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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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UNGA 81st Session

General Assembly – High-level Week 2026

18 - 28 September 2026

Events

- SDG Moment
- General Debate
- Climate Action and Just Transition
- 40th Anniversary of the Declaration on the Right to Development
- High-level Meeting on Sea Level Rise
- Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response
- 25th Anniversary of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action
- International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

(Day 1) General Debate - General Assembly: Plenary meeting, 81st session

Production Date: 22 Sep 2026 **Video Length: 12:51:37** [Transcript](#)

Summary

The debate of the 81st session opens on Tuesday, 22 September, continues through Saturday, 26 September, and concludes on Monday, 28 September 2026.

Description

leaders gather to engage in the annual high-level General Debate under the theme, "Restoring trust, managing transformation: a United Nations that delivers for all".

Heads of State and Government and ministers explore solutions to intertwined global challenges to advance peace, security, and sustainable development.

The General Debate of the United Nations General Assembly is the opportunity for Heads of State and Government to come together at the UN Headquarters and discuss world issues.

The UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, introduces the annual report (A/81/1) on the activities of the Organization at the opening of the general debate.

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Guterres: 'Cracks have become canyons' as world faces four tests of power

22-09-2026 | DESA

Humanity faces four defining "tests of power" – around war or peace, inequality, climate change and AI – that will determine whether the world moves towards a new era of cooperation or deeper division, the UN chief warned the General Assembly on Tuesday.

Key points

- :: UN chief urges binding international cooperation on AI governance,** warning that life-and-death decisions must never be handed to machines
- :: Calls for Security Council reform,** highlighting the continued "indefensible" absence of permanent

African representation

:: For the first time in its history, UN has achieved full gender parity across senior leadership and staff

With roughly 100 days remaining in his term as UN Secretary-General, António Guterres delivered a wide-ranging speech that framed the world's most pressing crises not as isolated problems, but as different expressions of the same underlying struggle over how power is exercised and by whom.

"The greatest power is not the power to dominate. It is the power to build a future that works for everyone," he said, presenting his annual report of the Organization.

Describing a decade of eroding international norms – from civilians targeted in war, and humanitarian workers killed, to international law "cast aside" and fraying trust between nations – he said **power itself is being fundamentally reshaped in three ways:**

:: Emergence of new State powers

:: Significant transfer of authority from governments to private corporations and individuals

:: Growing role of AI and autonomous weapons in decisions once reserved for humans

"The faultlines in our world are widening," he said. "Cracks have become canyons."

Rather than accepting fragmentation as inevitable, he called for galvanizing cooperation and a truly global network built on interdependence and shared rules while warning against sliding into rival blocs with separate economic and security systems, a scenario he has termed in recent years the Great Fracture...

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"International Cooperation"

Around 100 Former Heads of State and Government Call on Current Leaders To Renew International Cooperation

Rockefeller Foundation, *Press Releases* Published Date September 21, 2026

:: Former leaders urge a renewed framework for cooperation grounded in human dignity, the rule of law and mutual respect.

:: New global polling shows broad public support for countries working together.

Joint Statement by Former Heads of State and Government

New York / September 21, 2026

We, former heads of state and government from different regions of the world, are **united in the belief that the global challenges we face today can only be overcome through international cooperation**. Yet, the international order that enables such cooperation is fracturing. The rules on which it was built are being willfully set aside or ignored, narrow interests increasingly prevail over common purpose, and the result is deepening tension, conflict, inequality and mistrust.

Societies everywhere confront challenges that no country can solve alone: economic instability, humanitarian crises, climate change, pandemics, irregular migration, new and renewed conflicts, organized crime, and the profound implications of emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence.

These realities require not less cooperation, but better cooperation: grounded in human dignity, the rule of law, and mutual respect. As the world changes, cooperation must also renew itself — honoring

sovereignty, while recognizing interdependence, and delivering tangible benefits for people and communities.

Despite rising nationalism, populism, and isolationism, the demand for international cooperation remains strong across regions and political traditions. We believe that, if cooperation is to endure in a more fragmented and multipolar world, it must rest on a common foundation of principles capable of bridging differences and commanding broad support.

We therefore welcome the Principles of Cooperation initiative and endorse its purpose and ambition: to help rebuild trust, bridge differences and establish a stronger basis for international cooperation based on common principles.

We commit to lend our experience and support to this effort: contributing to its development and championing its call for renewed international cooperation in our countries, our communities and international forums.

At a time of accelerating geopolitical and economic challenges, **we call on current leaders to seize this opportunity: to engage with and shape the initiative**, build a framework for cooperation on this basis, and work to translate it into practical action. The choices made now will shape not only relations between states, but the security, prosperity and well-being of future generations.

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United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Governments adopt roadmap to tackle 21st century crime threats at United Nations Crime Congress in Abu Dhabi

UNODC - United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
ABU DHABI, 26 September (UN Information Service) – The Fifteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice opened today with the **adoption of the Abu Dhabi Declaration, a forward-looking global framework to strengthen international criminal justice cooperation against fast-evolving crime challenges and exploitation of digital technologies.**

In the Declaration, adopted by acclamation, **Member States highlight concerns about emerging trends in an increasingly complex criminal landscape, including crime as a service and violence as a service, and exploitation of cyberinfrastructure and cybertechnology.**

They call for action against threats including cybercrime and fraud, and **commit to digitalizing justice systems and harnessing technologies, including artificial intelligence in criminal justice responses**, while maintaining safeguards such as human oversight, transparency, due process and data protection.

The Congress represents the world's largest gathering of policymakers, civil society and other stakeholders in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice. Amina Mohamed, United Nations Deputy Secretary-General, in a video message to the Congress, emphasized that the Crime Congress is taking place at a time of profound change.

"Justice cannot be a privilege. It must protect every person, uphold every person's rights and leave no one behind," said Ms. Mohamed. "This Congress is an opportunity to renew our shared commitment to justice and the rule of law, and to translate that commitment into action."

"Today, the world convenes in Abu Dhabi to reaffirm that the rule of law and criminal justice are essential to the safety and security of people and the planet," said Monica Juma, the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), in her opening remarks. "At a time when confidence in multilateralism is faltering, let Abu Dhabi be a testament to international cooperation."

UNODC serves as secretariat for the Crime Congress and will support the implementation of the Abu Dhabi Declaration...

The Abu Dhabi Declaration of the Fifteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice: <https://docs.un.org/A/CONF.241/L.1>

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Gaza Reconstruction

UNCTAD: Gaza reconstruction needs reach \$71.5 billion as Palestinian economy and public finances face severe strain

Latest UNCTAD report documents the loss of decades of development gains, economic collapse in Gaza and tightening economic constraints in the West Bank

UNCTAD/PRESS/PR/2026/011 — Geneva, Switzerland

Geneva, Switzerland, 24 September 2026

Gaza's recovery and reconstruction needs are estimated at \$71.5 billion, according to the latest Report on UNCTAD assistance to the Palestinian people, presented to the UN Trade and Development Board. **The report details the collapse of Gaza's economy, tightening constraints on economic activity in the West Bank and growing pressure on Palestinian public finances and the banking sector.**

The report finds that 59 years of occupation have constrained the Palestinian economy, with structural and economic costs rising sharply since October 2023. Following the sharp contraction in 2024, Palestinian GDP grew by 4.3% in 2025 from a low base but remained 20% below its 2022 level. **Gaza's real GDP rose by 34.2% after contracting 83% in 2024, a statistical rebound from a sharply reduced base.** Across the Occupied Palestinian Territory, hundreds of thousands of jobs have been lost since October 2023, erasing an estimated \$2.8 billion in cumulative labour income.

In the West Bank, the report documents reduced access to land and natural resources associated with settlement expansion. It also reports rising displacement: 38 communities have been emptied of Palestinian since 2023, and displacement in the first quarter of 2026 exceeded the total recorded in 2025.

Fiscal pressures threaten macroeconomic stability

The report finds that the Palestinian Government's fiscal position has deteriorated sharply. Under the Paris Protocol, Israel collects more than two thirds of Palestinian fiscal revenue on behalf of the Palestinian Government. Transfers have been intermittent and subject to deductions. According to the report, clearance revenue transfers due to the Palestinian Government were fully withheld from May 2025 through mid-2026.

Cumulative deductions and withheld revenues between January 2019 and March 2026 exceeded an estimated \$3.67 billion at the exchange rates prevailing when the payments were due - equivalent to 83% of total Palestinian net revenue in 2025. The report estimates the 2025 budget deficit at 13% of GDP when unpaid clearance revenues are excluded, compared with 6% when

those revenues are counted as revenue due to the Government.

These fiscal pressures are constraining essential services. Health-related arrears reached \$1.1 billion by late 2025, raising risks to the continuity of services provided by hospitals, non-governmental providers and pharmaceutical suppliers. In the West Bank, resource shortages led schools to limit in-person instruction to three days a week in 2025, according to the report.

Risks to the banking sector

To finance the deficit, the Government has increasingly borrowed from domestic banks and accumulated arrears to private sector suppliers and the pension fund, bringing total public debt to \$4.8 billion in 2025. Combined with lending secured against government salaries, exposure of the banking system to the public sector has reached \$5.3 billion, or 42% of all bank lending.

According to the report, the short validity of letters of indemnity issued by Israeli authorities affects correspondent banking relationships and access to global trade and finance. Palestinian banks also face constraints in converting physical shekel banknotes into digital balances because of restrictions on currency repatriation. Together, these constraints could disrupt financing for imports of fuel, medicines and food.

Economic crisis in Gaza

The report estimates that 92% of Gaza's economic establishments have been damaged or destroyed since October 2023. GDP per capita stood at \$212 in 2025 - equivalent to about \$0.58 per person per day in GDP terms and 17% of its 2022 level. Unemployment reached 78%, while more than 90% of the working-age population was not employed.

Gaza's share of Palestinian GDP fell from 17.4% before October 2023 to less than 4% in 2025. All productive sectors in Gaza remained far below their 2022 output levels: agriculture and industry were each down 94%, while construction was down 99%, the report finds. In 2025, Gaza's overall price level remained 274% above its 2022 level, with staples such as potatoes and cooking gas costing several times their 2022 prices.

Reconstruction and recovery needs

A rapid damage and needs assessment by the World Bank, the European Union and the United Nations estimates physical infrastructure damage in Gaza at \$35.2 billion and economic and social losses at \$22.7 billion as of early 2026. Separately, it estimates total recovery and reconstruction needs at \$71.5 billion. This figure may rise if further damage is being recorded.

Housing accounts for the largest category of damage and the largest reconstruction need.

The assessment reports extensive damage to educational and health facilities, with more than half of hospitals and primary health clinics non-functional. Less than 1.5% of Gaza's cropland remained accessible and undamaged, increasing dependence on humanitarian food assistance.

The report finds that recovery and reconstruction across the Occupied Palestinian Territory would require large-scale international financial and technical assistance. It identifies rebuilding productive capacity in agriculture, industry, construction, energy and technology, as central to recovery beyond pre-October 2023 conditions.

The report identifies three immediate priorities: transferring withheld Palestinian revenues, safeguarding the banking system and aligning reconstruction support with the documented scale of damage and economic losses.



Education – Afghanistan

[The Taliban's madrassa system in Afghanistan: the threat to global peace and security](#)

ODI Global – *Briefing/policy paper* 21 September 2026

Written by Ayesha Khan, Mariam Safi

The Taliban's development of an ideologically driven madrassa education system could pose risks to global peace and security. This ODI Policy Brief warns global policymakers about the implications of this emerging system.

The brief presents **new evidence based on interviews with students, parents and teachers in Kabul, Afghanistan, showing how the Taliban's madrassa education is deepening social inequality and regressive gender norms, and promoting extremism.** It calls upon the United Nations and international stakeholders to recognise and monitor this threat as a global security concern.

Key messages

- The Taliban are using madrassas as sites for the ideological socialisation of both boys and girls in alignment with the regime's strict interpretation of Islamic Law.
- The ban on formal education for girls beyond Grade 6 exemplifies the Taliban's pursuit of regressing gender norms to embed the submission of women and girls to men in all aspects of social, economic and political life, a trend that has accelerated over the period of their rule.
- The Taliban's madrassa system is leading boys along a dangerous path to engineer their support for the Taliban's ideological vision. This is fostering mistrust within households and social instability.
- The implications of the ideological turn to Taliban-instituted madrassa education will pose long-term threats to regional peace and security, both core concerns of the UN Security Council Committee established pursuant to Resolution 1988 (2011), and these developments must be monitored accordingly.



Slavery

[A century after the Slavery Convention, millions still await freedom](#)

Statements and speeches Multiple Mechanisms

25 September 2026

The formal abolition of chattel enslavement did not usher in a world free of its legacies. On the contrary, contemporary forms of slavery remain a stain on our world. Today, we mark a historic milestone: one hundred years since the adoption of the Slavery Convention of 25 September 1926. On this centenary, we honour a landmark achievement of the international community and reaffirm our collective commitment to eradicate slavery in all its forms.

The Slavery Convention stands as one of the earliest and most significant expressions of international cooperation to protect human dignity. At a time when the modern international human rights framework had yet to emerge, States came together in Geneva to recognize that slavery was an affront to humanity and that its abolition was a matter of common concern requiring collective action.

The Convention laid the foundation for a century of progress in international law. It established the principle that no person should be treated as property and helped shape the

development of subsequent international instruments dedicated to the protection of human rights, fundamental freedoms, and human dignity.

In this sense, the Slavery Convention is not only a historic treaty; it is **a cornerstone of the international human rights system**. We recognise the vital contributions of human rights defenders, activists and civil society actors who have helped advance efforts to eradicate slavery and protect the rights and dignity of affected individuals and communities.

The legacy of slavery can be seen across the international legal architecture that followed, from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenants on Human Rights to the numerous conventions addressing forced labour, trafficking in persons, child exploitation, and contemporary forms of slavery. **This year also marks the 70th anniversary of the 1956 Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade, and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery.** This instrument strengthened international efforts to eradicate slavery by targeting practices such as debt bondage, serfdom, servile marriage, and the exploitation of children.

The principle first affirmed in Geneva in 1926 remains clear and compelling today: every human being is born free and equal in dignity and rights.

A century after States committed, under article 2 of the Slavery Convention, to bring about the complete abolition of slavery in all its forms, that promise remains unfulfilled. Slavery has evolved rather than disappeared, taking new and often hidden forms that continue to rob millions of their liberty, dignity and human rights, trapping them in cycles of exploitation and abuse. Meanwhile, traditional forms of slavery, including descent-based slavery, continue to persist in some regions.

These abuses disproportionately affect those facing poverty, discrimination, armed conflict, climate change, displacement, migration and marginalization. In some contexts, unilateral coercive measures and their adverse humanitarian impacts may contribute to forced migration and increase vulnerability to trafficking in persons and other forms of exploitation. Gender dynamics continue to shape the manifestations of slavery and access protection and support, producing different experiences for women and girls, men and boys, and trans and other gender diverse persons. **Rampant impunity remains a key driver of contemporary forms of slavery, enabling violations to persist while depriving victims of justice, effective remedies and guarantees of non-recurrence.**

We reaffirm the importance of addressing the enduring legacies of the enslavement of Africans and colonialism, which continue to fuel inequalities, discrimination and social injustice worldwide. Indigenous Peoples and people of African descent have suffered grave and disproportionate impacts from traditional and contemporary forms of slavery, exacerbated by persistent dispossession and marginalization.

The centenary of the Slavery Convention is therefore not only an occasion for remembrance, but also an urgent call to action. It calls on States, international organizations, civil society, businesses and communities to confront these legacies, strengthen efforts to eliminate contemporary forms of slavery, and ensure accountability, protection and access to justice for victims and survivors.

As we commemorate one hundred years since the international community adopted the Slavery Convention, we reaffirm the enduring values that inspired it: human dignity, freedom, equality, and solidarity. These principles remain as relevant today as they were in 1926.

We urge all States that have not yet ratified the Slavery Convention, 1926, and the Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade, and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery, 1956, to do so without delay as a tangible expression of

their renewed commitment to eradicating slavery in all its forms.

The international human rights system, including Special Procedures experts, Treaty Bodies and the UN Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, stands united in its commitment to eradicate contemporary forms of slavery, recognising that sustainable solutions can only be achieved when survivors' voices, leadership and lived experiences are at the heart.

*The experts:

- Katarina Schwarz, [Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery and trafficking in persons](#)
- Andrea Bolaños Vargas, [Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders](#)
- Attiya Waris, [Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights](#).
- Margaret Satterthwaite, [Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers](#)
- Nils Muiznieks, [Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus](#)
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- Ashwini K.P., [Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance](#)
- Francesca Albanese, [Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967](#)
- Paula Gaviria, [Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons](#)
- Cecilia M. Bailliet, [Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity](#)
- Graeme Reid, the [Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity](#)
- Muluka-Anne Miti-Drummond, [Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism](#)
- Alexandra Xanthaki, [Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights](#)
- Morris Tidball-Binz, [Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions](#)
- Elena Carolina Díaz Galán, [Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights](#)
- Nicolas Levrat, [Special Rapporteur on minority issues](#)
- Astrid Puentes Riaño, [Special Rapporteur on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment](#)
- Gehad Madi, [Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants](#)
- Bethanie Margaret Carney Almroth, [Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes](#)
- Zaina Jallad, [Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights](#)
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- Leopoldo Maldonado Gutiérrez, [Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression](#)
- Bernard Duhaime, [Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence](#)
- Surya Deva, [Special Rapporteur on the right to development](#)
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- Ana Brian Nougères, [Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy](#)
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- Isabelle Mamadou, [Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent](#)
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- Michelle Small, [Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination](#)
- Susan Coppedge and Fatimata M'Baye, co-chairs, [Board of Trustees of the UN Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery](#)
- Gun Kut (Chair), [Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#)
- Wafaa Bassim, Rodrigo A. Carazo, Mahjoub El Haiba, Ivan Šimonovic and Bacre Waly Ndiaye, [Human Rights Committee](#)
- María Luisa Romero (Chair), [UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture](#)
- Juan Pablo Alban Alencastro (Chair), [UN Committee on Enforced Disappearances](#)
- Prasad Kariyawasam (Chair), [Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families](#)
- Claude Heller (Chair), [Committee against Torture](#)
- Sophie Kiladze, Chair of the [Committee on the Rights of the Child](#)
- Nahla Haidar, Chair of the [Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women](#)

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Remittances

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Remittances nearly doubled in a decade to reach US\$729 billion in 2025, new IFAD report finds
220 million people support 1.1 billion relatives with remittances, connecting one in six people worldwide.

IFAD Rome, 14 September 2026 – **Remittance inflows to low- and middle-income countries reached US\$728.6 billion in 2025—more than four times global official development assistance that year** and greater than foreign direct investment to those countries, according to a new report launched today by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

The report, *Sending Money Home 2026. Beyond remittances: From lifeline to resilience – one family at a time*, finds that **remittances have remained one of the world's largest and most consistent sources of household finance over the past decade**, helping families meet basic needs, build resilience and invest in their futures, even in times of crisis.

Since 2016, remittance flows have increased by 94 per cent, outpacing both population growth and emigration from low- and middle-income countries. The report estimates that 220 million migrants and diaspora members support 1.1 billion relatives, meaning roughly one in six people worldwide are connected through remittances...

According to the report, **remittance-receiving families invest an estimated US\$22 billion each year in rural agrifood systems, supporting agricultural production, rural enterprises and employment.**

"The impact of remittances in rural areas extends beyond recipient households into surrounding economies, supporting local businesses, jobs and food systems," said Lario. "For millions of rural families, receiving remittances can be the first step towards generating savings and accessing insurance and appropriate credit. They can also serve as a pathway towards greater resilience in the face of economic and climate-related shocks. In many contexts, this helps expand opportunities so that migration becomes a choice rather than a necessity."

The findings highlight opportunities for policymakers to strengthen the impact of remittances on resilience, financial inclusion and economic opportunity while recognizing that these private flows cannot replace public investment, social protection or climate finance.

It is estimated that more than half of remittances now begin through a digital channel, which has led to cheaper transfers. However, cash is still a prevalent method in many corridors. Only 35 per cent of the services measured in 2025 were fully digital at both the sending and receiving ends...

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:: Agency/Government/IGO Watch

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

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26 September 2026 *Meetings Coverage*

GA/12790

[Calls for Safe, Responsible Artificial Intelligence Fill General Assembly Hall as Speakers Debate Perils, Promise of New Technologies in Global Governance](#)

Amidst the boundless possibilities of a highly powered digital future lies the potential for lethal catastrophe as the world advances in the artificial intelligence race, world leaders heard today as the General Assembly's high-level debate entered its fifth day.

25 September 2026 *Meetings Coverage*
SC/16463

With 117 Million People Forcibly Displaced, UN Refugee Chief Tells Security Council 'When Peace Fails, People Move'

"Displacement is rapidly outpacing solutions," warned today the head of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in his first Security Council address since his election to the post in December 2025, urging the 15-member organ to fulfil its "unique" responsibility for maintaining peace.

24 September 2026 *Meetings Coverage*
GA/12788

Israel, Palestine Trade Accusations as World Leaders Raise Alarm over Conflict's Expanding Global Impact, during Day Three of General Assembly Debate

The Israel-Palestine conflict captured the attention of delegates gathered for day three of the General Assembly's annual high-level debate, as leaders of both nations laid out starkly divergent views of a crisis that has inflamed the region and the world.

23 September 2026 *Meetings Coverage*
DEV/3481

Speakers Call for Debt Relief, Fairer Financial System, at High-Level Meeting Marking Fortieth Anniversary of Declaration on Right to Development

Development is not just about gross domestic product (GDP); it is about equity and human dignity, speakers underscored today at a meeting to mark the fortieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of the Right to Development.

23 September 2026 *Meetings Coverage*
Sc/16460

Ukraine War Entering 'Dangerous New Phase' as Attacks Intensify, Risk of Regional Spillover Grows, Political Affairs Chief Warns Security Council

Nearly five years into the war, the Russian Federation and Ukraine face a stark choice: a wider conflict or a deliberate turn towards peace, the United Nations political affairs chief told the Security Council today, urging renewed diplomatic efforts towards an immediate, full and unconditional ceasefire.

22 September 2026 *Meetings Coverage*
GA/12785

Amid Widening Global Fault Lines, Power of Law Must Prevail over Law of Power, Secretary-General Urges, as General Assembly Kicks Off High-Level Debate

A world increasingly divided by war, geopolitical rivalry and disregard for international law confronted the growing chasm between values and reality today, as global leaders gathered in New York to open the eighty-first session of the United Nations General Assembly.

UN Human Rights – OHCHR [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

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Sexual and reproductive health and rights must be protected from polarization, regression and underfunding

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[A/HRC/63/20: Database of all business enterprises involved in the activities detailed in paragraph 96 of the report of the independent international fact-finding mission to investigate the implications of the Israeli settlements on the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of the Palestinian people throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. - Advance edited version](#)

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[Op-ed on the Global Alliance for Human Rights: The Quiet Majority for Human Rights](#)

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[Türk at UNGA: Children's rights apply to AI, as they apply everywhere.](#)

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[Colombia: New security policies must not deepen systemic racial discrimination, UN experts warn](#)

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Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children [to 26 Sep 2026]

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SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 26 Sep 2026]

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[**Remarks of SRSG Patten at the UNGA81 Ministerial-Level Side Event of the WPS Focal Points Network "Delivering on WPS: Consolidating Implementation and Accountability in a Fragmented Security Landscape", 23 September 2026, New York**](#)

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[**Iran: UN experts demand end to unlawful killings of Kurdish border couriers and Baloch fuel carriers**](#)

Special Rapporteur on the right to health [to 26 Sep 2026]

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[**UNHCR's Salih calls for greater investment in protection and solutions in the Central Sahel**](#)

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[**"A single explosion can change everything," Deputy UN relief chief warns on harm to children**](#)

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[**"A declaration is not protection," UN relief chief urges action for humanitarian workers**](#)

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[**"Children's biggest dreams should not be about survival," Deputy UN relief chief urges action for Palestinians**](#)

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[**UN relief chief calls for practical diplomatic action to unlock humanitarian access**](#)

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KSrelief and IOM Join Forces to Provide Safer Shelter and Vital Aid Amid Escalating Crisis

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Five Influential Voices from Sport, Culture and Public Life Join IOM as Goodwill Ambassadors

News 22 September 2026

IOM Chief Calls for Urgent Support as DRC Faces Largest Ebola Outbreak on Record

News 21 September 2026

New IOM Data: Nearly 130,000 Displaced in Yemen Due to Escalating Conflict

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5 Million Sudanese Return Home to Broken Places, IOM Warns

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UNAIDS welcomes a new € 544,000 contribution from Benin to support UNAIDS work in the country

NEW YORK/GENEVA, 24 September 2026

UNICEF [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

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Remarks 25 September 2026

Hunger and malnutrition stalking Yemen's children as violence escalates

ADEN, 25 September 2026 –, "Children across Yemen are yet again at the sharpest end of escalating conflict. Allow me to start today not with a number, but with a child. "Yesterday, I visited the Al Firdous displacement centre in Aden and saw firsthand the aggravating impact renewed fighting is having on children ...

Press release 23 September 2026

Hunger and malnutrition crises persist in Somalia as projected floods and funding shortfalls threaten vulnerable populations

MOGADISHU, 23 September 2026 –, Millions of people across Somalia continue to face high levels of hunger, while acute malnutrition among children is set to worsen over the coming months as heavy flooding associated with the anticipated El Niño is expected to worsen the situation during October to December 2026, th...

Press release 23 September 2026

One month after the floods, efforts to restore education are helping children return to learning in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 23 September 2026 –, One month after devastating floods struck central and northern Nepal, thousands of children continue to face disruptions to their education, highlighting the urgent need for sustained support to help them return to safe learning environments. Initial assessments indicate that learn...

Remarks 22 September 2026

UNICEF Executive Catherine Russell remarks: Debt, development and the next generation

NEW YORK, 22 September 2026 - , "Excellencies ... President Ruto ... Prime Minister Mottley ... Ministers ... distinguished partners and colleagues ... "Huge welcome to UNICEF House and thank you for joining us for this incredibly important discussion on debt, development, and the next generation. "We have brought together...

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WHO & Regional Offices [26 Sep 2026]

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

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25 September 2026 *News release*

World leaders renew commitment to protect the world from future pandemics

25 September 2026 *News release*

Recommendations announced for influenza vaccine composition for the 2027 southern hemisphere influenza season

25 September 2026 *News release*

WHO announces expansion of prequalification programme for medical devices

The World Health Organization (WHO) today announced a major expansion of its prequalification programme to include a wider range of life-saving medical devices such as contraceptives and innovative tuberculosis (TB) screening technologies. This broadens the range of quality-assured, safe and effective products covered by the programme, which already includes in vitro diagnostics (medical tests) and male circumcision devices...

The expansion is particularly significant for countries with limited regulatory capacity. An estimated 70% of countries report inadequate or weak regulatory systems for medicines and vaccines, with even greater challenges for other health products. By expanding the programme, WHO will help countries improve access to quality-assured medical devices such as male and female condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), computer-aided detection software for tuberculosis (CAD-TB) screening and male circumcision devices...

24 September 2026 *Departmental update*

From competencies to action: strengthening refugee and migrant health

From 21 to 24 September 2026, policy-makers, health managers and technical experts from seven countries and territories gathered in Rome for the second Global Orientation Course for Policy-makers on Refugee and Migrant Health. Jointly organized by WHO Health and Migration Programme (PHM) and the Italian National Institute for Health, Migration and Poverty (INMP), the programme explored how strengthening competencies across health systems can contribute to improved health outcomes for refugees and migrants...

23 September 2026 *News release*

WHO expands safe options for contraception

22 September 2026 *Departmental update*

Advancing One Health implementation and investment: from country action to sustainable solutions

The Quadripartite partners – the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) – highlighted a shared focus on implementation, science and investment at the 9th World One Health Congress, held in Lisbon, Portugal, from 4 to 7 September 2026.

Across the joint sessions, the partners explored how stronger country implementation, scientific evidence and investment can help realize tangible One Health outcomes, supported by intersectoral collaboration, and reflecting the interconnectedness between the health of people, animals, plants and ecosystems...

22 September 2026 *Departmental update*

Country-comparable childhood cancer survival data now available through WHO data portal

21 September 2026 *Departmental update*

WHO welcomes strong health commitments at the 2026 BRICS Summit

...Addressing heads of state and government, WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus welcomed the adoption of the New Delhi Declaration and highlighted the central role of health in advancing the Summit's priorities. He called for stronger investment in primary health care, pandemic preparedness, equitable access to health technologies and sustainable health financing. He also reinforced these messages in direct conversations with leaders of BRICS member, partner and outreach countries on the margins of the Summit...

21 September 2026 *Departmental update*

New WHO report calls for stronger ethics oversight of AI-related health research

... A new WHO report, Artificial Intelligence-related health research: ethics review and oversight, provides recommendations for researchers, ethics committees, regulators, funders and policy-makers to help ensure that AI-enabled health research is conducted responsibly and for the benefit of all. The report was jointly developed by WHO experts working in research ethics, science and digital health and AI...

21 September 2026 *Departmental update*

WHO launches new primary health care course to strengthen health systems globally

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WHO Regional Offices

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WHO African Region AFRO

:: 1 October 2026

Behind the two drops: The people making every polio vaccination count

:: 25 September 2026 | *News Release*

WHO Africa launches the Health Campaign Digitization initiative (DIGIT-HCM) to transform health campaign planning and delivery across the Region

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: 25 Sep 2026

CARICOM endorses new Action Plan on Health and Climate Change developed with PAHO/WHO support

Ministers of Health from the Caribbean Community endorsed the regional framework during the 53rd Meeting of the Council for Human and Social Development, Health (COHSOD-Health), in Washington, D.C. Washington, D.C., 25 September 2026 (PAHO).- Ministers of Health of CARICOM Member and

Associate Member States have endorsed the Caribbean Action...

:: 25 Sep 2026

[PAHO launches regional observatory to strengthen childhood cancer care in the Americas](#)

The new platform uses comparable data from 24 countries to identify gaps in childhood cancer diagnosis, treatment and care and guide health investments and policies. Washington, D.C., 25 September 2026 (PAHO) – Each year, around 30,000 children and adolescents under the age of 19 are diagnosed with cancer in Latin America and the Caribbean, and...

:: 24 Sep 2026

[Violence against health workers remains a challenge for health systems in the Americas, PAHO warns](#)

Around 62% of health workers worldwide have experienced some form of workplace violence. During a regional seminar, PAHO launched a new fact sheet with recommendations to help prevent and respond to violence against health workers. Washington, D.C., 24 September 2026 (PAHO) – Violence against health workers continues to affect the well-being of...

:: 23 Sep 2026

[PAHO and Africa CDC call for sustained investment and stronger Africa-Americas cooperation on pandemic preparedness](#)

At UNGA, Burundi and Guyana joined PAHO and Africa CDC to advance country-led cooperation and financing for pandemic prevention, preparedness and response Addis Ababa, New York, 22 September 2026 (PAHO/WHO, Africa CDC) – The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), together with...

:: 21 Sep 2026

[UNGA81: Robust laboratory systems key to preventing, detecting and responding to health threats](#)

At a side event co-organized by the Mérieux Foundation USA, Weill Cornell Medicine, GHESKIO Centers and PAHO, PAHO Director highlights lessons from the Americas and the importance of sustained investment in laboratory capacity between crises New York, September 21, 2026 (PAHO) – Robust laboratory systems are essential to prevent, detect and...

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

:: [September 2026 News release](#)

[WHO South-East Asia immunization experts meet focuses on measles outbreaks and closing immunity gaps](#)

WHO European Region EURO

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WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

[WHO and KSrelief sign new agreement to strengthen life-saving nutrition care for children in Yemen](#)

24 September 2026

[Pakistan: partnering with Rotary to protect millions of children from polio](#)

23 September 2026

[Italy's support helps WHO to bring essential health care closer to families in eastern Afghanistan](#)

22 September 2026

[Listening to better support Pakistan's frontline vaccinators](#)

22 September 2026

WHO Western Pacific Region

No new digest content identified.

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WHO - Emergency situation reports

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

No new digest content identified.

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Disease Outbreak News (DONs)

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

[25 September 2026 | Ebola disease caused by Bundibugyo virus - Democratic Republic of the Congo](#)

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Weekly Epidemiological Record

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

25 September 2026, Vol. 101, No. 38

https://hq_weeklyepidemiologicalrecord.cmail19.com/t/d-e-wjidltl-ijjdtklujh-h/

- Highlighted Signals and Events
- Global Respiratory Virus Activity: Weekly Update
- Cholera Annual Report, 2025
- Control of epidemic meningitis in countries in the African meningitis belt, 2025
- Human plague, 2019-2025

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

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24 September 2026

[WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence: forty-eighth report](#)

21 September 2026

[Filovirus collaborative open research consortium research priorities for the ongoing Bundibugyo virus...](#)

21 September 2026

[Global framework to accelerate action on avian influenza](#)

Overview

Avian influenza is a complex global challenge with consequences for animal health, human health, biodiversity, food security and livelihoods. In recent decades, high pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI) viruses have spread across continents, become established in wild bird populations, affected an increasing range of mammalian species and caused unprecedented impacts on wildlife, poultry production and associated economies. These impacts are occurring alongside other environmental pressures, including climate change, habitat degradation and biodiversity loss. Recognizing these challenges, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) and the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) developed this global framework to strengthen collaboration on avian influenza through a One Health approach. It provides a common reference for coordinated action across human, animal and environmental sectors, focusing on prevention, early

detection and rapid response, preparedness, risk assessment and communication, surveillance and information sharing, and multidisciplinary research. The framework builds on existing mandates and mechanisms to strengthen coherence, reduce duplication and support integrated, country-led action.

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World Organisation for Animal Health [WOAH/OIE] [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

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No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

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UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 26 Sep 2026]

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[**The Humanitarian Reset and Responsible Transitions - Global Leaders at UNGA81 Take Stock of Progress Launch "Humanitarian Reset" to Shift Power to Local Communities**](#)

September 24, 2026

UN DESA - Division for Sustainable Development [to 26 Sep 2026]

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No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News

[**Welcome to the new data.un.org: Introducing the UN System Data Commons**](#)

17 September 2026

The fully modernized data.un.org is live, now hosting the UN System Data Commons: a new platform that brings

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

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No new digest content identified.

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

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25 September 2026

[Sendai Framework data shows both progress and persistent gaps in reducing disaster risk](#)

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Latest

25-09-2026 | DESA

[Right to development: A blueprint for unmet promises](#)

25 September 2026 - Ahead of the 40th anniversary of the groundbreaking Declaration on the Right to Development this December, world leaders gathered at a High-Level Week meeting on Wednesday to map progress made and the 21st century challenges still ahead – from narrowing the digital divide to levelling the AI playing field – as the UN chief presented a “blueprint” to address promises that remain unfulfilled.

22-09-2026 | DESA

[Guterres: 'Cracks have become canyons' as world faces four tests of power](#)

22 September 2026 - Humanity faces four defining “tests of power” – around war or peace, inequality, climate change and AI – that will determine whether the world moves towards a new era of cooperation or deeper division, the UN chief warned the General Assembly on Tuesday.

22-09-2026 | DESA

[Global growth under pressure as energy shock renews inflation risks and heightens uncertainty](#)

22 September 2026 - The crisis in the Middle East has dealt yet another blow to a world economy already grappling with the lingering effects of recent shocks, heightened geopolitical and trade tensions, and shrinking fiscal space. A severe global downturn has so far been avoided, but growth remains subdued and risks are substantial.

21-09-2026 | DESA

[Why the UN General Assembly still matters](#)

19 September 2026 - Richard Gowan, Director of UN and Multilateral Diplomacy at the International Crisis Group in New York, has spent years studying the organization – its highs and lows. Ahead of the General Assembly’s high-level week, he sat down with UN News to discuss why the Assembly remains a vital stage for international diplomacy – and why, despite a changing world rife with division, its role still matters.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News [Selected]

[ILO project improves social protection coverage for over nine million people](#)

The Multi-donor project in support of the ILO Global Flagship Programme on Building Social Protection Floors for All concludes after five years of supporting countries to strengthen social protection systems and make progress towards universal...

News | 25 September 2026

[Global Coalition for Social Justice partners step up action to turn international commitments into results](#)

The Forum emphasized the Coalition partners’ activities, particularly their contribution to the implementation of the Doha Political Declaration.

News | 22 September 2026

The gender pay gap narrows by just two percentage points in a decade

The finding is based on new estimates from the International Labour Organization that look at the progress of women and men in the world of work.

News | 21 September 2026

UNESCO [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

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At UNESCO, Pope Leo XIV addresses the world with a resounding message of peace and human dignity

25 September 2026

Who Gets to Shape AI's Future?

Joint UNESCO-ITU Statement: Trust in artificial intelligence will depend on whether countries and communities can have a meaningful say in its development and use, by UNESCO Director-General Khaled El-Enany and ITU Secretary-General Doreen Bogdan-Martin.

21 September 2026 Last update: 22 September 2026

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

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UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Press Releases [Selected]

26 September 2026

Governments adopt roadmap to tackle 21st century crime threats at United Nations Crime Congress in Abu Dhabi

During his historic visit to UNESCO Headquarters today, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV called for renewed international cooperation to build a more just and peaceful world, highlighting the special role that UNESCO has to play.

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 26 Sep 2026]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

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Website not responding at inquiry.

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Highlights

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Sudan: FAO launches nationwide livestock vaccination campaign to protect food security and livelihoods amid conflict

FAO emergencies director Rein Paulsen calls for greater investment in emergency agriculture during a visit to Sudan

World Food Programme [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Selected News Releases [Selected]

25 September 2026

WFP continues to provide lifeline for thousands one month since the deadly Nepal floods

KATHMANDU – A month after devastating floods swept through valleys in northern Nepal, World Food Programme (WFP) assistance continues to provide a vital lifeline to affected communities that remain highly vulnerable. Widespread displacement, lost livelihoods, damaged farmland, and disrupted market access are affecting families' ability to feed themselves properly, without assistance.

23 September 2026

Hunger and malnutrition crises persist in Somalia as projected floods and funding shortfalls threaten vulnerable populations

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Latest News and Highlights [Selected]

ICAO alignment will accelerate global roll out of contact-free and seamless travel technologies

Consensus among States and industry key outcome of ICAO TRIP Symposium today

24 September 2026

IEA International Energy Agency [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Latest news, commentaries and reports

International leaders rally behind action on clean cooking access in Africa ahead of 2027 Nairobi Summit

News 22 September 2026

Countries from across globe join first high-level event dedicated to clean cooking at UN General Assembly – organised by Kenya, Norway, IEA and partners – elevating issue ahead of major Summit in Nairobi

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News

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WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 26 Sep 2026]

<https://public.wmo.int>

News [Selected]

Governments at UN General Assembly support global ocean observation

News 25 September 2026

A new International Alliance for the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) has been launched during the 81st United Nations General Assembly, mobilizing commitments from governments to strengthen support for ocean observations, which are vital for all nations – coastal and landlocked

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UN General Assembly adopts declaration on sea level rise

News 25 September 2026

The United Nations General Assembly has adopted a landmark declaration on sea-level rise, saying that "its cumulative, severe and irreversible risks demand stronger international cooperation and urgent, coordinated action."

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

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UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

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"The Future of Industrialization" — UNIDO launches edited volume with global leaders on rethinking economic development

22 September 2026

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News [Selected]

23 September 2026

ISO Annual Meeting 2026 in Paris to tackle trust, AI and global resilience

Geneva, Switzerland, 23 September 2026 – Thousands of global leaders, policymakers, industry representatives, civil society and standards experts will gather in Paris and online next week for the world's premier annual event on International Standards, the International Organization for Standardization's ...

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 26 Sep

2026] <http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/>

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CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

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DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.] [to 26 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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Press Statement

Protecting the Sanctity of U.S. Citizenship: A New Visa Restriction Policy for Those Who Engage in or Facilitate Birth Tourism

Marco Rubio September 23, 2026

... Today, I am announcing a new visa restriction policy under Section 212(a)(3)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. This policy targets individuals who knowingly engage in, have engaged in, or facilitate birth tourism to the United States, including owners, operators, and managers of commercial birth tourism facilitation networks, visa "fixers" who coach applicants to commit fraud, foreign medical providers who knowingly abet and facilitate such travel and the fraudulent use of our Medicaid system, and other individuals who support, abet, and enable commercial birth tourism...

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [U.K.] [nee DFID] [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

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24 September 2026 — *Transcript*

Foreign Secretary Speech at the High-Level Ministerial Global Alliance for the Implementation of the Two-State Solution, UN

Foreign Secretary Speech at the High-Level Ministerial Global Alliance for the Implementation of the Two-State Solution, UN

ECHO [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News

News article 26 September 2026

President von der Leyen announces €710 million to support displaced people in Africa and global crisis relief

The package announced includes €252 million from the Emergency Aid Reserve. This will provide much needed emergency support to people and communities struck by conflicts, displacement, epidemics and natural hazards.

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African Union [to 26 Sep 2026]

<http://www.au.int>

Press releases [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Secretariat News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

European Commission [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Latest [Selected]

Press release Sep 25, 2026

President von der Leyen announces €710 million to support displaced people in Africa and global crisis relief

As the 81st UN General Assembly High Level Week draws to a close in New York, President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen announced almost €710 million in EU support to displaced people and communities in Sub-Saharan Africa, as well as emergency assistance to people affected by crises worldwide. The announcement was made as part of international advocacy organisation Global Citizen's campaign.

Press release Sep 22, 2026

EU adopts €505 million package to support Lebanon's stability, recovery and reforms

Today, the European Commission announced €505 million in financial support for Lebanon for 2026 and 2027, the second half of the €1 billion support package announced by President Ursula von der Leyen during her visit to Beirut in May 2024.

Press release Sep 21, 2026

EU report highlights continued deterioration of fundamental freedoms in Hong Kong

European Commission and the High Representative have adopted today the 28th annual report to the European Parliament and the Council on political and economic developments in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. This report covers developments in 2025.

OECD [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Newsroom, Publications

Global growth holds up despite successive shocks, but risks persist

23 September 2026

The global economy has weathered the energy supply shock triggered by the conflict in the Middle East better than expected, but continued inflationary pressures and uncertainty are weighing on the near-term outlook, according to the OECD's latest Interim Economic Outlook...

Education at a Glance 2026: OECD Indicators

Report 29 September 2026 558 Pages

Education at a Glance is the authoritative source of information on the state of education worldwide. It offers comprehensive data on the structure, financing, and performance of education systems across OECD countries and partner economies. The report presents key insights into the output of educational institutions, the impact of learning across...

Health at a Glance: Latin America and the Caribbean 2026

Report 29 September 2026 186 Pages

This third edition of Health at a Glance: Latin America and the Caribbean, prepared jointly by OECD, the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank, presents a set of key indicators of health status, determinants of health, health data and health system infrastructure, health expenditure and financing, quality of care, health workforce,...

OECD Economic Outlook, Interim Report September 2026: Weathering Successive Shocks

Report 23 September 2026 25 Pages

Global economic growth has moderated but remained resilient, with the adverse effects of the conflict in the Middle East cushioned by discretionary government support measures, some switching to alternative commodity inputs, additional energy supply from outside the Gulf economies and drawdowns of oil reserves. Strong AI-related activity has also...

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Press Releases

OAS Member States and Secretary General Ramdin Call for Renewal and Full Deployment of the Gang Suppression Force in Haiti

September 25, 2026

All 32 active member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) today issued a joint statement calling on the United Nations Security Council to renew the mandate of the Gang Suppression Force (GSF) in Haiti and urging the international community to provide the personnel, financing, equipment and logistical support required for its full and sustained deployment.

The member states signing the Joint Statement reaffirmed their solidarity with the Haitian people, respect for Haiti's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity, and commitment to Haitian-led solutions. They emphasized the need to implement OAS General Assembly resolution AG/RES. 3051 (LVI-O/26). Adopted on June 23, 2026, the central purpose of the resolution is to organize OAS support for Haiti while keeping that assistance Haitian-led and coordinated with the United Nations, CARICOM, and other partners...

OAS Begins Deployment of Missions for Electoral Processes in Brazil, Paraguay, and Peru

September 25, 2026

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News

OIC at 57: A New Vision for Our Mission in a Changing World

2026-09-25

A Bloody Week in the Gaza Strip; Death Toll: 74,795 — Settlement Activity Increases by 177% in 2026 Compared to 2024

2026-09-22

Group of 77 [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Latest Statements and Speeches [Selected]

Ministerial Declaration adopted by the 50th Annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 2026) (UN webcast of open segment)

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UNCTAD [to 26 Sep 2026]

<https://unctad.org/>

News, Press Material

24 September 2026

UNCTAD: Gaza reconstruction needs reach \$71.5 billion as Palestinian economy and public finances face severe strain

UNCTAD/PRESS/PR/2026/011 — Geneva, Switzerland

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 015 Oct 2022]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

WTO News and Events [Selected]

[A critical juncture for the world trading system: what the evidence tells us](#)

23 September 2026

The multilateral trading system has underpinned a nearly 50-fold expansion of world merchandise trade volume and one of the most remarkable periods of economic growth and development in modern history, yet global trade policy and the WTO are experiencing the most serious and sustained disruptions since the system was created 80 years ago.

News item

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Press releases

No new digest content identified.

European Court of Human Rights

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

News, Announcements

[Possibility for the Court to request a special representative for a child: amendments to Rules of Court](#)

25/09/26

On 7 September 2026 the ECHR adopted amendments to the Rules of Court in respect of Rules 36 and 44. These amendments will come into force on 25 March 2027.

The amendments concern the possibility to appoint, in certain special circumstances, an independent representative for a child applicant and, exceptionally, for a third party who is a child. The amendments do not affect the case-law on the representation of children, but make it possible to request the appointment of an independent representative.

International Court of Justice [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Press Releases

[Press release No. 2026/24](#)

22 September 2026

Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in the Gaza Strip (South Africa v. Israel) - Colombia withdraws its Declaration of intervention in the proceedings

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 26 Sep 2026]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

News [Selected]

Statement of the ICC Office of the Prosecutor on the conviction of Mr Mahamat Said Abdel Kani

Statement 23 September 2026 Office of the Prosecutor

Mahamat Said Abdel Kani found guilty of crimes against humanity committed in Central African Republic

Press Release 23 September 2026

Statement of the ICC Office of the Prosecutor on the Implementation of its Policy on Addressing Environmental Damage through the Rome Statute

Statement 22 September 2026 Office of the Prosecutor

International Criminal Court Launches New Gender Equality and Enabling Environment Strategy 2026–2029

Press Release 22 September 2026

International Law Commission [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Recent Developments

No new digest content identified.

International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Latest News

25 September 2026

30th Anniversary Commemorative Ceremony

The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea held a commemorative ceremony on 25 September 2026 to mark the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Tribunal on 18 October 1996.

United States Court of International Trade

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

News & Announcements

No new digest content identified.

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World Bank [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News [Selected]

Statement on Catastrophic Floods in Nepal

September 23, 2026 | *Statement*

World Bank Board Endorses Reforms to the Bank-Fund Debt Sustainability Framework for Low-Income Countries

On September 15, 2026, the Executive Board of the World Bank approved the proposed reforms to the joint IMF-World Bank Debt Sustainability Framework for Low-Income Countries.
September 21, 2026 | *Statement*

IMF [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Latest News

September 23, 2026

IMF Executive Board Approved Statement of Principles for Fund Engagement with External Partners

Washington, DC – September 23, 2026: The Executive Board on September 14, 2026, approved, on a lapse-of-time basis, a statement of principles to guide the Fund’s engagement with external partners. The Fund’s engagement with external partners complements the Fund’s work in accordance with its mandate and in support of its core activities of surveillance, Fund financing, and capacity development.

September 21, 2026

Europe and the Global AI Race

Remarks by Kristalina Georgieva, IMF Managing Director

African Development Bank [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

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

News & Events

25-Sep-2026

The African Development Bank and United Nations deepen cooperation on peace and resilience in Africa

25-Sep-2026

UNGA81: African Development Bank Group and partners launch free AI training for African public officials

24-Sep-2026

African Development Bank provides \$240 million to modernize SONEDE’s drinking water network and upgrade the Tunisian Chemical Group

24-Sep-2026

UNGA81: African Development Bank Group calls for clean cooking to become a central pillar of Africa’s energy transition

Asian Development Bank [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

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Latest News Releases

24 Sep 2026

ADB Sells \$5 Billion Dual-Tranche 3- and 7-Year Global Benchmark Bonds

ADB has priced a 3-year global benchmark United States dollar bond worth \$3 billion and a 7-year global benchmark US dollar bond worth \$2 billion, proceeds of which will become part of ADB’s ordinary

capital resources.

24 Sep 2026

ADB Boosts Philippines' Crisis Response with \$1.5 Billion

ADB has approved \$1.5 billion to help the Philippines protect families from rising prices and keep essential public services running as the Middle East conflict strains its economy.

Also available in:

24 Sep 2026

ADB Strengthens Regional Cooperation with New Malaysia Office

ADB will strengthen its promotion of regional cooperation and integration, including support for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Power Grid, by establishing a new office in Malaysia.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank – AIIB [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

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

News

Abu Dhabi, Sep. 24, 2026

AIIB Commits to Long-Term Operations at Abu Dhabi Office

AIIB transitions its Abu Dhabi operational hub into a permanent office, enhancing regional cooperation, business ...

IDB – Inter-American Development Bank [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

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

News

IDB Group Convenes New Advisory Council of Global Leaders to Advance Development in the Region

NEW YORK – The Inter-American Development Bank Group (IDB Group) convened its newly established Advisory Council on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly, bringing together global public- and private-sector leaders and experts to help shape strategies to advance development in Latin...

September 24, 2026

IDB Group Convenes Heads of State and Technology Leaders to Advance AI Agenda

New IDB analysis estimates that broad AI adoption could raise the GDP of Latin America and the Caribbean by 5.1% in a decade. With worker mobility, wages could increase by up to 5.3%, while without it, wages could fall by as much as 20.9%. NEW YORK — The Inter-American Development Bank Group (IDB...

September 21, 2026

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News

Press release 25 September 2026

Ten African countries announce increased pledges to IFAD, calling for greater global ambition for rural transformation

As compounding energy, climate and conflict shocks put renewed pressure on small-scale farmers and food systems, ten African countries announced they are increasing their contributions to IFAD and calling on international

News story 24 September 2026

IDB and IFAD sign new agreement to scale up joint investment in rural development across Latin America and the Caribbean

IDB and IFAD signed today a new co-financing framework agreement to scale up joint investments in rural development, sustainable food systems, and climate resilience across Latin

Islamic Development Bank [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News

IsDB, Arab Coordination Group and GPE Mobilize US\$1 Billion for SmartEd Phase II

23 September 2026

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

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

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:: *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 26 Sep 2026]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

Communiqués de presse

No new digest content identified.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 26 Sep 2026]

<https://alima.ngo/>

L'actualité de nos actions

Éthiopie : derrière la malnutrition infantile, la souffrance invisible des mères

Derrière chaque enfant souffrant de malnutrition se trouve une mère en détresse. Dans cette région reculée d'Éthiopie, à Afder, ALIMA prend soin des deux.

21 septembre 2026

Amref Health Africa [to 26 Sep 2026]
<https://amrefusa.org/media-and-resources/news/>
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 26 Sep 2026]
<https://aravind.org/>
Aravind News
No new digest content identified.

Blue Shield International [to 26 Sep 2026]
<https://theblueshield.org/category/bsi-international-news/>
BS International News
No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 26 Sep 2026]
<http://www.brac.net/#news>
Updates
No new digest content identified.

Clubhouse International [to 26 Sep 2026]
<http://www.clubhouse-intl.org/news.html>
News/Events
No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 26 Sep 2026]
<https://pro.drc.ngo/resources/news/?t=Press+Release>
News
No new digest content identified.

ECPAT [to 26 Sep 2026]
<https://ecpat.org/>
News
No new digest content identified.

ELIF – Electronic Information for Libraries [to 26 Sep 2026]
<https://www.eifl.net/>
News

[A toolkit for Diamond Open Access journals](#)

23 Sep 2026 *News*

We are pleased to announce the publication of Good Practice in Action: A Toolkit for Diamond OA Journals, a set of three complementary resources designed to help editors, (...)

EIFL renews agreement with OpenEdition

22 Sep 2026 *News*

EIFL and OpenEdition have renewed their agreement for the OpenEdition Freemium collection of journals for one year, until December 2027. The renewed agreement provides libraries (...)

Fountain House [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

GE2P2 Global Foundation [26 Sep 2026]

www.ge2p2.org

News/Analysis/Publications-Digests/Statements/Digests

:: **Vaccines and Global Health: The Week in Review** - Current edition

:: **PUBLIC COMMENT – HHS Request for Information: Categories Used in Federal Vaccine Recommendations/Role of Shared Clinical Decision-Making** *Issued 08/24/2026*

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News

Education in crisis: is the world abandoning its children?

Laws | PUBLISHED ON September 21st 2026

The report from Education Cannot Wait, Global Estimates 2026, paints a bleak picture of the future facing crisis-affected children, especially those with disabilities.

Heifer International [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News, Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News

Building care systems for an ageing Asia-Pacific

18 September 2026

Sri Moertiningsih Adioetomo from Indonesia argues that building robust long-term care systems can help improve the lives of millions of older people.

Building societies for all ages: why cooperation and solidarity matter

18 September 2026

Dr. Sabine Henning reflects on how stronger cooperation and solidarity across generations, communities, countries and institutions would improve the lives of older people worldwide.

Advancing age inclusion in humanitarian action around the world

17 September 2026

HelpAge's Age Inclusion Specialists are working with humanitarian organisations and partners to ensure responses recognise and address the rights and needs of older people.

ICRC [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Latest press releases and statements

ICRC president: The safety of humanitarian personnel is inseparable from the safety of all civilians

Statement 24-09-2026

Joint statement on the Global Initiative to galvanize political commitment to international humanitarian law

Statement 23-09-2026

ICRC president: The responsibility to protect civilians lies with those who hold political power

Statement 21-09-2026

IFRC [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Press releases

Nepal floods: One month on - Red Cross steps up support as heavy rains continue

25/09/2026 | *Press release*

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Press Releases/ Updates / Alerts

No new digest content identified.

IRC [International Rescue Committee] [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Press Releases

Conflict and Climate Change: More Air Conditioning is not the Answer

September 22, 2026

Press Release

As world leaders gather at UN, conflict is derailing their promise to end poverty

September 21, 2026

IRCT [to 26 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 26 Sep 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

DRC Ebola outbreaks

[MSF expands response to Ebola disease with new treatment centres as outbreak spreads across provinces](#)

Project Update 23 Sep 2026

Non-communicable diseases

[Delivering cancer care to women in humanitarian crises is possible](#)

Press Release 21 Sep 2026

DRC Ebola outbreaks

[MSF launches Ebola disease vaccination study among DRC frontline workers](#)

Press Release 19 Sep 2026

The New Humanitarian [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News

Aid and Policy Cheat Sheet 25 Sep 2026

[Ethiopia civil war fears, UNGA highlights, and Yemen safeguarding failures](#)

Aid and Policy News feature 24 September 2026

[Why humanitarians see potential in stablecoin crypto](#)

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News & Press Releases

Press release

[Colombia: International aid saves lives and sustains hope for solutions among displaced communities](#)

24. Sep 2026 | Colombia

OXFAM [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Press Releases/Stories

No new digest content identified.

Pact [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Latest News & Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News & Stories

No new digest content identified.

PATH [26 Sep 2026]

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

Newsroom [Selected]

[PATH and Global Fund take stock of antimalarial efficacy studies](#)

September 22, 2026 by PATH

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria selects PATH to landscape, assess, and support antimalarial therapeutic efficacy studies across Sub-Saharan Africa.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News

[One month after Nepal floods children are without clean water](#)

26 September 2026

A month after devastating floods swept through Nepal, thousands of children are still without reliable access to clean water, while families work to rebuild their lives and recover from their losses.

Prosper Global [nee Mercy Corps] [to 26 Sep 2026]

<https://www.prosperglobal.org/press-room/releases>

News Releases & Alerts

Sep 24 2026

[One Month After Nepal Floods, Survivors Race to Rebuild Livelihoods](#)

One month after devastating floods struck Nepal, survivors face a second crisis as the destruction of farms, food stocks...

Save the Children [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Latest news

26 Sep 2026 *Nepal*

[NEPAL: Protection for girls must be stepped up as trafficking and violence risks rise one month after devastating floods](#)

Save the Children is working alongside local authorities and partners to strengthen protection measures in displacement sites, including increased monitoring and surveillance, awareness raising on gender-based violence and child marriage, and expanding access to psychosocial support and case management services for children and their families. The organisation is also supporting police at checkpoints to identify and respond to signs of trafficking and exploitation affecting children, adolescents and women, helping ensure those at risk are connected to social protection services and specialist support.

24 Sep 2026 *Somalia*

[SOMALIA: More than 26,000 people expected to face catastrophic levels of hunger as families reel from extreme weather shocks](#)

More than 26,000 people in Somalia are expected to fall into catastrophic levels of food insecurity in coming months, just one step away from famine, as families already struggling with drought brace for

heavy rains and flooding.

22 Sep 2026 *Occupied Palestinian territory*

HER MAJESTY QUEEN RANIA AL ABDULLAH OF JORDAN OPENS HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUE ON PALESTINIAN CHILDREN IN MILITARY DETENTION WITH THE TAOISEACH, PALESTINIAN AND OTHER WORLD REPRESENTATIVES AT THE UN

The High-Level Dialogue on Palestinian Children in Military Detention, convened by Save the Children and co-sponsored by the governments of Jordan, Ireland, the State of Palestine, Spain, and South Africa, focused on the escalating risks facing Palestinian children who are arrested, detained and prosecuted under Israeli military law, and on the concrete steps governments can take to protect their rights.

22 Sep 2026 *Kenya, Uganda, Somalia*

Super El Niño threatens to push 8 million children into acute hunger across East and Southern Africa by early 2027 – Save the Children

About 8 million children across East and Southern Africa could face acute hunger by early 2027, a rise of 30%, as one of the strongest El Nino weather events in recent years fuels a growing food crisis, according to new analysis by Save the Children.

21 Sep 2026 *GLOBAL*

World spends more on fossil fuel subsidies every 3 days than amount needed to educate 750 million children

Annually, governments worldwide spend about US\$725 billion on direct fossil fuel subsidies - 145X more than the US\$5 billion needed to support education across 96 countries.

Tostan [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News & Stories

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Blog

September 22, 2026

Beyond the Ebola Outbreak: Conflict, Trust and Women's Leadership in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

Article

World Vision [to 26 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 26 Sep 2026]

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

Our Work

No new digest content identified.

Freedom House [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

Human Rights Watch [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News Releases/Spotlight

Spotlight

September 23, 2026 | *News Release*

Canada: Press Vietnam's Leader on Rights

The Canadian government should raise the Vietnamese government's poor human rights record during President To Lam's visit to Canada on September 24, 2026.

September 23, 2026 | *Commentary*

South Korea's Systemic Gender and Age Discrimination

September 23, 2026 | *Commentary*

What it Means to be 'Too Old' and a Woman

September 23, 2026 | *Dispatches*

Trump's Latest Media Attacks Again Hit Women Journalists

September 22, 2026 | *News Release*

Bangladesh: New Laws Reverse Rights Protections, Empower Abusers

Transparency International [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

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ChildFund Alliance [to 26 Sep 2026]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Elder's Statements, News

The Elders' AI Principles for Leaders

21 September 2026

The Elders call on leaders to manage AI based on the following principles.

Gavi [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News Releases, VaccinesWork

Mozambique recognised as the first-ever Gavi Leap Champion for health system reforms

:: Mozambique becomes the first recipient of Gavi's Leap Champion recognition for its leadership in country ownership and sustained health investment.

:: As the first country to implement unified vaccine budgets under the Gavi Leap, Mozambique is a standard bearer in the movement towards greater country sovereignty in global health.

:: Dr Ussene Hilário Isse, Minister of Health of Mozambique: "We are proud to be a pioneer of the Gavi Leap initiative, which places national priorities and the health of our population at the centre of decision-making."

New York/Geneva, 25 September 2026 – Mozambique today became the first country to receive the Gavi Leap Champion recognition. The inaugural recognition was presented in acknowledgment and appreciation of Mozambique's leadership in country ownership, health system strengthening and sustainable health investments.

Mozambique was the first country to implement Gavi's 2026–2030 strategic shift towards holistic immunisation budgets in alignment with its own National Immunisation Strategy, setting a new benchmark for how countries align national priorities, partner investments and health system goals around a single vision...

Global Fund [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News Releases

24 September 2026

Global Fund Prepares for Major Expansion in Access to Lenacapavir as Generic Approaches

GENEVA – The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (the Global Fund) is working with countries, partners and communities to prepare for a significant expansion in access to lenacapavir for HIV prevention, as additional supply of generic versions of the product are expected to become available in the coming months.

Lenacapavir – a twice-yearly injectable option for HIV prevention – has the potential to transform the HIV response, particularly for people who face barriers to using existing prevention options. The priority now is to translate that potential into access at scale, as rapidly as possible...

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 26 Sep 2026]

<https://icvanetwork.org/news>

Blogs, Press Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

InterAction [to 26 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 26 Sep 2026]

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

What's New/Events

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 26 Sep 2026]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

News

No new digest content identified.

(ALNAP) Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News, Events

No new digest content identified.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF [to 26 Sep 2026]

<https://www.elrha.org>

News

No new digest content identified.

Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies [nee CERAH] – [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Publications, Events, News

Strategic support

[Strategy 2026-2030: Learning Together to Transform Solidarity in the Face of Contemporary Crises](#)

24/09/2026

[The new version of COMPASS is now available !](#)

24/09/2026

International Humanitarian Studies Association [IHSA] [to 26 Sep 2026]

<https://ihsa.info/>

News, Events

No new digest content identified.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 26 Sep 2026]

<https://inee.org>

Resources

EdTech for Education in Emergencies: A Guidance Document for Education Specialists

24 October 2026

... Developed in response to increasing donor and government investment in EdTech in crisis-affected low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), this guidance document provides preliminary, evidence-informed recommendations. It draws primarily on research and best practices from crisis contexts, supplemented where necessary by evidence from broader LMIC and high-income settings. Recognising the limitations of existing guidance, particularly the lack of contextual testing and practitioner input, this document serves as a preparatory step toward a co-developed and contextually adapted guidance process to be tested with EiE specialists.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 26 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 26 Sep 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Start Network [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News and Blog

No new digest content identified.

Unitaid [26 Sep 2026]

<https://unitaid.org/>

News releases

Unitaid marks 20 years and asks that global health reform be driven by equitable access

23 September 2026

"Twenty years ago, too many lifesaving medicines and tests were out of reach for the people who needed them most. Unitaid and CHAI showed that we could bring prices down, expand supply, and get new treatments and tests to people much faster," said President Bill Clinton. "The next generation of breakthroughs should be measured the same way: by how quickly they reach the people who need them."

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Brookings [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Research, Events

Germany

Three state elections throw German politics into disarray

Mathilda Silbiger, Constanze Stelzenmüller
September 25, 2026

Commentary

Is the AI existential threat real—and can regulatory action prevent it?

Aaron Klein, Cameron F. Kerry, Raj Korpan, Mark MacCarthy, Elena Patel, Sanjay Patnaik, Stephanie K. Pell, Landry Signé, Anisha Singhal, Josie Stewart, Elham Tabassi, Brooke Tanner, Nicol Turner Lee, John Villasenor, Darrell M. West, Tom Wheeler, Valerie Wirtschafter, Andrew W. Wyckoff, and Niam Yaraghi
September 23, 2026

Commentary

Podcast

Why girls in marginalized contexts? A commitment to justice and agency in research

Hosts: Jennifer L. O'Donoghue and Edem Dorothy Ossai
September 23, 2026

:: Girls are not a monolith: different contexts reveal different, overlapping forms of exclusion, from early marriage and school leaving to gender-based violence and unpaid care burdens.
:: Even well-intentioned research can marginalize young people. LAAGA's approach centers girls as active participants in naming their own experiences and shaping solutions, not just as sources of data.
:: LAAGA's work is guided by a commitment to research with agency, for agency, and about agency, aiming not just to study girls' realities but to expand their opportunities for voice and choice.

Center for Global Development [26 Sep 2026]

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

All Research

CGD NOTE

Will El Niño Mean Another Global Food Price Spike?

Brendan Bayley and Ian Mitchell
September 24, 2026

There are concerns that this year's El Niño—set to be the largest in living memory—could add another source of pressure on global food markets, alongside volatile global oil and fertilizer prices as a result of conflict in the Middle East, and renewed disruption of Black Sea grain exports as a result...

CGD NOTE

Protecting the Client in US Global Health Agreements

Charles Kenny
September 23, 2026

The direction of travel laid out in the Global Health Strategy is correct. To the extent possible, health services should be provided and funded by the countries home to those receiving those services. But MoUs are overestimating the extent to which this is possible, especially in the short term and...

CGD NOTE

Four Policy Shifts to Drive African Economies Towards Convergence

Andrew Dabalen and Jacques Morisset
September 21, 2026

In this CGD note, Andrew Dabalen and Jacques Morisset aren't adding another list of what Africa lacks. Their argument is sharper than that: on skills, food, power, and public finance, the region has too often gotten the order wrong. Getting the sequencing right, they argue, matters as much as the in...

Chatham House [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Selected Analysis, Comment, Events

China rising, America in decline? The Trump-Xi summit

In this week's episode of Independent Thinking, our experts discuss the Trump-Xi summit in Washington and the increasing competition between the two superpowers.

Audio

Published 25 September 2026 35 minute listen

Featured content

Expert comment

New energy and trade routes could bypass Hormuz and change the Middle East. But major challenges remain

The Strait of Hormuz crisis is accelerating a wider reordering of the region, as Iraq, Syria and Lebanon plan new oil pipelines and transport corridors. But whether they can seize the opportunity to diversify will ultimately depend on wider reforms.

25 September 2026 4 minute READ

Expert comment

Denmark's Greenland deal with Trump is a victory for diplomacy over bullying

Denmark used its soft power to rally support and took the dispute out of the limelight – addressing underlying US interests instead of President Trump's unacceptable public position.

24 September 2026 4 minute READ

Expert comment

What can DRC's national dialogue achieve?

President Tshisekedi and the opposition both want national dialogue. But it remains to be seen whether they can agree on the nature of the DRC's problems, let alone their solutions.

24 September 2026 3 minute READ

Expert comment

Trump-Xi summit: Why the US and China should not underestimate each other

The US and China both face serious domestic strains. As Trump and Xi meet this week to discuss trade, AI and Taiwan, neither side should mistake the other's weaknesses for strategic decline.

22 September 2026 3 minute READ

Council on Foreign Relations [26 Sep 2026]

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

Featured Content

Much Ado About Nothing

By Michael Froman

September 25, 2026

Why Won't Europe Do More for Ukraine?

September 25, 2026

How to Reach an AI Arms Control Deal With China

September 24, 2026

By Chris McGuire

What Trump Said at the UN Was Important. What He Didn't Was Important, Too.

September 24, 2026
By Esther Brimmer

Hunger on the Horizon: The New Black Sea Grain Crisis

September 24, 2026
By Samuel Henry Lazarus

CSIS [to 26 Sep 2026]
<https://www.csis.org/>
Reports [Selected]

The State of AI Global Governance and Its Implications for the U.S.-China Summit

In a new report, Chris Collins and Aalok Mehta analyze the global AI governance landscape and outline how Washington should approach AI talks at the upcoming U.S.-China summit.
Report by Christopher Collins and Aalok Mehta — September 21, 2026

Behind the Headlines: What Motivates and Moves Japanese Elite Opinion on Nuclear Weapons Acquisition

A CSIS Japan Chair survey shows that the majority of Japanese strategic elites oppose nuclear weapons acquisition despite a worsening security environment—but these attitudes could shift if South Korea acquires the bomb or the United States reduces its military presence.
Report by Kristi Govella — September 21, 2026

Rethinking Export Controls as a Tool in Modern Technology Competition

Export controls can delay China's technological progress, but they cannot secure lasting U.S. leadership. This report examines the limits and costs of semiconductor controls and argues for pairing targeted restrictions with sustained investment in U.S. innovation.
Report by Sujai Shivakumar, Thomas Howell, and Charles Wessner — September 21, 2026

IS Global [to 26 Sep 2026]
<https://www.isglobal.org/en/press>
Press releases

A Shorter, Better-Tolerated Treatment for Chagas Disease Is Possible

The TESEO trial shows that benznidazole taken once a day for 30 days is as effective as the 60-day standard treatment and causes fewer side effects
23.09.2026

McKinsey Global Institute [to 26 Sep 2026]
<https://www.mckinsey.com/mgi/overview>
Featured Research
No new digest content identified.

ODI [Overseas Development Institute] [to 26 Sep 2026]
<https://odi.org/en/publications/>
Publications
Does EU aid promote EU exports?
23 September 2026
Working paper

How LGBTQI+ movements shape inclusive civic space in Pakistan

22 September 2026

Research report

Resourcing LGBTQI+ movements in the Global South and East to build inclusive civic space

22 September 2026

Briefing/policy paper

The Taliban's madrassa system in Afghanistan: the threat to global peace and security

21 September 2026

Briefing/policy paper

Pew Research Center [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Latest Publications

No new digest content identified.

Rand [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Published Research [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 26 Sep 2026]

<http://researchonresearch.org/>

RoRI News, Events

No new digest content identified.

Alan Turing Institute

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

Latest

The Alan Turing Institute sets out practical agenda to tackle frontier AI risks

- Wednesday 23 Sep 2026
- New report argues that uncertainty about future existential threats should not delay action on immediate frontier AI risk.
- Areas where immediate action is needed to counter AI threats highlighted as AI-enabled cyber security risks, democratic instability, misalignment, loss of meaningful human control and chemical and biological threats
- AI verification and assurance can play a vital role in a wider national effort to strengthen resilience as AI systems become more capable
- Analysis published as £2 million Turing workstream on transformative AI security risks is launched, alongside new briefing paper on assuring behaviour of autonomous AI agents

Urban Institute [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

New Research Publications – Selected

No new digest content identified.

The Wistar Institute [to 26 Sep 2026]
<https://www.wistar.org/news/press-releases>
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

World Economic Forum [to 26 Sep 2026]
<https://agenda.weforum.org/press/>
Media [Selected]
Tourism Conditions Improve Across Most Economies, Despite Global Headwinds, WEF Index Finds
News 25 Sep 2026

Chief Economists Expect Global Economy to Stabilize, but Fiscal Constraints, Rising Living Costs and AI Investment Uncertainty Threaten Growth
News 22 Sep 2026

- 56% of surveyed economists expect a stable or improving outlook in the year ahead, a sharp improvement from May, when 89% expected conditions to weaken.
- 69% say fiscal support drove the global economy's resilience since 2020, but only 28% expect it to play the same role in the year ahead.
- 97% expect AI adoption to rise, but 79% foresee data-centre expansion facing significant backlash, with 61% not expecting significant global job creation.
- Household costs are set to rise, led by food (88%), electricity (83%) and transport (77%), while real incomes stagnate or fall in most regions.
- Read the Chief Economists' Outlook [here](#).

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InterAcademy Partnership (IAP)
<https://www.interacademies.org/news/press-releases>
News
No new digest content identified.

ISC / International Science Council [to 26 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
25 September 2026 - 7 min read
Call for contributions: Global Plastic Pollution Treaty | deadline: 23 October

blog
24 September 2026 - 8 min read
Is Arctic science benefitting the communities it researches?

news
24 September 2026 - 6 min read
Shape the dialogue on principles and values in international research cooperation | deadline: 25 October

Union of Concerned Scientists [USC] [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Global Research Council [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

National Academies-Sciences-Engineering-Medicine [NASEM] - USA [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News

[How the National Academies Are Informing Discussions of AI Progress and Safety](#)

Feature Story

As rapid advances in AI continue to raise concerns about how it can be pursued safely without stifling technological progress, the National Academies have been at the forefront of efforts to better understand what these advances in AI mean for researchers and society at large.

Sep 24, 2026

[Neil Shubin Presents Updated 'On Being a Scientist'](#)

Announcement

For researchers, making new discoveries is accompanied by professional and ethical responsibilities to ensure research integrity and maintain public trust. In a new video, NAS President Neil Shubin introduces an updated guide from the National Academies for early career researchers and students to help them navigate a rapidly changing scientific landscape and tackle critical issues facing researchers today.

Sep 24, 2026

National Academy of Engineering - USA [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Latest News & Press Releases [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

National Academy of Medicine - USA [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News, Stories, Insights

No new digest content identified.

National Endowment for the Humanities [U.S.] [to 26 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 26 Sep 2026]

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

News Releases

NIH launches new PubMed tool to strengthen research replication and reproducibility

September 24, 2026 — Linked Discoveries is an experimental tool to help scientists see how individual research findings relate to the larger body of biomedical evidence.

Modified HIV drug reverses vision loss and paralysis in multiple sclerosis model

September 23, 2026 — Modified HIV drug reverses vision loss and paralysis in multiple sclerosis model.

Scientists develop high-resolution molecular maps of Alzheimer's and related brain disorders

September 23, 2026 — NIH-funded effort delivers new insights into symptoms and underlying mechanisms of these conditions to improve prevention, detection, treatment, and outcomes.

NIH makes major investments to advance human-based research infrastructure and technologies

September 21, 2026 — Projects spanning the nation will accelerate scientific discovery, reduce reliance on animals.

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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 26 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 26 Sep 2026]

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

Press Releases, Events

No new digest content identified.

INSERM [to 26 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 26 Sep 2026]

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

News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

Nuffield Council on Bioethics [to 26 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

Governments must act now to build a pandemic-ready health workforce, says WHPA

25th September 2026

As world leaders meet in New York today for the UN High-Level Meeting (HLM) on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response (PPPR), the World Health Professions Alliance (WHPA) is calling on governments to act on their commitments to strengthen and invest in the health workforce — before the next pandemic strikes.

Chronic understaffing, poor working conditions and unsustainable investment are leaving health systems ill-prepared for the workforce demands of a pandemic, WHPA warns...

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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 [26 Sep 2026]

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

News

Allen Institute announces 2026 Next Generation Leaders

This year's researchers bring expertise in computational biology, immunology, neuroscience, and cellular engineering.

September 22, 2026

Gates Foundation [26 Sep 2026]

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

Press Releases & Statements

Press release Sep 22, 2026

MTN Group Foundation and Gates Foundation launch first-of-its-kind Maternal Health Multiplier platform to expand access to AI-enabled maternal health care in Nigeria

Partnership aims to help 500,000 women in Nigeria access higher-quality maternal health care by 2030

Press release Sep 21, 2026

Global Organizations Announce Five-Year Goal to Help More Than Three Billion People Use AI in Their Own Language and Voice

60 initial signatories – frontier AI labs, researchers, companies, governments, community organizations, and philanthropic organizations – will bring expertise and resources to the effort and invite others to join

Blue Meridian Partners [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

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

Updates

No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News & Updates

Press & News | September 23, 2026

[**CGI 2026 Concludes with 60 New Commitments to Action, and Progress on Critical Issues Including Health, Gender Equity, Climate, and More**](#)

Co Impact [to 26 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 26 Sep 2026]

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

News & Press

No new digest content identified.

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Latest

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [26 Sep 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Latest Updates [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [26 Sep 2026]

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

News & Stories

No new digest content identified.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Latest News

Safe Water

[**Sustaining the Flow: Infrastructure Alone Cannot Solve the Rural Water Crisis**](#)

[Undated]

IKEA Foundation [to 26 Sep 2026]

<https://ikeafoundation.org/>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Kaiser Family Foundation/KFF [26 Sep 2026]

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

Research, Analysis

[**The Trump Administration's Foreign Aid Review: Status of the President's Malaria Initiative \(PMI\)**](#)

Sep 22, 2026 *Fact Sheet*

Fact sheet examining actions taken by the Trump administration and their impact on the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI).

[**The Trump Administration's Foreign Aid Review: Status of U.S. Global Maternal and Child Health Efforts**](#)

Sep 22, 2026 *Fact Sheet*

Fact sheet examining actions taken by the Trump administration and their impact on global maternal and child health.

Aga Khan Foundation [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

Lilly Endowment Inc. [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Endowment News

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Latest News and Grantee News

No new digest content identified.

Mastercard Foundation [Canada] [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News

[African Leaders Push For A Shared Vision For Higher Education Transformation To Advance Economic Progress](#)

24 September 2026

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Recent News

No new digest content identified.

Novo Nordisk Foundation [Denmark] [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News and media

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundations [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News Room

No new digest content identified.

Rockefeller Foundation [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News and Announcements

The Rockefeller Foundation and Mission 300 Accelerator Launch Demonstration to Test Whether AI Demand Can Help Finance Energy Access in Africa

Press Releases Published Date September 24, 2026

As World Leaders Gather at the UN, a New Research Action Policy Lab in the Global South Sets Out To Prove AI Can Create Opportunity

Press Releases Published Date September 23, 2026

News Summary

:: The Institute for Human Flourishing (IHF) — a new Research Action Policy Lab headquartered in India — will work to ensure AI raises incomes, expands agency, and creates opportunity for vulnerable communities around the world. IHF will prove what works, turn evidence into replicable playbooks, and inform policy so pro-worker outcomes become the default.

:: Founded by Ravi Venkatesan and led by CEO Urvashi Aneja, IHF is headquartered in India and makes its global debut before an international audience of philanthropists, policymakers, and employers gathered in New York for UNGA week. A high-level panel will explore the central question of our moment: how AI can expand opportunity rather than concentrate it.

:: The Government of India's Expert Group on Human Flourishing has formally endorsed IHF's establishment.

New Report Warns AI Could Close a 70-Year Gap in Weather Forecasting for Health or Widen It Without Deliberate Action

Press Releases

Published Date September 22, 2026

A 10-day forecast now takes minutes to produce, on a single computer chip, putting life-saving warnings within reach of the world's most vulnerable communities.

Around 100 Former Heads of State and Government Call on Current Leaders To Renew International Cooperation

Rockefeller Foundation, *Press Releases* Published Date September 21, 2026

:: *Former leaders urge a renewed framework for cooperation grounded in human dignity, the rule of law and mutual respect.*

:: *New global polling shows broad public support for countries working together.*

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 26 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

September 3, 2026

Dr. France Córdova Named 2026 Nierenberg Prize Recipient

We're proud to share that Science Philanthropy Alliance President France A. Córdova has been named

the 2026 recipient of the Nierenberg Prize for Science in the Public Interest, presented annually by Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego.

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Stichting INGKA Foundation [Netherlands] [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Tata Trusts [India] [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [26 Sep 2026]

<https://wellcome.org/>

News, Opinion, Reports

No new digest content identified.

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Candid [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 26 Sep 2026]

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

News, Press Releases [Selected]

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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

Sep 03, 2026 Volume 113 Issue 9 p1779-2022

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

This month in The Journal

Paul W. Hook, Alyson B. Barnes

In genomic medicine, continuously updated public archives of genetic variants linked to clinical phenotypes, such as ClinVar and the Matchmaker Exchange, are essential for variant interpretation, patient diagnosis, and treatment. This form of data sharing typically does not require explicit patient consent, especially for de-identified variant-level data, but because there are no standard data sharing guidelines, clinicians, laboratories, and patients are often left uncertain about the practical boundaries and the rationale.

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Infection Control

October 2026 Volume 54 Issue 10 p1045-1142

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

September 2026 Volume 71 Issue 3

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

October 2026 116(10)

<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

September 2026 Volume 179, Issue 9

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

[New issue; No relevant content identified]

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 8 Pages: 773-946 October 2026

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

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Leo Dupire, et al.

Summary

Generative AI (Gen-AI) has shown a remarkable impact in several biological research areas, from protein folding and *de novo* design to pathogenic mutation prediction. However, it remains unclear whether these molecular-level successes can translate to cellular and multicellular insights relevant to fields ranging from immunology to cancer and neurodegeneration. This arises from the intricate nature of the molecular mechanisms that determine cellular and organismal behavior, the lack of sufficient training data, and the multicellular nature of most pathophysiologic phenotypes. Novel Gen-AI frameworks are likely needed to integrate prior biological knowledge, such as molecular interaction networks, as well as guiding principles focusing the community's attention on solving biologically and translationally relevant problems. Drawing inspiration from Hilbert's list of 23 mathematical problems that have focused the mathematical community's attention for more than a century, we propose fifteen grand AI challenges to focus the biomedical community's attention on critically relevant questions, most of which still lack effective predictive methodologies.

Featured Article

Why machines don't speak biology: Toward native biological language models

Yonatan Stelzer, Amos Tanay

Advances in AI have shown promise in protein structural information, but in this perspective, the authors argue that biology's true complexity—emergent, evolved, and irreducibly messy—demands more than bigger models or more data and that unlocking a genuine "biological" AI requires anchoring machine learning in canonical, process-based "world models," rather than chasing a universal theory built from parts alone.

Featured Article

Changing minds: How AI is transforming the life sciences

Daphne Koller, et al.

Artificial intelligence (AI) is changing the way biomedical research is conducted by making it possible to integrate diverse types of biological data and tackle questions that were previously difficult to address. At the same time, its growing use also raises important questions about data quality, reliability, interpretability, and how computational predictions should be combined with biological knowledge and experimental validation. In this Voices piece, researchers from diverse disciplines share their perspectives on how AI is advancing their respective fields and highlight both the transformative opportunities and the key challenges that will shape the future of the life sciences.

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27 articles

This Review issue is organized around the seven workstreams of the ICRC's Global Initiative to Galvanize Political Commitment to International Humanitarian Law: "Prevention Good Practices", "National IHL Committees", "IHL and Peace", "Protection of Civilian Infrastructure", "Protection of Hospitals", "Information and Communication Technology" and "Naval Warfare". The interviews and articles in this issue provide a comprehensive overview of the current state of IHL - what is holding, what is fraying and where the most urgent academic and political work is needed.

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Editorial

Getting ready for the next pandemic

The Lancet

The tragic death, disability, and chaos wrought by the COVID-19 are fading from collective memory. The pandemic created a global health crisis that led to more than 7 million reported deaths, an estimated 28 million excess deaths, and profound health, economic, and social disruption. It exposed critical failures in pandemic preparedness and weaknesses in social and health systems. Yet even though the risk of pandemics is growing, the world has failed to be ready for the next one. On Sept 21, a new Lancet Commission report is published, The National University of Singapore (NUS)–Lancet Pandemic Readiness through Institutions, Mobilising Communities, and Equity (PRIME) Commission. Launched alongside the 81st UN General Assembly and in advance of the UN High-level Meeting on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response, the report aims to redefine how health can be protected before, during, and after a pandemic.

The central tenet of the PRIME Commission is people-centred protection, based around asking what people and communities need and acting accordingly, giving people the capabilities to protect themselves, access care, sustain wellbeing and livelihoods, participate in decisions, and recover after a crisis. There are several key messages. First, the world must move away from traditional technical preparedness (tabletop exercises, surveillance and laboratory strengthening, stockpiling personal protective equipment, and vaccine development and manufacturing) towards a broader goal of readiness, which includes planning for social protection, financing, legal requirements, education, labour, food systems, and environmental governance.

Second, cooperation between governments is essential to saving millions of lives. In modelling a hypothetical novel influenza A pandemic, the Commissioners compared how power and national interest drive response and mortality. They found that an equitable approach to public health needs-based vaccine allocation could reduce global mortality by 64% to 21·2 million deaths, equivalent to 37·3 million deaths averted.

Third, attention should focus on fixing vulnerable systems, not “vulnerable people”. It is the inequitable policies and actions of institutions, laws, markets, and governance that constrain people's capacities. Fourth, trust is built over time, not only through communication, but also through institutional legitimacy, effective leadership, and reliable services. These principles form the basis of an improved and more equitable approach to pandemics and health.

There has been no shortage of post-COVID-19 inquiries and reforms aimed to better prepare for the next pandemic. The International Health Regulations were revised while disagreements still continue about the WHO Pandemic Agreement. This year's UN General Assembly will review whether progress has been made towards the 2023 UN Political Declaration on Pandemics, in which countries pledge to “implement coherent and robust national, regional and global actions, driven by science and the need to

prioritize equity and the respect for human rights to strengthen pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, and fully address the direct and indirect consequences of future pandemics”.

The High-level Meeting promises to introduce yet another new political declaration, in which (according to a [draft obtained by Health Policy Watch](#)) countries “restate our commitment to scale up, promote and strengthen pandemic prevention, preparedness and response and to translate political commitment into concrete, measurable and urgent action”. The text is full of language on multisectorial approaches, cooperation, communities, and mobilising resources, but is weak on concrete commitments. How can “equity” and “human rights” be advanced without specifics on how these principles could be meaningfully achieved and assessed effectively, particularly amid the continued erosion of Official Development Assistance for Health and the weakening of WHO?

The NUS–Lancet PRIME Commission will not stop with the publication of this report. It will pilot and evaluate its approach in select countries. The Commission's future also offers an opportunity to begin forming a better accountability process to help move beyond the impasse of failed treaties and toothless declarations. Every person deserves to be protected from avoidable hardship and ill health. When the next pandemic comes, we must be able to say that we have done everything possible to be ready.

The Lancet Commissions

[The NUS–Lancet PRIME Commission: transforming pandemic readiness for equity](#)

Sara Calderón-Larrañaga, et al.

Positioning statement

The National University of Singapore (NUS)–Lancet Pandemic Readiness through Institutions, Mobilising Communities, and Equity (PRIME) Commission redefines pandemic readiness and offers a practical blueprint for whole-of-society pandemic planning and implementation. Drawing on the hard lessons of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission brings together evidence from 20 countries, including interviews with members of diverse communities and groups, future scenarios, and epidemiological modelling. By integrating lived experience with systems analysis and forward-looking evidence, the Commission sets out how governments, institutions, and communities can move from formal plans to people-centred protection across all stages of a health crisis.

PRIME turns the often-invoked whole-of-society idea into a structured framework for action across sectors and levels of governance. Applying PRIME's recommendations has the potential not only to save lives, but also to strengthen institutions and community trust for future health emergencies and other 21st-century crises.

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Six principles for supporting academic freedom in universities

Many academics are concerned about threats to independent enquiry in higher education. Here's how it can be protected while taking legitimate concerns into account.

Sarah de Rijcke

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Advancing conflict research and response through satellite-derived data

Integrating satellite-derived war-damage data with text-based fatality records through improvement, enrichment and fusion mitigates limitations inherent in each source, revealing complex violence dynamics beyond fatality-centric paradigms, as case studies from Ukraine and Myanmar illustrate.

Valerie Sticher, Corinne Bara, Jan Dirk Wegner

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Human preferences are susceptible to covertly misaligned AI advice

Sahand Sabour, et al.

Significance

Many people are turning to AI for advice that shapes their decisions. Yet, they cannot see the incentives behind such advice and typically assume it aligns with their interests. But what happens when an advisor has hidden objectives that push toward inferior alternatives? In a randomized experiment spanning financial and emotional contexts, we found that covertly misaligned advisors shifted participants' preferences toward inferior alternatives, yet were still rated as helpful. We found no reliable evidence that adding explicit influence strategies increased this effect beyond covert misalignment alone. Our results highlight a behavioral vulnerability with implications for AI governance: When AI advice is covertly misaligned, people may shift their preferences toward inferior alternatives while continuing to perceive the advisor positively.

Abstract

AI assistants are increasingly used as advisors to guide decisions, yet little is known about how people evaluate such advice when the advisor's underlying intent conflicts with their interests. We examine how covert misalignment shapes choices in a randomized experiment ($N = 233$ participants; 699 observations) in which participants rated financial or emotional decisions before and after consulting one of three AI advisors: a neutral advisor, a misaligned advisor with a hidden objective to promote an inferior option, or a strategy-enhanced misaligned advisor additionally equipped with established tactics of covert influence. Across both domains, exposure to misaligned advisors shifted preferences away from optimal options and toward inferior alternatives, increasing the odds of preferring the incentivized (inferior) option over the optimal option by ≈ 5 to 8 times (up to +38 percentage points). Adding explicit influence strategies did not reliably strengthen these effects. Notably, participants continued to rate misaligned advisors as helpful, revealing a systematic disconnect between susceptibility to misaligned advice and subjective evaluations of advisor quality. These findings have implications for the design and governance of AI-mediated advice.

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Decoupling food insecurity from shocks: A global analysis of food system resilience

Food systems worldwide are increasingly exposed to climate extremes, conflicts, pandemics, and economic shocks, raising concerns about their capacity to safeguard food security and nutrition.

Although resilience is now central in global policy debates, ...

Christophe Béné, et al.

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Editorial

Science still has expertise; what it's lost is authority

BY H. Holden Thorp 24 Sep 2026

In the years since the pandemic and the political turmoil surrounding the American scientific establishment, much time has been spent discussing why science has lost influence on public policy in the United States. A time when scientific advice about vaccination, nutrition, and environmental regulation was more readily heeded seems a distant memory. Scientific expertise has been decoupled from a sense of authority and standing to dictate policy on matters ranging from public health to climate change. The explanations for this separation include the rise of technologies like the internet and artificial intelligence, mistakes made by scientists and scientific institutions, and weaponization of anti-science ideas by political actors. But what if there's a larger historical trend that suggests the disconnect between expertise and authority was inevitable? A new idea in philosophy called the "unicontext" suggests that the advance of technology, along with basic human desires, has been leading to this point for the past century.

Agnes Callard is a philosopher at the University of Chicago who mostly studies Plato and Aristotle. She suggests that when modern transportation began moving people beyond their place of birth, humanity went from living within multiple contexts—home, village, place of worship, workplace—each with its own set of norms and rules for social conduct, to a "unicontext," where the ways one should act become the same across different contexts. Although it was once unthinkable to behave in a church in the same manner as at a local bar, it is now harder to maintain such boundaries as humanity shares a massive digital space with no clear social barriers. With the rise of the unicontext, humans can be "present" all over the world at once. People become aware of a wider range of situations, offering everyone the possibility of greater recognition and different choices about life that weren't apparent before. Against this background of unicontext, negative ideas that can be framed more easily without context, such as fear and criticism, have swamped out positive ideas that require understanding the circumstances. Indeed, scientists have long recognized negativity bias as an innate psychological tendency—an inclination that works well in a unicontext world.

When I spoke to Callard about her idea, we discussed its implications for science. "What the unicontext makes possible," she said, "is for us to see...what a big distance there is between expertise and authority."

Science has always had qualifying conditions—findings that come with caveats about the quality of evidence, the inevitability of revisions when better evidence arises, and the possibility of human errors. Context provided by academic credentials and institutional authority still lend credence to scientific expertise, but these conditions no longer carry the power to persuade or mandate guidelines and policies that direct a society. This is not because of a decline in the quality of scientific expertise but rather an erosion of the ability to translate that expertise into widespread collective behavior.

Callard's idea leads to the rather daunting conclusion that maybe expertise and authority will never be reunited. It's hard to see how the conditions that have created the unicontext will reverse themselves. Can this be seen as anything but alarming? Or could it actually be liberating? Instead of fretting over the erosion of an amorphous concept of "trust in science" that blends expertise and authority, the right thing to focus on is how scientific expertise is alive and well, even if it no longer carries the persuasive authority it once had.

Science can no longer rely on the context of its institutional status as a means of influence. In the unicontext, scientists are evaluated in the same universal room as politicians, activists, and corporations, pervaded by negativity. But science as humanity's best means of inquiry and understanding is undiminished. The better way forward is to cultivate public confidence in scientific expertise the old-fashioned way—by making promises and keeping them, being humble about what science can and cannot explain, admitting when science makes mistakes, and relentlessly striving to make sure the

scientific record is reliable and well-established. Callard's hypothesis suggests that these measures are unlikely to restore scientific authority. Whether that happens will be decided not by scientists alone but by the collective citizens of the unicontext.

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Counting (on) Indigenous Peoples: Data Sovereignty in the Age of AI

Gio Lugo Miole and Jonghwi Park

Stakeholders involved in AI development and regulation must also learn from Indigenous principles of responsibility, reciprocity, relationality and respect.

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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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Hanjing Shi, Dominic DiFranzo

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Mattea Sim (Georgetown University), Yael Eiger (University of Washington), Tadayoshi Kohno (Georgetown University)

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...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...

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