 Sep 2026]

<https://mastercardfdn.org/en/press/>

News

No new digest content identified.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Recent News

No new digest content identified.

Novo Nordisk Foundation [Denmark] [to 05 Sep 2026]

<https://novonordiskfonden.dk/en/>

News and media

04 Sep 2026

New Copenhagen facility to strengthen Europe's quantum manufacturing capabilities

The state-of-the-art quantum facility will strengthen Europe's ability to design, manufacture and scale next-generation quantum chips, helping to position the continent as a global leader in quantum technology.

Open Society Foundations [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News

Packard Foundation Directs Emergency Funding to Local Partners Responding to Ebola Outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

September 2, 2026

... To support the Ebola response, the Packard Foundation is supporting the International Rescue Committee, Fonds pour les Femmes Congolaises, Rights and Resources Initiative, Environmental

Defenders, and Health In Harmony with flexible funding...

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News Room

No new digest content identified.

Rockefeller Foundation [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News and Announcements

Mike Muldoon Named Chief Executive Officer of RF Catalytic Capital

Press Releases Published Date August 31, 2026

Muldoon to lead RFCC's next phase of growth

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 05 Sep 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 05 Sep 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Stichting INGKA Foundation [Netherlands] [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Tata Trusts [India] [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Press Releases

The Tata Trusts Urge India to Rethink Dementia: From Memory Loss to Loss of Identity, with Their Campaign, 'Vajood ...

02 September, 2026

The Tata Trusts Call for Early Detection and Diagnosis of Dementia through their public health awareness campaign, 'Vajood Rahe Maujood'

Mumbai, 2nd September 2026: This World Alzheimer's Month, the Tata Trusts focus attention on Dementia, an important health challenge that could hit India's elderly population sooner than we imagine. The Trusts' campaign 'Vajood Rahe Maujood', calls for early interventions not just by the affected families but also at an ecosystem level...

Wellcome Trust [05 Sep 2026]

<https://wellcome.org/>

News, Opinion, Reports

No new digest content identified.

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Candid [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 05 Sep 2026]

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

News, Press Releases [Selected]

Press Release

[Council on Foundations Statement on Proposed IRS Regulations Affecting Private Schools](#)

Friday, September 4, 2026

WASHINGTON — On September 3rd, the Department of the Treasury and the IRS released proposed regulations addressing racial nondiscrimination requirements for private schools. Kathleen Enright, president and CEO of the Council on Foundations, issued the following statement:

"Philanthropy's core work is to support the issues, causes, and communities that otherwise would go without. If enacted, this proposed rule would even further curtail support for the very people and groups that have been habitually under-resourced. The Council on Foundations is watching closely and deeply invested in how this rule is finalized. We will continue to work on behalf of our members to ensure that tax-exempt status does not depend on alignment with the policy preferences of those in office but with what is charitable."

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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 17 2026 Issue 3

<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 3 (2026)

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

Neuroethics in Asia: New Horizons for a Cross-Cultural Approach in Neuroethics, guest edited by Tamami Fukushima

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Human Genetics

Aug 06, 2026 Volume 113 Issue 8 p1583-1778

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

This month in The Journal

Paul W. Hook, Alyson B. Barnes

Whereas cis-acting regulatory variants are located near their target genes and affect regions such as promoters and enhancers, trans-acting regulatory variants can be located anywhere in the genome and affect expression through a variety of indirect mechanisms. Trans-eQTLs contribute a sizable fraction of gene expression variation, but identifying these variants continues to pose challenges. Indeed, it is thought that mismapping of sequencing reads could lead to spurious results, suggesting the need to revisit the known catalog of trans-eQTLs for mismapping artifacts.

American Journal of Public Health

August 2026 116(8)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 115 (2026): Issue 2 (Aug 2026)

<https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/115/2/tpmd.115.issue-2.xml>

[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

August 2026 Volume 179, Issue 8

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Antiquity – A Review of World Archaeology

Issue 412 - August 2026

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Anti-Trafficking Review

No. 26 (2026)

<https://antitraffickingreview.org/index.php/atrjournal/issue/view/37>

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 - Corporate Accountability and Forced Labour in Value Chains

Guest Editor: Judy Fudge

This Special Issue of Anti-Trafficking Review examines recent efforts to hold multinational corporations accountable for human rights harms, including forced labour, resulting from their business practices. Contributions from across Asia, Europe, and the Americas analyse various aspects of the shift from voluntary corporate social responsibility measures to legally required or legally enforceable initiatives to address forced labour in global value chains. They interrogate the effectiveness of recently adopted transparency and human rights due diligence legislation across many Global North countries and demonstrate that worker-driven social responsibility, and other bottom-up initiatives, are better placed to reduce exploitation in supply chains than top-down state- and corporate-led approaches.

Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal

Volume 358 September 2026

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/358/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Bioethics

Volume 40, Issue 6 Pages: 545-650 July 2026

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14678519/current>

Special issue: The Bioethics of Space Exploration

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 05 Sep 2026]

[Springer-Nature site down at inquiry]

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 05 Sep 2026)

[Springer-Nature site down at inquiry]

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 05 Sep 2026)

[Springer-Nature site down at inquiry]

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 05 Sep 2026)

[Springer-Nature site down at inquiry]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 05 Sep 2026)

[Springer-Nature site down at inquiry]

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 05 Sep 2026)

[No digest content identified]

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 05 Sep 2026)

[Springer-Nature site down at inquiry]

BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine

August 2026 - Volume 31 - 4

<https://ebm.bmj.com/content/31/4>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMJ Global Health

August 2026 - Volume 11 - 8

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/11/8>

[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists

DIGITAL MAGAZINE - July 2026

<https://thebulletin.org/magazine/2026-05/>

[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 104, Number 8, August 2026, 525-584

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 52, Issue 5 September 2026

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal

Volume 177 July 2026

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/child-abuse-and-neglect/vol/173/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics

Volume 120, Issue 2 Pages: 289-562 August 2026

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Therapeutics

August 2026 Volume 48 Issue 8 p677-808

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

Special Issue on "Advancing Diversity, Racial Equity & Inclusion in Clinical Research - Part II"

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Trials

Volume 23 Issue 4, August 2026

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Conflict and Health

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

[Accessed 05 Sep 2026]

[Springer-Nature site down at inquiry]

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 167 August 2026

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/167/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

The CRISPR Journal

Volume 9 Issue 4, August 2026
<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/tcja/9/4>
[Reviewed earlier]

Current Genetic Medicine Reports

Volume 14, Issue 1 December 2026
<https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/volumes-and-issues/13-1>
[Reviewed earlier]

Current Medical Research and Opinion

Volume 42, Issue 6, 2026
<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/icmo20/curret>
[Reviewed earlier]

Current Protocols in Human Genetics

<https://currentprotocols.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/1934825>
8 [Accessed 05 Sep 2026]
[No new digest content identified]

Developing World Bioethics

Volume 26, Issue 2 Pages: 81-130 June 2026
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14718847/current>
Special Issue: Military Global Health Engagements
[Reviewed earlier]

Development in Practice

Volume 36, 2026 Issue 4
<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cdip20/36/4?nav=tocList>
[Reviewed earlier]

Development Policy Review

Volume 44, Issue 5 September 2026
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677679/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 20 - 2026
<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/disaster-medicine-and-public-health-preparedness/latest-issue>
[Reviewed earlier]

Disasters

Volume 50, Issue 4 October 2026
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677717/current>
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

The humanitarian–development–peace (triple) nexus: a typology and critical reflections

Rodrigo Mena

e70067 First Published: 23 July 2026

EMBO Reports

Volume 27, Issue 16 August 2026

<https://link.springer.com/journal/44319/volumes-and-issues/27-16>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Emerging Infectious Diseases

Volume 32, Number 9—September 2026

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Epidemics

Volume 55 June 2026

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/55/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 4 Pages: 1-45 July–August 2026

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & International Affairs

Volume 40 - Issue 1 - Spring 2026

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

Special Section: The Ethics and Experience of War

[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics, Medicine and Public Health

Volume 33 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/ethics-medicine-and-public-health/vol/33/suppl/Cc>

[Reviewed earlier]

The European Journal of Public Health

Volume 36, Issue 3, June 2026

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/36/3>

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Policy

Volume 137 November 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/137/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Security

Volume 18, Issue 2 April 2026

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/volumes-and-issues/18-2>

[Reviewed earlier]

Forced Migration Review (FMR)

FMR 76 November 2025

<https://www.fmreview.org/#latest-issue>

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

September/October 2026 Volume 105, Number 5

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/issues/2026/105/5>

[Reviewed earlier]

Forum for Development Studies

Volume 52, 2025 - Issue 2

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

The Rebirth of the Global South: Geopolitics, Imageries, and Developmental Realities

[Reviewed earlier]

Frontiers in Genetics

<https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/genetics>

[Accessed 05 Sep 2026]

Review Accepted on 02 Sep 2026

Artificial Intelligence for Precision Gene Therapy: Emerging Technologies, Clinical Applications, and Future Directions

Govinder Flora, Abhinay Thakur

Abstract

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is revolutionizing gene therapy from an empirical and iterative process to a predictive, data-driven and increasingly intelligent therapeutic development approach. This review covers the application of AI extensively throughout the gene therapy development process, from target therapeutic discovery, identification of disease genes, variant interpretation, integration of multi-omics

data, optimization of CRISPR, engineering of the vector, prediction of immunogenicity, manufacturing, and clinical development and post-marketing surveillance. The role of machine learning, deep learning, foundation models, generative AI and digital twins for advancing therapeutic design, boosting vector performance, manufacturing optimization, patient stratification and enabling precision medicine is discussed. Lastly, we provide directions for future research and highlight the need for close multidisciplinary cooperation between computational scientists, biologists, clinicians, industry, and regulatory agencies to facilitate the development of safe, effective and personalized genetic medicines responsibly.

Frontiers in Medicine

<https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/medicine/volumes?volume-id=1463>

[Accessed 05 Sep 2026]

[No new digest content identified]

Gene Therapy – Nature

Volume 33 Issue 4, July 2026

<https://www.nature.com/gt/volumes/33/issues/4>

[Reviewed earlier]

Genetics in Medicines

Volume 28, Issue 8 August 2026

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/genetics-in-medicine/vol/28/issue/8>

[Reviewed earlier]

Genome Medicine

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

[Accessed 05 Sep 2026]

[No new digest content identified]

Geoheritage

Volume 18, Issue 2 June 2026

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12371/volumes-and-issues/18-2>

[Reviewed earlier]

Global Health Action

Volume 19, Issue 1 (2026)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)

August 2026

<https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/search/?term=%22Glob%20Health%20Sci%20Pract%22%5Bjournal%5D>

[Reviewed earlier]

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

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

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

[No new digest content identified]

Global Public Health

Volume 21, Issue 1 (2026)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Globalization and Health

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

[Accessed 05 Sep 2026]

[Springer-Nature site down at inquiry]

The Hastings Center Report

Volume 56, Issue 4 Pages: 1-54 July–August 2026

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/1552146x/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Health and Human Rights

Volume 28, Issue 2, June 2026

<https://www.hhrjournal.org/volume-28-issue-1-june-2026/>

Special Section: Children's Right to Health

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Economics, Policy and Law

Volume 21 - Issue 3 - July 2026

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Policy and Planning

Volume 41, Issue 7, August 2026

<https://academic.oup.com/heapol/issue/41/7>

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Research Policy and Systems

<http://www.health-policy-systems.com/content>

[Accessed 05 Sep 2026]

[Springer-Nature site down at inquiry]

Human Gene Therapy

Volume 37 Issue 13-14, July 2026

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/hgta/37/13-14>
[Reviewed earlier]

Human Rights Quarterly

Volume 48, Number 2, May 2026
<https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/56808>
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Humanitarian Practice Network

<https://odihpn.org/>
[Accessed 05 Sep 2026]
[Learning, reflection and adaptation in humanitarian research](#)
August 24, 2026
Gemma Carder, Marta Bonsi, Mihaela Swift

Implementation Research and Practice

<https://journals.sagepub.com/articles/IRP>
[Accessed 05 Sep 2026]
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[No new digest content identified]

Infectious Diseases of Poverty

<http://www.idpjournal.com/content>
Latest articles
[Springer-Nature site down at inquiry]

International Health

Volume 18, Issue 4, July 2026
<https://academic.oup.com/inthealth/issue/18/4>
[Reviewed earlier]

International Human Rights Law Review

Volume 15 (2026): Issue 1 (Jun 2026)
<https://brill.com/view/journals/hrlr/hrlr-overview.xml>
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The International Journal of Children's Rights

Volume 34 (2026): Issue 2 (Jun 2026)
<https://brill.com/view/journals/chil/34/2/chil.34.issue-2.xml>
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<https://www.ijcmph.com/index.php/ijcmph/issue/view/139>

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International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction

Volume 138 May 2026

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/international-journal-of-disaster-risk-reduction/vol/128/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Epidemiology

Volume 55, Issue 3, June 2026

<https://academic.oup.com/ije/issue/55/3>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Heritage Studies

Volume 32, 2025 Issue 4

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rjhs20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare

Volume 19, Issue 2 22 April 2026

<https://www.emerald.com/ijhrh/issue/19/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Migration Review

Volume 60 Issue 3, September 2026

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

Special Collection: Routine Irregularities: The Contested Governance of Irregular and Forced Migration in Asia [Reviewed earlier]

International Review of Education – Journal of Lifelong Learning

Volume 72, Issue 4 August 2026

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Comment

Offline: How to save WHO

Richard Horton

I am optimistic about the future for WHO. Still, despite the passionate protestations of the agency's current Director-General (DG), Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus—namely, that the need for a strong WHO has never been greater—the reality is that the world's only intergovernmental health institution is at its weakest moment since the nadir of 1998. At that time, Hiroshi Nakajima bequeathed an agency in crisis, badly mishandling the global response to an emerging AIDS pandemic and widely mistrusted by countries after allegations of electoral corruption. As now, the prospects for WHO seemed bleak. Recognising that moment of peril, the Rockefeller Foundation convened a series of gatherings to identify preconditions for the agency's renewal. Their work contributed to the election of Norway's former Prime Minister, Gro Harlem Brundtland. Thanks to the respect she commanded among fellow political leaders, together with her deft administrative skills, Brundtland restored WHO's standing and confidence, launched critically important new health programmes, and delivered real successes for global health, such as the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Today, WHO finds itself at a similar turning point, wounded financially and reputationally by the sudden withdrawal of the USA. Instead of focusing its stretched resources on health programmes, the agency's leadership has been forced to devote much of its time to unprecedented downsizing. Inevitably, WHO has found it hard to reclaim its voice.

What of the future? Four candidates have declared themselves (the deadline for country nominations is Sept 24): Hans Kluge, WHO's Regional Director for Europe; Hanan Balkhy, WHO's Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean; Hanan Al-Kuwari, Qatar's former Minister of Public Health; and Budi Gunadi Sadikin, Indonesia's current Minister of Health. There are whispers about possible late entrants. Of the four, Sadikin is the outsider. A former banker, he became Minister of Health in 2020. He is promoting his track record in managing Indonesia's COVID-19 response and his efforts to digitally transform access to health care across his country. Balkhy, a paediatrician and infectious disease specialist, has led her region since 2024. She was a former WHO Assistant Director-General for Antimicrobial Resistance. Al-Kuwari was a government minister from 2016 to 2024. She was educated in health-care management and led Qatar's largest health provider. Kluge is the first candidate to publish his election manifesto. He explicitly acknowledges that WHO is facing difficulties. His manifesto is entitled, *Rebuilding the World Health Organization Together*. He calls himself WHO's "most candid critic".

I did not know Nakajima. But I have known and, in some cases, worked with his successors—Brundtland (1998–2003), J-W Lee (2003–06), Anders Nordström (2006–07), Margaret Chan (2007–17), and Tedros (2017–27). I am neither a political scientist nor an insightful psephologist. But it strikes me that there are some pointers to what makes a more or less successful DG. First, political experience. The higher the level in government a prospective DG has served, the better. Brundtland proved that if you want to influence presidents and prime ministers, it is important they see you as their equal. Second, appoint people smarter than yourself to senior roles and give them the freedom and authority to lead. Again, Brundtland is the best example: David Heymann, Julio Frenk, Derek Yach. Third, keep member states close and use their influence. A DG who can call on a committed political leader to front up a campaign, commission, or initiative will amplify their impact and bring in other leaders. Fourth, persuade the UN Secretary-General (UNSG) to take health more seriously. When Ban Ki-moon (UNSG 2007–16) made women's and children's health one of his signature initiatives, he transformed a health sector issue into a global political movement. He drew in leaders such as Stephen Harper (Canada), Jakaya Kikwete (Tanzania), and Jens Stoltenberg (Norway). Finally, many observers will say that being a good communicator is an essential attribute. Yes and no. A basic ability to communicate your ideas is important. But good communication without robust, meaningful, and inspiring content becomes empty rhetoric. The best DGs have launched original and transformational health programmes, often triggered through partnerships with the academic medical and global health communities. So, should you be

optimistic about the future of WHO? You have to be. There is no other choice.

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Closing the preparedness gap: moving beyond emergency response to sustain the medical countermeasure ecosystem

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Global health ethics in international collaborative research during policy transition: what can we learn from the proposed newborn hepatitis B vaccine trial in Guinea-Bissau?

Keymanthri Moodley, Stuart Rennie, Brian D Earp

Summary

International collaborative research in Africa has raised ethical challenges for decades. The proposed newborn hepatitis B vaccine trial in Guinea-Bissau is the latest case to crystallise concerns around potential exploitation of disadvantaged populations, drawing comparisons to Tuskegee and other research abuses. We argue that the decision to stop the trial was appropriate, but that the reasons most invoked in public debate are incomplete. The trial was designed to happen during a defined window before Guinea-Bissau's planned rollout of the universal birth-dose vaccination in 2027–28, when randomisation between the WHO-recommended birth dose and the existing local standard of care remained possible. Under what conditions, if any, could such research—comparing a local versus global standard of care during health policy transition—be ethically justified? We propose four conditions and assess the proposed trial against them. The trial potentially satisfies some of our proposed conditions but does not meet others owing to an absence of maternal hepatitis B screening despite high background prevalence, methodological shortcomings that threaten the interpretability of results, and governance deficiencies, including an absence of sponsor-country ethics review (required by the

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Where Do We Stand? For its 80th Anniversary, the UN Chronicle Takes a Historic Look Back

Meghan Lynn

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In 1946, as today, the Secretary-General acknowledged the vulnerabilities of the United Nations as well as what it takes for it to succeed.

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World Heritage

Across the world, heritage reminds us of how societies drew on their history to build the future. As both a legacy of the past and a resource for future generations, it embodies the resilience, creativity and spirit of transmission that enable communities to preserve their identity and adapt to the transformations of their time. This conviction, at the heart of UNESCO's mission, takes on particular resonance on the occasion of the 48th session of the World Heritage Committee, held this year in the Republic of Korea.

The Korean experience vividly illustrates how heritage can accompany the transformations of a society while preserving the foundations of its identity. Over the decades, the country has succeeded in protecting and promoting its cultural and natural heritage while embracing innovation and international cooperation. Today, the Republic of Korea actively contributes to capacity building, knowledge sharing

and the implementation of conservation projects benefiting many States Parties to the World Heritage Convention...

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Rights by Architecture: A Human-Compatible Sociotechnical Layer for Digital Protection Across Regulatory Regimes

Soheil Human

Digital rights increasingly exist in law but remain difficult to exercise through the information systems that mediate them. Using disciplined conceptual synthesis and problematization, this critical-conceptual IS paper explains the gap through the interaction of legal heterogeneity, conflicting organizational and commercial incentives, fragmented architectures, and asymmetrical control over rights-relevant acts. It then theorizes a human-compatible rights layer: a governed sociotechnical capability for standardized, machine-readable, bidirectional, and jurisdictionally plural communication of requests, consent, refusal, withdrawal, objection, records, and support. Comparing California-style opt-out signals, the EU's mixed lawful-basis regime, and P3P, DNT, GPC, and ADPC, the paper derives seven normative requirements, develops rights by architecture as a bounded emancipatory policy argument, and treats a proposed GDPR provision on automated and machine-readable privacy management as a policy case for moving from banner-based compliance toward rights-supporting digital infrastructure.

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MMMM: A Unified Taxonomy for Investigating the Mechanisms of Multilingual MultiModal Misinformation

Nadav Borenstein, Greta Warren, Desmond Elliott, Isabelle Augenstein

Multimodal misinformation on social media is highly prevalent, potent, and harmful, yet difficult to detect and counter, and still poorly understood compared to its text-only counterpart. Research on the properties and deceptive strategies of multimodal misinformation is hindered by a lack of taxonomies grounded in real-world contexts and by the limitations of current multimodal machine learning models, which prevent the automation of annotation and analysis at scale. We address these shortcomings in three steps. First, we collect a large-scale, high-quality dataset of real-world misinformation instances from Twitter/X in seven languages. Second, we develop a novel, comprehensive taxonomy of multimodal misinformation grounded in an in-depth qualitative analysis of the data and prior theoretical work. Finally, we operationalise the taxonomy through an automated multi-step annotation pipeline using a Vision-Language Model (VLM), and perform human-validation. Our novel approach leads to previously undocumented insights about how social media users combine images with text to spread misinformation in the wild, e.g., that AI-generated content is particularly prevalent in technology and science, while vaccination misinformation disproportionately utilises images from news outlets to assert credibility. Our method and findings provide guidance for targeted approaches for detecting multimodal misinformation, and suggest that mitigation efforts should be developed and applied strategically rather than uniformly.

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Free Speech and Artificial Intelligence

Etienne Brown

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Philosophers and legal scholars are engaged in debates about the implications of artificial intelligence for freedom of expression. This paper analyzes the free speech issues raised by two distinct AI technologies: social media recommendation algorithms and conversational AI (i.e., chatbots powered by large language models). The first part shows that, through their recommendation algorithms, social media platforms control the dynamics of speech visibility in the digital public sphere, making algorithmic recommendation relevant to the philosophy of free speech. The second part turns to conversational AI. It discusses both the reasons for granting or withholding speech rights to artificial agents and users' right to receive information, which may render specific forms of chatbot regulation illegitimate. Throughout, the chapter also considers whether social media platforms or AI developers hold corporate speech rights. Its general aim is to raise rather than settle questions that arise from the rapid development of AI technologies.

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Generative AI Alignment with Hinduism's Theological Plurality and Sacred Representation

Dipto Das, Arpita Kundu, Nusrat Jahan Mim, Shion Guha, Syed Ishtiaque Ahmed

Generative AI systems are increasingly used to answer personal questions and mediate everyday practices, including religion. However, existing discussions around AI alignment and ethics have largely centered secular, Western, and Abrahamic assumptions about religion, offering limited attention to other faith-based traditions. In this paper, we examine how Hindu users engage with generative AI systems in relation to their religious knowledge, belief, and practice. Drawing on 15 semi-structured interviews with Bangladeshi Hindu participants, we analyze how users interpret AI-generated religious representations, scriptural explanations, devotional interactions, and synthetic religious media. We found that AI can be both accessible and ethically troubling. While AI supported scriptural inquiry, devotional visualization, and religious storytelling, our study also identified concerns about theological flattening, cultural misrepresentation, devotional manipulation, and the simulation of sacred presence and authority. We conclude by arguing that religious alignment in generative AI requires interpretive alignment: systems that disclose their limits, preserve plurality, and avoid simulating sacred authority and sycophantic personalization.

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What Would it Cost to End Extreme Poverty?

Roshni Sahoo, Joshua Blumenstock, Paul Niehaus, Leo Selker, Stefan Wager

We study poverty minimization via direct transfers, framing this as a statistical learning problem while retaining the information constraints faced by real-world programs. Using nationally representative household consumption surveys from 34 countries that together account for 76% of the world's poor, we estimate that reducing the poverty rate to 1% (from a baseline of 13%) would cost \$211 B nominal per year. This is 4.0 times the corresponding reduction in the aggregate poverty gap, but only 19% of the cost of universal basic income. Extrapolated globally, the results imply a cost of 0.28% of global GDP to (approximately) end extreme poverty.

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Genomics Database

John L Portwood, Ethalinda KS Cannon, Olivia C Haley, Laura E Tibbs-Cortes, Carson M Andorf, Margaret R. Woodhouse

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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

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