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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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2026 UN Biodiversity Conference (COP 17, CP-MOP 12, and NP-MOP 6)

As Global Promises for Nature Reach Halftime Checkpoint, UN Biodiversity Conference Opens in Armenia

2026 UN Biodiversity Conference (COP 17, CP-MOP 12, and NP-MOP 6)
19 – 30 October 2026 | Yerevan, Armenia

Yerevan, Armenia, 19 October 2026 – With a new UN report showing where the world stands in delivering on its commitments to address biodiversity loss, and four years remaining to achieve the 2030 targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF), representatives of governments, indigenous peoples and local communities and stakeholders are gathering in Yerevan for the 2026 UN Biodiversity Conference.

Yerevan marks the halfway point between the Framework’s historic adoption in 2022 and the 2030 deadline for meeting its ambitious set of interconnected targets.

The new global report on collective progress, *State of Biodiversity Action*, reveals strong engagement with the Framework: nearly 90 per cent of Parties have set national targets, more than 70 per cent have submitted national reports and action is underway across all 23 targets. **However, implementation remains insufficient, with fewer than half of national targets assessed by Parties as on track.**

The need for accelerating implementation will run across the 2026 UN Biodiversity Conference consisting of the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 17) and meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (MOPs 12 and 6, respectively). Priorities include assessing collective progress and strengthening support for implementation, advancing science and policy guidance, addressing the financial and economic conditions shaping biodiversity outcomes, strengthening biosafety and advancing the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of genetic resources.

At COP 17, Parties will undertake the first global review of collective progress alongside decisions on protecting biodiversity and its sustainable use and addressing the drivers of biodiversity loss. Enabling faster action through mobilizing finance, capacity-building and cooperation constitutes another focus of work, in addition to work undertaken to strengthen the role and participation of indigenous peoples and local communities.

CP-MOP 12 will focus on strengthening the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol, including through updating guidance on risk assessment and management, and stronger capacities for informed biosafety decision-making.

NP-MOP 6 will advance implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on access and benefit-sharing, with work on monitoring, capacity support and cooperation, as well as institutional effectiveness. Together, the outcomes of the three meetings will advance the objectives of the

Convention and its Protocols and help accelerate action to halt and reverse biodiversity loss through 2030 and beyond...

"Four years ago, we agreed an ambitious global agreement for nature. In Yerevan, halfway between the adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and 2030, we must renew our collective commitment and focus on its delivery," said H.E. Mr. Hambardzum Matevosyan, COP 17 President and Minister of Environment of the Republic of Armenia. "We welcome the world to Armenia for the 2026 UN Biodiversity Conference. As incoming COP17 President, I am confident that through inclusive and constructive cooperation, Parties can work together, find common ground and deliver for nature for people around the world."

"Yerevan is about accelerating action to protect nature," said Astrid Schomaker, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity. "Protecting biodiversity is not separate from protecting our economies. Our food, water, health and livelihoods all depend on healthy ecosystems. In 2022, the world agreed on a plan to halt and reverse biodiversity loss.

"Four years on, we know where we are, where the gaps are, and that we are not moving fast enough. Yerevan must mark a turning point in our journey to 2030, putting us on a faster path to meeting the biodiversity targets and achieving our vision of living in harmony with nature."

[Meeting documents – Seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity](#)

19–30 October 2026 - Yerevan, Armenia

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ICC – Sakharov Prize

[The International Criminal Court and its officials awarded the Sakharov Prize](#)

European Parliament Press Releases: 22-10-2026

The 2026 Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought is collectively awarded to the International Criminal Court (ICC) and its officials.

Announcing the 2026 laureate in the hemicycle on Thursday, European Parliament President Roberta Metsola declared: **"The European Union is built on respect for multilateralism and international institutions. With the award of the Sakharov prize to the International Criminal Court and its officials, the European Parliament recognises the Court's important work in upholding international law and justice."**...

The award highlights the ICC's work, including investigations, prosecutions, trials and the issuance or authorisation of arrest warrants. The EU must protect the global mechanisms for international justice and accountability

In Parliament's 2025 annual reports on the implementation of the common Foreign and Security Policy and on the human rights and democracy in the world, **MEPs expressed their deep concern at the growing threats and the various waves of sanctions imposed since 2025 on the ICC, notably by the USA, as well as on its prosecutors, judges, staff and partners, considering these to be serious attacks on the international justice system.**

MEPs have repeatedly called on the European Commission to activate the EU's so-called

'blocking statute' to protect officials working at the ICC from extraterritorial attacks, and to enable it to continue its activities in complete independence. The blocking statute protects European operators, regardless of their size or sector of activity, by nullifying within the EU the effect of any foreign judicial decision based on foreign laws, also enabling them to seek compensation in court for damages caused by the extraterritorial application of foreign laws.

In the abovementioned reports, MEPs also welcome the continuation of the EU's financial support for the ICC at a particularly difficult time for international justice.

With all EU member states being parties to the Rome Statute and therefore obliged to implement the decisions of the ICC, **MEPs also emphasised that the growing disregard for international law and the politicisation of debates concerning international justice institutions constituted, in their view, an existential threat to the rules-based international order.**

The Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought

Named after Soviet physicist and political dissident Andrei Sakharov, the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought was established in 1988. It is awarded annually by Parliament to individuals or organisations in recognition of their work in one of the following areas: the defence of human and fundamental rights, in particular freedom of expression, the safeguarding of minority rights, respect for international law, the development of democracy and the defence of the rule of law.

The award ceremony for the 2026 Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought will take place in December in Strasbourg, during Parliament's plenary session.

International Criminal Court Statement following the Award of the 2026 Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought

Statement 22 October 2026

The International Criminal Court (ICC) is thankful to the European Parliament for awarding the Court and its officials this year's Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought. **This award comes at a time when the Court and its officials face unprecedented challenges, including sanctions aimed at disrupting the Court's judicial mandate.**

Against this backdrop, the Sakharov Prize carries particular significance, reaffirming the importance of independent judicial institutions and of those who work to uphold international law. It underscores the importance of continued international cooperation and support to enable the Court to carry out its mandate independently and impartially, in the service of justice and the victims of the gravest crimes.

While this prize recognises the work of the Court in combating impunity and ensuring fair trials, it is also an important recognition of the role of international justice as a cornerstone of lasting peace. In a world marked by rising conflicts, there is no peace without justice and no security without law.

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"Global Internet Freedom"

NEW REPORT: Authoritarian Internet Controls Drive 16th Consecutive Year of Decline in Global Internet Freedom

Freedom House, October 22, 2026

Democratic governments and technology companies should counter authoritarian efforts to disconnect people from the global internet and safeguard rights as new technologies reshape online access.

WASHINGTON, DC—Global internet freedom declined for the 16th consecutive year, with **conditions deteriorating in 16 of the 38 countries assessed and improving in only 8**, according to Freedom on the Net 2026: Seismic Shifts on the Global Internet, a new report released today by Freedom House.

Authoritarian efforts to isolate populations from the global internet, expanding age checks for online access, and the weaponization of laws governing AI-generated content created new barriers to free expression and access to information.

“Agentic AI promises to transform the internet,” said Freedom House Chief Executive Officer Jamie Fly. “Authoritarian actors are already weaponizing AI. **We need to ensure that frontline activists and freedom fighters have access to cutting-edge technologies** to counter these threats and to accelerate freedom in repressive societies. Democracies need to ensure that efforts to secure democracy and fundamental rights in the AI era do not restrict legitimate expression.”

Iran experienced the year’s largest decline, joining China and Myanmar as the world’s worst environments for internet freedom. Jordan and Nigeria also suffered significant declines, while Georgia’s status fell from Free to Partly Free as authorities continued to suppress online activism and speech perceived to be critical of the ruling Georgian Dream party. Bangladesh recorded the largest improvement for the second consecutive year, followed by the Gambia, while Estonia was the freest online environment.

The report’s key findings include the following:

- **Authoritarian governments accelerated efforts to isolate their populations from the global internet.**

Iranian authorities imposed a nationwide internet shutdown lasting approximately 88 days, the longest recorded in Freedom on the Net’s history, and restructured internet access so that only a privileged few could connect to global platforms. Russian authorities expanded shutdowns and restrictions on virtual private networks while seeking to maintain access to state-approved services.

- **Age-assurance laws introduced new barriers to online access and risks to privacy and security.**

As of June 2026, policymakers in 10 of the 38 countries assessed had proposed, passed, or implemented age-assurance laws for social media platforms or other nonpornographic online content. Australia and Indonesia implemented social media bans for children under 16, while Turkey’s proposed framework would tie social media accounts to individuals’ real names through a government-run digital identity system.

- **Measures addressing AI-generated content tackled meaningful harms but also raised concerns about censorship.**

Governments pursued rules on impersonation, harassment, and child protection, but authorities abused some laws to restrict online expression.

“Authoritarian regimes are reengineering the internet into a system of control, deciding who can connect, what they can see, and whether they can be heard,” said Kian Vesteinsson, author of the report and Freedom House’s deputy director for research. “After 16 years of decline, democracies must lead the fight for a free and open internet. Dictators are investing in keeping people disconnected. We must invest in making censorship fail.”...

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World Bank – “Digital Strategy”

World Bank Group Launches First Digital Strategy to Expand Access and Create Jobs

The World Bank Group today launched its first digital strategy, bringing together its public and private sector capabilities to help developing countries expand affordable digital access, improve services, and create jobs.

SEOUL, October 20, 2026— The World Bank Group today launched its first digital strategy, bringing together its public and private sector capabilities to help developing countries expand affordable digital access, improve services, and create jobs.

The strategy addresses four priorities: expanding connectivity; making devices and data more affordable; strengthening digital services and skills; and helping countries build the foundations to benefit from artificial intelligence...

The launch comes as developing countries face twin challenges: constrained resources and a growing need for jobs. **Over the next 10 to 15 years, 1.2 billion young people will reach working age in developing countries, while their economies are projected to create about 420 million jobs.**

Digital technology can support job creation across the World Bank Group's five priority sectors: infrastructure and energy, agribusiness, health care, tourism, and value-added manufacturing. It can help businesses reach customers, improve productivity, and access finance, while reducing the cost of delivering public services.

Yet substantial barriers remain. **Over 2 billion people were offline globally in 2025. Only 23 percent of people in low-income countries used the internet, compared with 94 percent in high-income countries.** Many people live within network coverage but cannot afford a smartphone or data, lack digital skills, or have limited access to services relevant to their needs.

The strategy sets out four areas of action:

- **Expand reliable connectivity.**
The World Bank Group will help countries address gaps across the network, from international cables and national connections to the networks serving homes, businesses, schools, and clinics. Its approach includes supporting shared infrastructure, encouraging competition, and using public finance and guarantees to help attract private investment into underserved markets. Where electricity and connectivity are both missing, the strategy supports planning them together.
- **Make devices and data more affordable.**
The strategy supports efforts to lower the cost of entry-level smartphones and broadband services that increase the cost of staying connected. Partnerships with manufacturers, mobile operators, financial institutions, and refurbishment businesses can help lower prices and expand responsible options for paying over time.
- **Expand digital services and skills.**
The World Bank Group will support reliable systems for digital identification, payments, and secure information-sharing that make public and private services easier to access. It will also help countries strengthen digital literacy and training linked to employment, enabling more people and small businesses to use technology safely and productively.
- **Build readiness for AI.**
The strategy will help countries strengthen connectivity, access computing resources, develop usable local data, and build skills. It emphasizes practical applications of "small AI"—tools adapted to specific tasks and local conditions, such as helping farmers identify crop disease, supporting health workers, or helping businesses manage inventory.

Safeguards—from privacy to cybersecurity and fraud protection—run across all four priorities.

The strategy brings together the World Bank Group's financing, policy advice, private investment, and guarantees around country priorities. It also provides a basis for working with governments, technology companies, development partners, and philanthropy to extend digital opportunities to more people and businesses. Its aim is to help countries turn digital access into higher productivity, better services, and more opportunities to earn a living.

Complementing the strategy's AI readiness and adaptation priority, the World Bank Group also announced the AI Infrastructure and Readiness Initiative. This is a new effort to help governments in emerging markets access affordable compute capacity—and put small AI to productive use—through shared, pay-as-you-go GPU infrastructure (specialized computing power used to develop and run AI applications), offering a practical alternative to standalone national data centers. The initiative will have an initial focus on Africa and Latin America, with knowledge partners including Cassava Technologies and NVIDIA.



International Science Council – ISC Beijing Science Declaration

Beijing Science Declaration: Science in a complex world, science for a better future

October 21, 2026

Convened by the International Science Council (ISC) and the China Association for Science and Technology (CAST), the Declaration sets out 18 commitments, from defending scientific freedom and establishing shared norms for AI in research, to rebuilding public trust and securing a stronger role for science in the next global sustainability agenda.

We, scientists, leaders of scientific organizations, representatives of governments, youth networks and other stakeholders from around the world, gathered at the Beijing Science Dialogue,

- **Reaffirming the right of everyone to take part in science**, the importance of equitable knowledge production and access to scientific knowledge, and the benefits of scientific progress without discrimination;
- **Aware that science is an integral part of society**, and that misinformation and disinformation can erode public trust and weaken the use of evidence in public decisions;
- **Reaffirming that science is a common endeavor of humanity** to understand the world, improve the well-being of people and the planet and address global challenges, and that its benefits are a common public good to be shared by all;
- **Acknowledging that scientific exchange is the foundation of scientific and societal progress;**
- *Recognizing* that challenges such as climate change, biodiversity loss, access to health services, food security, the energy transition, disaster risk and the governance of emerging technologies are complex, interconnected, cross national borders and require sustained, open international cooperation;
- *Mindful* that the international community is preparing a new global agenda for sustainability that builds on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and related efforts, such as moving beyond GDP and advancing human development requiring the full breadth of scientific disciplines from fundamental to applied research,
- **Recognizing that knowledge and evidence generated across the natural, social and human sciences are essential to informing decision-making and policy implementation.**
- *Affirming* that openness, inclusiveness, cooperation and mutual respect are fundamental to scientific progress;
- **Concerned that geopolitical shifts, unequal access to scientific resources, gaps in**

scientific capacity and barriers to cooperation are straining the global science system at a time of rapid scientific, technological and societal change;

- *Recognizing* that artificial intelligence (AI) brings major opportunities for research but also risks to research integrity, the reliability of knowledge, data governance, accountability, public trust and the environment, and is changing the pace and paradigm of science itself, with consequences for researchers and for knowledge as a public good that global debates on AI have largely overlooked;
- *Acknowledging* that the International Science Council (ISC) and its Members have been building cooperation platforms and acting as bridges to bring scientists from around the world to work closely together;

Commit to the following actions and call on the broader international community to join us in:

I. Safeguarding an open, inclusive and cooperative global science system

1. In view of the considerable divide between global research networks and shared research infrastructure between different regions of the world, promote equitable capacity sharing and strengthening of all research institutions, ensuring that developing regions are not merely sites for data collection, but co-leaders in data analysis and intellectual property ownership.
2. Strengthen global research networks, facilitate mobility and shared research infrastructure, that connect countries, disciplines and institutions.
3. Launch discussions about equitable sharing of the financial load with a view of redressing the highly unequal nature of relations which characterize international research.
4. **Uphold scientific and academic freedom, including the right of researchers to cooperate internationally without discrimination or undue interference, together with their responsibility to respect research integrity and ethical norms, as freedom and responsibility reinforce each other.**
5. Advance open science and open data, and share knowledge and resources equitably, with particular attention to building capacity in developing regions, so that no country or group is left behind.
6. Use scientific cooperation, science diplomacy, multilateral partnerships to build mutual understanding, trust, and solidarity globally and sustain global open ecosystems without straining them or further deepening regional divides.

II. Advancing responsible AI for shared global challenges

7. Set shared norms for AI in science, adapted to various disciplines, that define its appropriate use and protect the authenticity, reproducibility, verifiability, interoperability, and traceability of research, and ensuring that credit is given where it is due.
8. **Ensure that AI in science serves human well-being, sustainable development and public interest, and does not deepen global divisions or create new digital divides.**
9. Treat the responsible use of AI in producing knowledge as a core question for society, and develop shared rules, ethical principles and governance models that make AI safe, fair, transparent, explainable, accountable, non-discriminatory and respectful of diversity, and that will strengthen human scientific capacity in a positive way and safeguard against its abuse.
10. Base AI governance on scientific evidence, with the social sciences involved from the outset, so that it addresses social, economic, environmental, cultural, psychological and ethical effects as well as technical ones.
11. Expand international cooperation on AI through capacity-building, knowledge sharing, talent development, mutual learning and exchange.

III. Strengthening science-society links through trust and participation

12. Strengthen science communication, education and public engagement, including sustained multistakeholder dialogue, **so that science becomes a shared endeavor in which the voices of marginalized individuals, communities and populations are also heard, and**

promote science literacy on a global scale.

13. **Earn and retain public trust through transparent and accountable practices:** uphold research integrity, communicate uncertainty, distinguish clearly between facts, scientific judgments and value choices, and take part openly and responsibly in public debate and decision-making.
14. Work with media, science writers, educators, community leaders, artists, storytellers and all parts of society so that scientific knowledge reaches everyone and leads to action that improves people's lives.

IV. Shaping the future together

15. **Secure a systemic, sustained and institutionalized place for science in global agenda-setting and public policy making**, with opportunities for early-career scientists to contribute, so that scientists can help design, implement and evaluate new global agendas for sustainability.
16. Co-design, co-develop and co-deliver solutions with governments, businesses, civil society and the public.
17. **Critically examine and reform global research assessment, metrics and reward systems to focus on the quality of research** rather than overemphasizing career advancement and individual performance metrics.
18. **Give meaningful voice to all disciplines and knowledge systems, and all cultures and regions to reduce inequalities and enable all to participate in and benefit from science.**

We commit to support and enhance openness, cooperation, freedom, responsibility and integrity in science, and to a global science system that is equitable and inclusive, serves people and the planet, is trusted by society, and informs policy.

Building on work already under way, we will use this Declaration to strengthen science as a bridge between countries, societies and peoples, fostering global solidarity and collective stewardship for humanity's shared future, and advancing our shared commitment to global wellbeing, peace, resilience and sustainable development.

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Robbert Dijkgraaf, ISC President-Elect: "Pushing back against the pushback on science"

23 October 2026 \

In this inaugural speech marking the start of his presidency of the International Science Council (ISC) at the Midterm Members' Meeting in Beijing, Robbert Dijkgraaf reflects on the pressures facing science in an increasingly fragmented world. He sets out his priorities: defending science as a global public good, strengthening international cooperation, bringing science into global policy, preparing the scientific community for the changes ahead, including the rise of artificial intelligence, and building a scientific enterprise that makes room for everyone.

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"Autonomous Science"

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Featured Article

Toward autonomous science with agentic artificial intelligence

Lucie Y. Guo, Darren S.J. Ting, Xinyi Su, Alex Aliper, Alex Zhavoronkov, Daniel S.W. Ting

Summary

Artificial intelligence (AI) in biomedicine has evolved from pattern-recognition for medical image analysis to generative models like AlphaFold that predict protein structures. Tools such as Elicit, GPT-Rosalind, and Claude Science now bridge prediction and reasoning through literature synthesis, domain-tuned models, and agentic workbenches. **Three recent systems (Co-Scientist, Robin, and Biomni) demonstrated agentic AI capable of generating hypotheses, designing experiments, computational analysis, and refining reasoning through experimental feedback.** This perspective traces the emergence of agentic scientific reasoning, discusses scaling laws and autonomous laboratories, and **argues that AI's transformative potential is inseparable from challenges in hallucination, bias, irreproducibility, and dual use.** Scientific progress will depend on responsible human-AI collaboration.

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Neurotechnologies – Neurodata Governance

[Call for comments - Draft recommended guidelines for applying the existing human rights framework to neurotechnologies](#)

UN OHCHR – Issued by Advisory Committee Deadline: 30 November 2026

Background

Pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 58/6 entitled “Neurotechnology and human rights”, the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee is drafting a set of recommended guidelines for applying the existing human rights framework to the conception, design, development, testing, use and deployment of neurotechnologies, to be presented to the Council at its sixty-fourth session (22 February-2 April 2027).

Objectives

The Advisory Committee invites States, international organizations, national human rights institutions, non-governmental organizations, human rights mechanisms and other relevant stakeholders to submit written comments on the draft text entitled “Recommended guidelines for applying the existing human rights framework to neurotechnologies”. The comments received will assist the drafting group and the Advisory Committee in finalizing the recommended guidelines prior to their submission to the Human Rights Council.

Key questions and types of input/comments sought

Interested stakeholders are invited to submit concise and focused written comments in English or French, in a separate document not exceeding 1,500 words. Comments should not take the form of tracked changes, inline edits or comments inserted directly into the draft text.

Unless marked as confidential, comments will be published on the website of the Advisory Committee. To facilitate the timely finalization of the guidelines, the deadline will be strictly applied and no extensions will be granted.

:: Draft recommended guidelines for applying the existing human rights framework to neurotechnologies

[Neurodata governance: Evidence from innovators for public policy](#)

OECD Policy paper 6 October 2026 49 Pages

Abstract

Neurotechnologies are rapidly expanding across clinical, research, and consumer domains, creating unprecedented opportunities for improving medical care, overcoming disabilities, and transforming everyday life. Their operation depends on neurodata, a diverse set of signals and information derived from processing, which can be generated across complex digital, clinical, and business environments and may be highly sensitive for the individuals concerned. A growing number of policy frameworks address

the data governance aspects of neurotechnology globally. While indispensable, their overlap also makes compliance challenging, triggers concerns of uneven oversight and hindrance to innovation, while potentially overlooking high-risk uses. To inform coherent and proportionate approaches to neurodata governance, this paper analyses the current policy landscape and company practices, mapping how such data are collected, transformed, and used throughout the data lifecycle. The findings highlight the importance of a responsive, human-centric, and evidence-based policy approach that is adaptable to technological developments and aligned with innovation, growth, and public benefit.

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Maya Classic Period – IP

Antiquity – A Review of World Archaeology

Issue 413 - October 2026

[The identification and work of an eighth-century Maya mathematician](#)

Franco D. Rossi, David Stuart & Heather Hurst

Vol 100 Issue 413, 1369-1384

Abstract

Maya glyphic texts from the Classic period (250–900 CE) typically chronicle the exploits of historical or divine characters; everyday or functional records are rare. Here, the authors offer a reconstruction and transcription of a 'microtext' painted on an interior wall of Structure 10K-2 at the site of Xultun, Guatemala. The text records a unique astronomical formula that concludes with a name, attributing the work to an individual named *Sak Tahn Waax* ('White-chested Fox'). To date, this is the only known example of a Classic Maya mathematician directly credited for their work, attesting to the value of its intellectual authorship.



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:: Agency/Government/IGO Watch

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

United Nations – Secretary General, Security Council, General Assembly [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Meetings Coverage/Press Releases [Selected]

23 October 2026 *Meetings Coverage*

GA/12798

[General Assembly Reaffirms Support for IAEA as Nuclear Safety, Proliferation Concerns Persist](#)

The General Assembly today adopted a resolution reaffirming strong support for the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), as the Agency's Director-General stressed that cooperation and diplomacy remain essential to nuclear safety.

20 October 2026 *Meetings Coverage*

GA/SHC/4446

[Enforced Disappearances Reach Decade-High Level, Third Committee Hears, as Human Rights Defenders Face Growing Repression](#)

Enforced disappearances are reaching alarming levels worldwide, while human rights defenders face increasing persecution and surveillance, United Nations experts warned the Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural) today, citing thousands of unresolved cases and growing threats to those seeking justice and accountability.

20 October 2026 *Meetings Coverage*

SC/16484

[Security Situation in Central African Republic Fragile, Security Council Hears, amid Calls to Adequately Fund Peacekeeping Mission Ahead of Renewal](#)

Despite advances on the political and peace front in the Central African Republic, persisting security threats imperil progress in several areas, particularly those bordering Chad and Sudan, the UN's senior official in Bangui told the Security Council today, urging it to adequately fund the peacekeeping mission in the country, ahead of its [renewal](#) on 15 November.

19 October 2026 *Meetings Coverage*

SC/16483

[Security Council Addresses Digital Risks to Children in Armed Conflict through Resolution 2832 \(2026\)](#)

The Security Council today called for stronger measures to protect children affected by armed conflict from violations and abuses facilitated by digital technologies, while promoting their safe use for education and child protection.

19 October 2026 *Meetings Coverage*

GA/EF/3629-ECOSOC/7238

Closing \$4 Trillion Development Financing Gap Requires Urgent Action, Speakers Tell Joint Meeting of Second Committee, Economic and Social Council

As the world enters the final years implementing the 2030 Agenda, speakers stressed the urgent need to translate commitments to close the sustainable development financing gap and reduce soaring debt burdens into results, at the annual joint meeting of the Second Committee (Economic and Financial) and the Economic and Social Council today.

UN Human Rights – OHCHR [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

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Press releases 23 October 2026

UN expert highlights global challenges to international transfer of personal data

Press releases 22 October 2026

Health and disability

UN expert calls for stronger accountability to effectively realise right to health

UN Human Rights Council [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

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No new digest content identified.

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Latest news

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Press Releases

19 October 2026

UN Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict Welcomes New Security Council Resolution on Impact of Digital Technologies

New York, 19 October 2026 – Under-Secretary-General Vanessa Frazier, the UN Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict, welcomes the...

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in

Conflict [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

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[SRSG Patten's Video Remarks for the Launch of the State Targeted Social Programme of Ukraine for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings for the Period until 2030, 21 October 2026, Kyiv](#)

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Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 24 Oct 2026]

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[India: UN experts alarmed by fresh crackdown on protests and rights violations](#)

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[Palestinian farmers face renewed threats as olive harvest is underway: UN experts](#)

Special Rapporteur on the right to health [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

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Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

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[Thousands Flee Yemen by Sea as Displacement Tops 268,000](#)

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[Over 100 Skilled Workers Reach Italy Through Labour Mobility Scheme](#)

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[Over 800,000 People at Risk of Displacement as Floods Threaten Somalia, IOM Warns](#)

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[New prevention tools, old barriers: Young people shaping the HIV response in Asia and the Pacific](#)

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

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[Statement by UNICEF Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa, Edouard Beigbeder, on the ongoing killings of children across the Gaza Strip](#)

AMMAN, 20 October 2026 –, “Fourteen-year-old Mohamed was walking home from a UNICEF-supported learning centre on 17 October in Deir al Balah in the Gaza Strip when he was reported hit in the street by an armed drone strike and killed. His school bag was left lying beside his body. “The next day, six-year-old Misk...

News note 22 October 2026

Gavi and UNICEF secure lower malaria vaccine price, saving US\$50 million for childhood immunization programmes

COPENHAGEN/GENEVA/NEW YORK, 22 October 2026, – An agreement announced today will cut the price of the RTS,S/AS01 malaria vaccine by approximately 40 per cent. The deal, executed by UNICEF and financially backed by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, is expected to generate around US\$50 million in savings between 2027 and ...

Press release 20 October 2026

At least 12 children reportedly killed in separate incidents in West Kordofan and Khartoum, Sudan

KHARTOUM, 20 October 2026 –, At least 12 children, some as young as two, were reportedly killed in two separate incidents in Sudan's West Kordofan and Khartoum states in recent days. On Saturday, 17 October, at least nine children – five boys and four girls, aged between five and ten – were killed in an attack on...

Press release 20 October 2026

UNICEF Executive Director calls for urgent investment in children in Bangladesh and measures to end child marriage

NEW YORK/DHAKA, Bangladesh, 20 October, - UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell today called for urgent investment in children in Bangladesh after a three-day visit, which included meeting families in Korail, Dhaka's largest informal settlement, and Rohingya refugees and host communities in Cox's Bazar. Russ...

Remarks 20 October 2026

Water for over 1,6 million children in Taiz at risk as fighting intensifies in Yemen

ADEN, 20 October 2026 -, "In Taiz, Yemen, escalating fighting and fuel shortages are threatening UNICEF water systems serving an estimated three million people, at least 1,6 million of them children. "Already one of Yemen's most water-scarce areas, Taiz is now facing renewed pressure on its most essential services...

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WHO launches working papers on traditional medicine

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Global Diagnostics Coalition calls for collective action to close the diagnostic gap

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New global framework launched to track increasing health risks of extreme heat for pregnant women, newborns and children

21 October 2026 *Departmental update*

WHO launches guidance on evidence generation for new TB diagnostics

21 October 2026 *Departmental update*

New WHO–ILO framework to track progress towards universal social protection inclusive of people with TB

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[Call for Proposals for hosting the 20th International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities \(ICDRA\)](#)

19 October 2026 *Departmental update*

[Traditional medicine, resilience and well-being at World Health Summit 2026](#)

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[INTERPOL and WHO sign agreement to strengthen global health and security protection](#)

Framework to support public health and law enforcement cooperation to protect lives worldwide

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WHO: GHA – Global Health Architecture

[Reforming the global health architecture](#)

[Last update posted 26 June 2026]

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WHO Vaccines and Immunization [IVB]

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:: 23 October 2026 | *Feature Stories*

[Ebola response: Strengthening treatment and preserving essential care](#)

:: 22 October 2026 | *Feature Stories*

[At the border, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan strengthen Ebola surveillance](#)

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: 23 Oct 2026

[World Polio Day 2026: Americas mark 35 years free of wild poliovirus as vaccination gaps persist](#)

PAHO urges countries to close immunization gaps and strengthen surveillance to protect the Region from imported poliovirus Washington, D.C., 23 October 2026 (PAHO) – The Americas mark 35 years without a case of polio caused by wild poliovirus this World Polio Day, but vaccination coverage remains below the 95% target recommended by the Pan American...

:: 21 Oct 2026

[PAHO calls for strengthened surveillance and preparedness amid increases in dengue and chikungunya in the Americas](#)

The Organization highlights recent increases in dengue cases in several countries and the resurgence of chikungunya transmission in areas where the virus had not circulated for several years, as South America approaches its peak transmission season. Washington, D.C., October 21, 2026 (PAHO) – The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) called on...

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WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

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WHO Western Pacific Region

:: WHO Western Pacific Member States agree to urgently accelerate progress on key health priorities

The 77th session of the Regional Committee reached unanimous consensus on hypertension control, tobacco control, immunization and artificial intelligence for health

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

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

23 October 2026 | Ebola disease caused by Bundibugyo virus - Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya and Nigeria

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Weekly Epidemiological Record

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

Volume 101 Issue 42 Epidemiological Week 42 (12 October – 18 October 2026)

<https://www.who.int/publications/journals/weekly-epidemiological-record/wer101-42>

- [Highlighted signals and events](#)
- [Global respiratory virus activity: weekly update](#)
- [15th meeting of the WHO Working Group for the Molecular Detection and Subtyping of Influenza Viruses and the Use of Next Generation Sequencing in the Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System](#)

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A comprehensive integrated review of malaria, leishmaniasis, filariasis and dengue control programmes in Sri Lanka. Report of a WHO mission, 13–20 May 2024

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22 October 2026

[Meeting of the South-East Asia Regional Working Group on Immunization, New Delhi, India, 26 September 2026](#)

Overview

The Regional Working Group (RWG) meeting was convened to translate recommendations of the Seventeenth Meeting of the WHO South-East Asia Regional Immunization Technical Advisory Group (SEAR-ITAG) into coordinated operational action. Within this broader objective, the meeting reviewed readiness and progress for Gavi 6.0 applications in Gavi-eligible countries, with emphasis on country ownership, application quality, realistic prioritization and coordinated partner support.

21 October 2026

[Priority indicators to monitor the impact of heat exposure on maternal, newborn and child health](#)

20 October 2026

[Development, management and support of care workers](#)

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[A comprehensive external Rabies Control Programme review in Sri Lanka. Report of a WHO mission, 8–15...](#)

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[Shamonda virus: what do we know about its effects on animals?](#)

Published on 22 October 2026

The first reported human infection with Shamonda virus in France has brought renewed attention to a virus detected in European livestock in 2026.

First isolated in cattle in Nigeria in 1965, Shamonda virus has since been identified in parts of Africa and Asia. Transmitted by biting midges, it affects cattle and other animals, including sheep, goats and horses. Reported signs include fever, reduced milk production and reproductive disorders, although the full impact of the variants circulating in Europe remains uncertain.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

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UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

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New UNDP report calls for redefining security in an era of climate shocks, cybercrime, economic insecurity and distrust

Development and security investments, pursued together to drive people's safety and wellbeing, are an effective strategy for prevention

October 22, 2026

...The report, Redefining Security: Development Circuit Breakers for a More Secure Future, finds that many of the region's greatest security risks now emerge through climate shocks, economic insecurity, cybercrimes, declining trust in institutions and transnational illicit trade networks, rather than through traditional military threats alone.

Spanning a vast geography from Iran and Afghanistan to the Pacific Islands, the report warns that governments are increasingly confronting overlapping crises that drive each other, leaving many countries trapped in a cycle of responding to emergencies instead of preventing them. Addressing what is increasingly the endemic nature of compounding destructive forces requires a different approach...

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UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

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UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

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21 Oct 2026

As temperatures spike, this new report outlines humanity's options for containing climate change

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

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UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

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21-10-2026 | DESA

Global warming will breach 1.5°C - but deep, fast cuts can still bring it back

21 October 2026 - With global temperature rise set to exceed 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, countries "must pull out all the stops" and urgently cut emissions to minimize the overshoot and return to the internationally agreed threshold by the end of this century. The recommendation comes in the Emissions Gap Report 2026: The Point of Return, published on Wednesday by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP).

20-10-2026 | DESA

Putting tax to work for development: Inside the UN Tax Committee's 33rd Session

20 October 2026 - An estimated \$4 trillion a year is needed to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. How to fill this gap? Tax is one answer – and the question that occupies the UN Tax Committee, an ECOSOC body of 25 tax experts from around the world. The Committee meets in Geneva from 20 to 23 October 2026 for its 33rd session.

20-10-2026 | DESA

Protecting Earth's fragile biodiversity takes spotlight at Armenia talks

20 October 2026 - Biodiversity losses continue to upend the lives of billions of people whose future prosperity depends on countries taking urgent action to protect our planet, the top UN official leading talks at the UN Biodiversity Conference in Yerevan, said on Monday. The aim of the talks in the Armenian capital is to assess progress so far and build on an agreed blueprint for biodiversity protection known as the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, adopted four years ago.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News [Selected]

How can international labour standards help shape ethical AI at work?

AI ethics and international labour standards

A new ILO working paper explores how international labour standards can help guide the responsible use of artificial intelligence in the workplace, while identifying emerging challenges for workers' rights.

News | 23 October 2026

ILO to release new figures on domestic workers worldwide

Media advisory

The International Labour Organization will release new global and regional estimates on domestic work, informality and working conditions, marking the 15th anniversary of the adoption of the ILO Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189).

News | 22 October 2026

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International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 24 Oct 2026]

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Oct 23, 2026 *cultural and natural heritage*

Kuching Declaration: A Shared Commitment to Safeguarding Living Heritage: Respect, Enhance, Accept, Partnership

The 22nd General Assembly of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) held in Kuching, Malaysia from 19 to 23 October 2026 brought together a diverse community of participants from many nations around the world.

This Declaration reaffirms ICOMOS' commitment to safeguarding living heritage in times of disaster and conflict by respecting diversity, enhancing understanding, embracing progress and fostering partnerships to

promote sustainability, peace building and mutual benefit

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

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UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 24 Oct 2026]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

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FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

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[World Food Prize 2026 highlights importance of the right to food safety](#)

In Des Moines, FAO Director-General underscores FAO's technical support for capacity building in developing countries for the implementation of food safety standards

News

[World Food Forum 2026 closes with renewed commitment to end hunger](#)

WFF reaches record global audience under the theme "Innovate today. Nourish tomorrow."

[FAO honours 100 Women Heroes driving change across agrifood systems](#)

Global recognition celebrates women whose work is strengthening communities, advancing innovation and opening opportunities for future generations

World Food Programme [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Selected News Releases [Selected]

23 October 2026

[Ebola spreads to eighth DRC province as WFP delivers food, builds treatment centres and keeps supplies moving](#)

KINSHASA, Democratic Republic of the Congo – As Ebola spreads to an eighth province in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), affected families face growing difficulty accessing food while following treatment and isolation guidance. In a response already challenged by conflict, hunger and access constraints, the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) is delivering food assistance, building Ebola Treatment Centres and providing the logistics, telecommunications and air services that enable health partners to reach affected communities.

22 October 2026

[A new era of humanitarian disaster risk financing: WFP becomes first UN agency to join CCRIF](#)

Expanding rapid disaster financing for vulnerable communities in Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

19 October 2026

[Funding cuts force WFP to drastically reduce lifesaving assistance in Gaza](#)

GAZA – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) today announced that funding shortages have forced it to reduce food assistance in Gaza by around one-third: half a million people will lose access to critical assistance. The cuts come as winter approaches and recent modest improvements in food security remain fragile.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

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IEA International Energy Agency [to 24 Oct 2026]

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[The soaring cost of shipping is lifting the price of oil for consumers](#)

Daniel Gymer, Oil Market Analyst

David Martin, Senior Oil Market Analyst

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IMO International Maritime Organization [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

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WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 24 Oct 2026]

<https://public.wmo.int>

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[El Niño and humanitarian action](#)

Statement 21 October 2026

Statement by WMO Secretary-General, Celeste Saulo during the press conference on the release of the new seasonal climate outlook with Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Tom Fletcher.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

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UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 24 Oct 2026]

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International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

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WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 24 Oct 2026] <http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/>

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CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

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[Meeting documents – Seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity](#)

19–30 October 2026 - Yerevan, Armenia

DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.] [to 24 Oct 2026]

<https://www.darpa.mil/news>

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U.S. Department of State

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[Imposing Sanctions to Protect Americans from Intellectual Property Theft](#)

Thomas "Tommy" Pigott October 19, 2026

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [U.K.] [nee DFID] [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

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News article 23 October 2026

[EU civil protection mechanism turns 25](#)

Since its creation, it has been activated more than 900 times by 160 countries and 8 international organisations, coordinating assistance in response to wildfires, floods, earthquakes, health emergencies and other disasters across Europe and around the world.

News article 23 October 2026

[Joint ministerial statement on the risk of famine in Sudan](#)

Sudan is experiencing an alarming deterioration in its food security. The risk of famine in the coming months, as warned by the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification, needs urgent action. There is no time to lose to save lives and prevent famine.

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African Union [to 24 Oct 2026]

<http://www.au.int>

Press releases [Selected]

Ninth Annual Consultative Meeting of the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission

23 October 2026

JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ - NINTH ANNUAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF THE UNITED NATIONS
PEACEBUILDING COMMISSION (PBC) AND THE AFRICAN UNION PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL (AU PSC)

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Secretariat News [Selected]

**Secretary-General of ASEAN delivers Keynote Address at the ASEAN Forum: Regional
Integration and Investment Nexus**

October 25, 2026

European Commission [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Latest [Selected]

Press release Oct 22, 2026

EU announces an additional €22.5 million to reinforce humanitarian assistance in Yemen

The European Commission is releasing €22.5 million in humanitarian aid to Yemen, in addition to the €87.5 million previously allocated for 2026, to address the consequences of the renewed conflict escalation and the critical needs of millions of people.

OECD [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Newsroom, Publications

Reforming Government Communication for the Age of Algorithms

Report 9 November 2026 124 Pages

This report explores how public communication is evolving in an age where algorithms are reshaping the way institutions connect with citizens. Drawing on the 2025 OECD Survey of Government Communicators and comparative country experiences, it examines how public communication can adapt to the demands of a rapidly evolving information ecosystem and...

Policies for Developing Advanced STEM Skills in Higher Education

Report 23 October 2026 176 Pages

Advanced STEM skills are essential for the responsible use of technology. This report defines them as disciplinary, interdisciplinary, transversal and professional competence applied to complex scientific and technological problems and responsible innovation, with ethical, societal and environmental implications. Quantum technologies and...

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 24 Oct 2026]

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The OIC Decides to Establish the Ministerial Council for Cybersecurity in Riyadh to Strengthen Joint Digital Protection

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Israel commits 1,436 crimes affecting all aspects of life in a single week —— Palestinian olive season faces the fiercest settler onslaught in its history

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Group of 77 [to 24 Oct 2026]

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Latest Statements and Speeches [Selected]

- Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China delivered by the Delegation of Uruguay on Agenda Item 77, “**United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law,**” in the Sixth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly at its 81st Session (New York, 22 October 2026)
- Statement of Uruguay on behalf of the Group of 77 and China on the Joint Inspection Unit's Reviews of Programme Support Cost Rates and Health Services in the United Nations System, at the Main Part of the Eighty-First Session of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly (New York, 19 October 2026)
- Statement of Uruguay on behalf of the Group of 77 and China on **Improving the Financial Situation of the United Nations** at the Main Part of the Eighty-First Session of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly (New York, 19 October 2026)

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25 October 2026

2026 UN Investment Promotion Awards honour excellence in attracting investment in the digital economy

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25 October 2026

World Investment Forum 2026 opens in Qatar

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 015 Oct 2022]

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UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 24 Oct 2026]

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WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 24 Oct 2026]

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

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European Court of Human Rights

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

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International Court of Justice [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

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International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 24 Oct 2026]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

News [Selected]

International Criminal Court Statement following the Award of the 2026 Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought

Statement 22 October 2026

The International Criminal Court (ICC) is thankful to the European Parliament for awarding the Court and its officials this year's Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought. This award comes at a time when the Court and its officials face unprecedented challenges, including sanctions aimed at disrupting the Court's judicial mandate.

Against this backdrop, the Sakharov Prize carries particular significance, reaffirming the importance of independent judicial institutions and of those who work to uphold international law. It underscores the importance of continued international cooperation and support to enable the Court to carry out its mandate independently and impartially, in the service of justice and the victims of the gravest crimes.

While this prize recognises the work of the Court in combating impunity and ensuring fair trials, it is also an important recognition of the role of international justice as a cornerstone of lasting peace. In a world marked by rising conflicts, there is no peace without justice and no security without law.

ICC Judges amend Code of Judicial Ethics

Press Release 16 October 2026

...The amendments to the Code address social media use by ICC judges and the binding nature of the Code of Judicial Ethics. A new sub-paragraph 3 to article 10 of the Code elucidates that judges shall exercise caution when using social media and other information technologies. Article 12 now expressly

acknowledges that the ethical standards set out in the Code are binding and non-compliance with the Code of Judicial Ethics may amount to misconduct. These revisions reflect the judiciary's ongoing dedication to refining the ethical framework governing their conduct, ensuring it remains both contemporary and commensurate with the dignity and public trust in their judicial office...

International Law Commission [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

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

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Opening remarks by Sangbu Kim, World Bank Group Vice President for Digital and AI, at the Global AI and Digital Summit

Opening remarks by Sangbu Kim at the Global AI & Digital Summit, outlining the World Bank Group's new Digital and AI Strategy to connect one billion people to digital opportunity and create jobs by 2030. October 20, 2026| *Speeches and Transcripts*

World Bank Group Launches First Digital Strategy to Expand Access and Create Jobs

The World Bank Group today launched its first digital strategy, bringing together its public and private sector capabilities to help developing countries expand affordable digital access, improve services, and create jobs.

October 20, 2026| *Press Release*

IMF [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Latest News

October 17, 2026

Chair's Statement of the Fifty-fourth Meeting of the International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC)

Bangkok, Thailand – October 17, 2026: The global economy has weathered the latest in a series of shocks better than expected, but continued resilience should not be taken for granted. Wars and conflicts continue to impose a heavy humanitarian toll, with large economic costs and significant negative spillovers, impacting the poorest and most vulnerable the hardest. Disruptions to supply chains are adding to uncertainty and price pressures. Major structural transformations are underway.

In this more complex environment, which brings opportunities but also risks, our priority remains to promote macroeconomic and financial stability while enabling broad-based, private sector-led growth, and strengthening resilience through credible policies and international cooperation. Ending wars and conflicts and securing lasting peace around the world remains essential for sustainable growth and long-term stability...

African Development Bank [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

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African Development Bank Group scales up natural capital accounting project across 13 countries

21-Oct-2026

COP 17: African countries pave the way for innovative financing for protected areas in West Africa

Asian Development Bank [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

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Latest News Releases

23 Oct 2026

ADB Approves \$17.4 Million to Protect Bhutan Families from Middle East Impacts

ADB has approved \$17.42 million to help Bhutan protect vulnerable families from rising food and energy costs and maintain essential public services as the Middle East conflict puts pressure on the country's economy.

21 Oct 2026

Coasts Drive Region's Growth but Face Mounting Threats—ADB Report

Asia and the Pacific's coastlines are central to the region's economic future—generating \$7 trillion in annual economic output—but face intensifying threats, some of which if mitigated by investing in resilience could produce benefits up to 20 times greater than the investment required, according to a new ADB report released today.

21 Oct 2026

ADB Launches New Approach to Build Resilience in Small Pacific Economies

ADB has launched a new five-year strategy to strengthen resilience and expand economic opportunities in 12 Pacific island countries. The Pacific Approach introduces a more differentiated and flexible way of preparing and implementing ADB operations. It will also promote regional solutions where collective action can address shared challenges, strengthen institutions, and achieve economies of scale.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank – AIIB [to 24 Oct 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

Bangkok, Oct. 15, 2026

AIIB and World Bank Expand Cooperation on Sustainable Infrastructure and Development

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and the World Bank Group signed an updated memorandum of ...

IDB – Inter-American Development Bank [to 24 Oct 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 Launches Regional Network to Attract More Foreign Direct Investment to Latin America and the Caribbean

PANAMA CITY – The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) today launched the Latin America and the Caribbean Investment Promotion and Facilitation Network, a new platform aimed at facilitating the exchange of information and experiences among countries and strengthening cooperation and promotion...

October 20, 2026

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News

Press release 14 October 2026

Digital solutions unlock access to markets, financial services and innovation for 32,000 rural households

Developed by 15 tech startups to access markets and financial services, manage crops, trace their products and adopt more sustainable agricultural practices, these digital solutions are a result of

Islamic Development Bank [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

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Contents *[click on link below to move to associated content]*

:: Week in Review

:: Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch - *Selected Updates from 30+ entities*

:: INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch - *Media Releases, Major Initiatives, Research*

:: Foundation/Major Donor Watch - *Selected Updates*

:: Journal Watch - *Key articles and abstracts from 100+ peer-reviewed journals*

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:: INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch

We monitor media releases and other announcements around key initiatives, new research and major

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

Action Contre la Faim – Action Against Hunger [to 24 Oct 2026]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

Communiqués de presse

No new digest content identified.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 24 Oct 2026]

<https://alima.ngo/>

L'actualité de nos actions

République Démocratique du Congo

Ebola : Al Jazeera en Ituri avec ALIMA et ses partenaires

Dans un reportage pour Al Jazeera English, Nicolas Haque se rend en Ituri, dans l'est de la RDC, où ALIMA et ses partenaires testent, dans un centre PEP, une pilule antivirale expérimentale pour protéger les personnes exposées à Ebola.

22 octobre 2026

Tchad

Choléra au Tchad : une riposte au plus près des communautés

Depuis le 11 août 2026, une épidémie de choléra touche la zone d'Amma, dans la province du Lac, au Tchad. Aux côtés du district sanitaire de Liwa, ALIMA et son partenaire Alerte Santé soignent les malades et misent sur les relais communautaires pour freiner la maladie jusque dans les villages.

21 octobre 2026

Amref Health Africa [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 24 Oct 2026]

<https://aravind.org/>

Aravind News

No new digest content identified.

Blue Shield International [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

BS International News

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Updates

No new digest content identified.

Clubhouse International [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News/Events

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News

18 Oct 2026

Clearing the way for safer communities: Restoring access to water and livelihoods in rural Damascus

ECPAT [to 24 Oct 2026]

<https://ecpat.org/>

News

No new digest content identified.

ELIF – Electronic Information for Libraries [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Fountain House [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

GE2P2 Global Foundation [24 Oct 2026]

www.ge2p2.org

News/Analysis/Publications-Digests/Statements/Digests

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

:: **The Sentinel** – Health :: Human Rights :: Humanitarian Action :: Peace ::

Heritage/Literacy/Education :: Climate :: Sustainable Development - Current edition

:: **Public Consultations Watch - Global Calls for Input/Public Comment/RFI**s

22 October 2026 – Issue 44

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News

Humanity & Inclusion Launches Multi-Sector Humanitarian Initiative to Strengthen Resilience and Access to Essential Services in Syria

Advocacy / Armed violence reduction / Inclusion / Protection / Rehabilitation / Support for a national partner / Syria /

PUBLISHED ON October 22nd 2026

Heifer International [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News, Press Releases

FAO Recognizes Chairwoman of Heifer-Supported Cooperative in Cambodia as an Agrifood Systems Hero

By Heifer International | October 22, 20

HelpAge International [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News

"Our headquarters became our home": supporting older people after an attack in Ukraine

22 October 2026

After a drone attack injured a staff member and damaged its community hub, Memory 86, a HelpAge partner in Ukraine, continues to support older people and displaced communities.

ICRC [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Latest press releases and statements

Statement on nuclear weapons to the UN General Assembly's First Committee

Statement 22-10-2026

Sudan: Aerial attacks on populated areas are endangering civilian lives

News release 22-10-2026

Dnipro: improving continuity of care for prisoners of war through coordination

Article 21-10-2026

Ethiopia: ICRC responds to humanitarian needs amid renewed hostilities in the north

Article 20-10-2026

IFRC [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Press releases

IFRC: Anticipation and preparedness can save lives ahead of a potentially historic El Niño

24/10/2026 | *Press release*

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Press Releases/ Updates / Alerts

Story

Supplying the Ebola Response in the DRC

October 23, 2026

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, International Medical Corps is continuing to respond to an Ebola epidemic that's already the second-largest outbreak in recorded history. A contagious-disease response of such enormous scale calls for an equally massive amount of personal protective equipment

(PPE). Fortunately, our Procurement team is on the job. Because International Medical ...

IRC [International Rescue Committee] [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Press Releases

DRC: IRC finds 85% of people surveyed say mistrust of responders would keep them from seeking care, as Ebola cases near 10,000

October 21, 2026

Press Release

Kenya: IRC scales up Ebola response as cases climb and the threat persists

October 19, 2026

IRCT [to 24 Oct 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 24 Oct 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Myanmar

Myanmar: Conflict continues to rage across Rakhine State

Statement 24 Oct 2026

Yemen

People from Yemen's western coast are facing displacement again

Project Update 21 Oct 2026

Palestine

MSF calls for protection of Palestinian communities after Israeli settlers injured staff member

Statement 19 Oct 2026

The New Humanitarian [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News

Aid and Policy Cheat Sheet 236 October 2026

El Fasher's dark anniversary, a worsening siege in Yemen, and protests in Paris

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News & Press Releases

Press release

France and Jordan mark progress towards more resilient agricultural livelihoods in northern Jordan

22. Oct 2026 | Jordan

OXFAM [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Press Releases/Stories

No new digest content identified.

Pact [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Latest News & Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News & Stories

No new digest content identified.

PATH [24 Oct 2026]

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

Newsroom [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Prosper Global [nee Mercy Corps] [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News Releases & Alerts

Oct 23 2026

Ebola Widening Reach Heightens Urgency for Coordinated Africa Response

The confirmation of Ebola in Kenya and Nigeria, amid the ongoing outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)...

Save the Children [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Latest news

21 Oct 2026 Sudan

Sudan: At least 18 children killed in wave of airborne attacks

According to the UN, at least 10 children were reportedly killed in drone attacks over the weekend, with a further three children reportedly killed on Monday in the capital Khartoum. On Thursday, five children from the same family were reportedly killed in North Kordofan in an airstrike, with their mother surviving with injuries.

Tostan [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News & Stories

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Blog

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 24 Oct 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 24 Oct 2026]

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

Our Work

Press Release / October 21, 2026

EFF Launches Guide to Help Parents and Youth Protect Privacy Online

SAN FRANCISCO – The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) has published "Online Privacy for Parents and Youth," a new guide to help families protect themselves online. "Parents don't need to be technology experts to help their children navigate the digital world safely" said EFF Public Interest Technology...

Press Release / October 19, 2026

EFF Launches Privacy Badger for Safari on macOS

SAN FRANCISCO—Privacy Badger, the award-winning tracker blocker made by the member-supported digital rights nonprofit Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF), is now available for Safari on macOS.

Freedom House [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News Releases & Statements

NEW REPORT: Authoritarian Internet Controls Drive 16th Consecutive Year of Decline in Global Internet Freedom

October 22, 2026

Joint Statement for the International Day of Political Prisoners on October 30

October 19, 2026

Human Rights Watch [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News Releases/Spotlight

Spotlight

October 20, 2026 | *Commentary*

[Zambia's poisoned children have waited long enough. Africa needs to act.](#)

For generations, children in Kabwe, Zambia, have grown up in the shadow of a toxic legacy.

October 20, 2026 | *News Release*

[Guatemala: Prominent Anti-Corruption Lawyer Fatally Shot](#)

October 19, 2026 | *News Release*

[Saudi Arabia: Man Executed for Childhood Offenses](#)

October 19, 2026 | *News Release*

[Lebanon: Amend Media Law to Protect Free Expression](#)

October 19, 2026 | *News Release*

[EU, Belgium, Denmark: Raise Rights With Vietnam's Leader](#)

Transparency International [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

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ChildFund Alliance [to 24 Oct 2026]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Elder's Statements, News

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News Releases, VaccinesWork

22 October 2026

[Gavi and UNICEF secure lower malaria vaccine price, saving US\\$ 50 million for childhood immunisation programmes](#)

Global Fund [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News Releases

23 October 2026

The Global Fund Approves US\$3.47 Million to Deliver Lifesaving TB and Malaria Services in Conflict-Affected Sudan

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 24 Oct 2026]

<https://icvanetwork.org/news>

Blogs, Press Releases & Statements

77th UNHCR Executive Committee Meeting: Collective NGO Statements

Published on 20 October 2026

:: Collective NGO Statement General Debate 77ExCom Oral.pdf

:: Ex77 Collective NGO Statement Consultations Rapporteur Speech FINAL EN.pdf

:: ExCom77 International Protection Oral Statement.pdf

InterAction [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Latest Updates

No new digest content identified.

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

What's New/Events

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 24 Oct 2026]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

News

No new digest content identified.

(ALNAP) Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News, Events

No new digest content identified.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF [to 24 Oct 2026]

<https://www.elrha.org>

News

No new digest content identified.

Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies [nee CERAH] – [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Publications, Events, News

Training program “Global mental health and psychosocial practices in times of crisis”

20/10/2026

International Humanitarian Studies Association [IHSA] [to 24 Oct 2026]

<https://ihsa.info/>

News, Events

Humanitarian Blog Posts Selection Oct 17, 2026

[Text bolding from original]

This week’s articles explore the widening **gap between humanitarian principles and the realities of aid**, displacement, and international politics. **Refugee ration cuts in Malawi** and funding pressures on UNHCR expose the consequences of shrinking support and the fragility of protection systems. The humanitarian crises in **Gaza and Sudan illustrate how violence, restricted borders, and the denial of safe return undermine protection and dignity**. Reflections on **António Guterres’s leadership and legacy** raise questions about international leadership and the limits of multilateral action. Meanwhile, **calls for solidarity and values-led NGO practice** point towards a different approach: one that aligns resources and decisions with humanitarian principles rather than political convenience. Together, these pieces challenge humanitarian actors to look beyond immediate survival and consider how institutions can better uphold their commitments to displaced and conflict-affected people.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 24 Oct 2026]

<https://inee.org>

Resources

No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 24 Oct 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 24 Oct 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Start Network [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News and Blog

No new digest content identified.

Unitaid [31 Oct 2026]

<https://unitaid.org/>

News releases

Republic of Korea backs Unitaid with US\$13 million to advance health innovation and pandemic preparedness

20 October 2026

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Brookings [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Research, Events

No new digest content identified.

Center for Global Development [24 Oct 2026]

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

All Research

CGD NOTE

The Devil Is in the DLIs: What Program-for-Results Health Operations Can Teach the State Department About Results-Based Financing

Jocelyn Estes and Rosie Eldridge

October 22, 2026

As the US State Department officials craft implementation plans for more than 30 bilateral agreements signed with partner countries, the question of how to design results-based indicators is more urgent than ever. We think the devil is in the DLIs—the disbursement-linked indicators, that is. The Ame...

POLICY PAPER

Restocking the Toolkit: The Case for US Concessional Sovereign Loans

Erin Collinson et al.

October 21, 2026

For decades, the United States has relied almost exclusively on grants to deliver foreign assistance. While grant-based assistance remains essential in the poorest countries and for meeting health and humanitarian needs, grants are poorly suited to financing large-scale infrastructure, where funding...

POLICY PAPER

Investor Perceptions of Barriers to Renewable Energy Investment in Latin America and the Caribbean

Eduardo A. Cavallo et al.

October 20, 2026

Closing Latin America and the Caribbean's infrastructure gap will require a sustained increase in private investment, particularly in the energy sector. Despite the region's abundant renewable resource endowments, investment has not scaled in line with potential. This report provides new evidence on...

CGD NOTE

Carbon Finance: Will UN Credits Finance Development? Policy Considerations for Developing Countries and Buyer Countries in Implementing Article 6

Philip Mann and Jonathan Beynon

October 20, 2026

Article 6 of the Paris Climate Agreement holds the potential to deliver significant financial flows to the Global South. This paper provides an overview and synthesis of carbon markets under Article 6, and specifically explores a broader question: To what extent could Article 6 contribute to sustain...

Chatham House [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Selected Analysis, Comment, Events

Can Africa maximize its global influence?

In this week's episode of Independent Thinking, our experts discuss how African states are increasing their leverage on the global stage.

Audio

Published 23 October 2026 35 minute listen

Featured content

Expert comment

Meeting Arctic security threats: Do Europe's new strategies make sense?

Responding to security threats from Russian military capabilities and increasing Chinese activity are largely sensible. But a lack of alignment on climate policy risk undermining the security they seek to strengthen.

23 October 2026 3 minute READ

Expert comment

US voters are angry. But on tariffs and war, the midterms won't bring quick change

Despite their anger, American voters are unlikely to see much immediate change to the international policies that are driving up costs at home: tariffs and the Iran war.

22 October 2026 3 minute READ

Expert comment

France's riots and mounting debt reveal a country in disarray ahead of pivotal presidential election

France's violent protests put further pressure on Macron's already weak government, give Marine Le Pen fresh political ammunition – and offer a stark warning for Europe.

22 October 2026 3 minute READ

Expert comment

Will the US midterms change Washington's policy on Israel and Palestine?

Not immediately. But a Democratic victory could set the terms for a new approach by the next president.

22 October 2026 3 minute READ

Policy paper

The UK can and should show leadership to ensure the viability of a Palestinian state. Here's how to start

The UK has an important role to play in upholding the commitment to a sovereign Palestinian state alongside a secure Israel, especially when working with other like-minded middle powers.

19 October 2026

Council on Foreign Relations [24 Oct 2026]

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

Featured Content

Jack Taylor/Reuters

Will Europe's Protests Mark a Turning Point?

By Michael Froman

October 23, 2026

Will the United States Attack Iran After the Midterms?

October 23, 2026

By James M. Lindsay

Israel's Election: Understanding Who's Who and What's at Stake

October 22, 2026

By Ezra Hess and Ittai Ronen

Why Investors May Be Wrong to Hang Their Hopes on Flávio Bolsonaro

October 22, 2026

By Rebecca Patterson and Ishaan Thakker

Trump's Putin Overtures Deserve Criticism. But Outrage Won't End the Ukraine War.

October 21, 2026

By Thomas Graham

CSIS [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Reports [Selected]

No Front Lines: A Decision Guide for Companies Caught in Conflict

Companies that never considered themselves defense companies are now on the front lines. This report explores how companies can navigate the fog of conflict and mitigate risks, as well as how the U.S. government can assess and reduce the threats they face.

Report by Emily Harding, Julia Dickson, and Aosheng Pusztaszeri — October 23, 2026

Will AI Concerns Become a New Source of Terrorism?

What is the risk that fears about AI will motivate terrorist attacks? This analysis examines the record of anti-AI violence so far, how and why new terrorist causes emerge, and what that history suggests for AI-related violence.

Brief by Daniel Byman and Riley McCabe — October 22, 2026

Preparing U.S. Land Forces to Fight in an Era of Strategic and Technological Disruption

This working paper considers modernization questions confronting the Army and Marine Corps, assessing force structure, joint enabling roles, recruitment and training, budget constraints, and acquisition priorities.

Report by Jerry McGinn, Jason Paul "JP" Gresh, ae

IS Global [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Press releases
No new digest content identified.

McKinsey Global Institute [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Featured Research

No new digest content identified.

ODI [Overseas Development Institute] [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Publications

Ending gender-based violence: a foundation for inclusive societies

22 October 2026

Research report

Humanitarian governance in the Lake Chad Basin: who shapes crisis response, and how?

22 October 2026

Briefing/policy paper

Untapped potential: Reimagining Europe's partnerships with Indonesia and Brazil

21 October 2026

Research report

Africa roadmap for urban nature-based solutions

20 October 2026

Research report

Pew Research Center [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Latest Publications

Report Oct 20, 2026

Broad Public Confidence in Elections in the U.S. – but Partisans Differ Over Concerns About Access, Security

Most voters expect well-run 2026 midterms, but Republicans and Democrats differ on noncitizen voting safeguards and whether eligible citizens can vote if they choose to.

fact sheet Oct 19, 2026

Americans' Use of Internet, Broadband in 2026

The internet represents a fundamental shift in how Americans connect with one another, gather information and conduct their day-to-day lives. Explore the patterns, trends and statistics of internet and home broadband adoption in the United States.

Rand [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Published Research [Selected]

Video Oct 23, 2026

The Bioethics of Evidence-Informed Practice

This free virtual training program integrates bioethics and evidence-informed practice for

complementary and integrative health care professionals.

Research Oct 23, 2026

Genomics, Healthcare and You: Healthcare Professional Engagement Report

This report presents healthcare professionals' views on using genomic testing and genetic information in adult population healthcare in England, to inform a planned Genomics England national research study.

Podcast Oct 22, 2026

Biosecurity in the AI Era

RAND's Steph Guerra breaks down a layered defense strategy to mitigate the risks of AI-enabled bioweapons while preserving open science.

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 24 Oct 2026]

<http://researchonresearch.org/>

RoRI News, Events

October 20, 2026

Landmark China Fundamental Research Report launches in Beijing

Major 40-year study of China's basic research system released, with International Review Committee co-chaired by RoRI's James Wilsdon and Ludo Waltman

The China Fundamental Research Report (2026) was officially launched at the China National Convention Center in Beijing today. Commissioned by the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) to mark its 40th anniversary, the landmark study offers the first open, system-level, and data-driven account of how China has organised, funded, and evaluated its fundamental research landscape over the past four decades.

Alan Turing Institute

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

Latest

No new digest content identified.

Urban Institute [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

New Research Publications – Selected

No new digest content identified.

The Wistar Institute [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

World Economic Forum [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Media [Selected]

World Economic Forum Meeting with President Mulino and Top Business Leaders Starts Today

Oct 21, 2026 · Updated Oct 21, 2026

- World Economic Forum convenes senior government and business leaders in Panama City for a

Country Strategy Meeting on 21-22 October 2026.

- A special dialogue with President José Raúl Mulino will explore Panama's economic prospects, strategic priorities and efforts to advance economic growth and resilience.
- The meeting will highlight Panama's role as a strategic gateway to global markets, with a focus on trade, logistics, energy and investment opportunities.
- The World Economic Forum expresses its solidarity to the people and government of Panama as the country recovers from the impact of the recent earthquake.

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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 24 Oct 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

24 October 2026 - 12 min read

[**A global voice for science in a fractured world: Peter Gluckman looks back on his ISC presidency**](#)

news

23 October 2026 - 9 min read

[**New ISC Governing Board members share their vision for science and society**](#)

blog

23 October 2026 - 15 min read

[**Robbert Dijkgraaf, ISC President: "Pushing back against the pushback on science"**](#)

News

October 21, 2026

[**Beijing Science Declaration: Science in a complex world, science for a better future**](#)

Union of Concerned Scientists [USC] [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Press Releases [Selected]

[**Union of Concerned Scientists Welcomes New Board Members**](#)

Oct 19, 2026

Global Research Council [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News

[**Call for Curiosity-Driven Research Case Studies**](#)

Oct 21, 2026

The 2027 GRC Annual Meeting will focus on Curiosity-Driven Research (CDR) under the working

theme of 'Making a Case for Curiosity-Driven Research'. The discussion will be structured around the following three dimensions outlined in the Discussion Paper:

- Understanding CDR and its role in research ecosystems
- Considering the role of public funders in relation to CDR
- Considering making the case for and communication of CDR

With these three dimensions, the Discussion Paper provides a comprehensive framework on the current state of CDR, highlighting key developments and their implications at various levels. This Call for Case Studies seeks to complement the discussion around CDR by bringing practical experiences and perspectives from GRC participating organisations and research systems in various regional contexts into the conversation...

Call for Side Events at the GRC Annual Meeting 2027 in Cape Town, South Africa

Oct 21, 2026

National Academies-Sciences-Engineering-Medicine [NASEM] - USA [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News

As Everglades Restoration Projects Advance, Defining Success and Assessing Outcomes Require New Approaches, Says National Academies Review

News Release

An 11th biennial review by the National Academies examines the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan's progress and recommends ways to strengthen scientific monitoring, modeling, data analysis, and management approaches to better evaluate restoration outcomes and inform future decisions.

Oct 22, 2026

New Report Identifies Four Moon Sites for Crewed Missions to Explore to Advance Scientific Discovery

News Release

A new National Academies report recommends exploring four lunar sites to allow astronauts to pursue important cross-disciplinary scientific questions and provide a deeper understanding of how humans could live and thrive on the moon.

Oct 21, 2026

National Academy of Engineering - USA [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Latest News & Press Releases [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

National Academy of Medicine - USA [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News, Stories, Insights

Oct 19, 2026 *Announcement*

NAM Elects 100 New Members for 2026

The National Academy of Medicine (NAM) today announced the election of 90 regular members and 10 international members during its annual meeting. Election to the Academy is considered one of the highest honors in the fields of health and medicine and recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding professional achievement and commitment to service...

National Endowment for the Humanities [U.S.] [to 24 Oct 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 24 Oct 2026]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

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

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

Reports. Statements, Meetings

No new digest content identified.

International Bioethics Committee (IBC-UNESCO)

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

The IBC is a body of 36 independent experts that follows progress in the life sciences and its applications in order to ensure respect for human dignity and freedom.

Reports. Statements, Meetings

No new digest content identified.

Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC-UNESCO)

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

The IGBC was created in 1998, and is composed of 36 Member States, whose representatives examine the advice and recommendations of the International Bioethics Committee.

Reports. Statements, Meetings

No new digest content identified.

CIOMS – COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES [to 24 Oct 2026]

<https://cioms.ch/>

News; Publications; Events

No new digest content identified.

Hastings Center [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Press Releases, Events

Hastings Center News

Vardit Ravitsky Elected to the National Academy of Medicine

Published October 19, 2026

Dr. Vardit Ravitsky, President of The Hastings Center for Bioethics, has been elected a member of the National Academy of Medicine (NAM).

INSERM [to 24 Oct 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 24 Oct 2026]
<https://www.ich.org/page/public-consultations>
News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selected]
No new digest content identified.

Nuffield Council on Bioethics [to 24 Oct 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

World's physicians call for urgent global action against false health information

21.10.2026

Rotterdam, the Netherlands – October 2026 – The World Medical Association (WMA) has adopted a new Statement on Addressing False Health Information at its 77th General Assembly in Rotterdam. The policy warns that inaccurate health claims, spreading rapidly on social media and increasingly generated by artificial intelligence, are a serious threat to patient safety and public health worldwide.

False health claims can lead people to reject effective treatments, delay or abandon needed care, or

adopt harmful practices. They can also undermine vaccination efforts and erode trust in physicians. Marginalised communities are often the most affected due to limited access to reliable health information.

"Physicians have an ethical duty to provide accurate, evidence-based health information," says Dr. Jung Yul Park, WMA President. "But that trusted voice is increasingly competing with a flood of false and misleading content online, particularly on social media. With AI now able to produce convincing medical deepfakes at scale, this is a global threat to patient safety and public trust that demands an urgent, coordinated international response."

The statement draws a clear line between false information and legitimate scientific debate: physicians may hold views that differ from consensus, provided they act in good faith and are transparent about the evidence and its uncertainties.

The statement calls on physicians to give evidence-based advice and correct false claims they encounter, and on medical associations to promote health literacy and ensure licensing bodies can act against professionals who deliberately spread falsehoods. It urges governments to require platforms to remove harmful content and medical deepfakes quickly and to curb financial incentives for spreading false information. Social media, search engines and AI companies are asked to strengthen moderation and stop algorithms from amplifying false health content.

The World Medical Association General Assembly 2026 in summary

18.10.2026

... The declarations, resolutions and statements adopted or updated by the WMA General Assembly include:

- WMA Declaration of Rotterdam on the Protection of Medical Neutrality in times of Armed Conflict and Other Situations of Violence→ related press release (10 October 2026): Global Physicians Demand Accountability for Attacks on Healthcare
- WMA Statement on Addressing False Health Information
- WMA Resolution on Childhood Vaccination Schedules→ related press release (14 October 2026): Diseases we almost defeated could return, WMA warns over childhood vaccine schedule changes
- WMA Resolution on Escalating Global Armed Conflict and Violence and Restoring Peace
- WMA Resolution on the Critical Deterioration of the Healthcare System in the West Bank
- WMA Declaration of Delhi on Health and Climate Change→ related press release (13 October 2026): Climate Change Threatens the Health of Future Generations, Physicians warn
- WMA Declaration of Montevideo on Disaster Preparedness and Medical Response
- WMA Statement on Medical Education
- WMA Statement on Ethical Issues Concerning Patients with Mental Illness
- WMA Resolution on the Repression of Nicaraguan Doctors→ related press release (15 October 2026): World Medical Association urges Nicaragua to restore its national medical association and stop silencing physicians

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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 [24 Oct 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Gates Foundation [24 Oct 2026]

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

Press Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 24 Oct 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 24 Oct 2026]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News & Updates

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 24 Oct 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 24 Oct 2026]

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

News & Press

[Ford Foundation Charts New Course to Support Preconditions for Thriving Democracies](#)

New strategy will refocus the foundation's mission to protect and strengthen democratic values, fundamental freedoms, and inclusive economies worldwide

NEW YORK (October 22, 2026) – The Ford Foundation today unveiled its new strategic direction to support the preconditions necessary for democracies to thrive. The foundation will refocus its institutional mission to protect and strengthen democratic values, fundamental freedoms, and inclusive economies worldwide, so people are empowered to shape their futures.

Developed in response to the unprecedented geopolitical, economic, and societal factors of this moment, this new strategy is anchored in protecting and strengthening the core principles that sustain democracy and the rule of law. It comes one year after Heather Gerken was appointed the foundation's 11th president. The strategy features seven interconnected funding areas: Protecting Democratic Governance and the Rule of Law; Building Just and Inclusive Economies; Defending Information as a Public Good; Securing Safety, Justice, and Fairness; Accelerating Gender Equality; Fostering Global Cooperation; and Advancing Racial Justice...

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Latest

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [24 Oct 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Latest Updates [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [31 Oct 2026]

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

News & Stories

[Surveying the Genetic Battlefield to Uncover the Rules of Rapid Evolution](#)

HHMI Investigator Harmit Malik and his team are studying how viruses and proteins rapidly evolve to keep up with their foes, providing insights that could inform the development of new antivirals.

Oct 22, 2026

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Latest News

[Sharing Insights, Strengthening Responsive Caregiving in Practice: Lessons from an Early](#)

Childhood Development Exchange in Tanzania

Erin McCarthy, Senior Officer, Learning and Evaluation
[Undated]

IKEA Foundation [to 24 Oct 2026]

<https://ikeafoundation.org/>

*Press Releases [New website does not evidence a "news" or "press releases" page]
No new digest content identified.*

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Kaiser Family Foundation/KFF [24 Oct 2026]

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

Research, Analysis

Recently Released KFF Poll Shows Uncertainty Over Established Safety of COVID-19 Vaccines During Pregnancy – The Monitor

Oct 22, 2026 *Feature*

KFF's recently released Tracking Poll finds that public confidence in the safety of COVID-19 vaccines for use during pregnancy has fallen, and many are uncertain about a false claim linking the vaccines with higher risk of miscarriage. Separately, conversations about childhood vaccines frame vaccination as an individual parental decision.

KFF Polling on Health Information and Trust

Oct 20, 2026 *Feature*

Drawing on KFF's poll findings, this interactive dashboard tracks the public's trusted sources for health information, attitudes toward vaccines, and use of news, social media, and AI for health-related information. It provides visual representations of the key trends in the public's trust in health information and tracks exposure to and belief in false and unproven health claims.

KFF Tracking Poll on Health Information and Trust: Fall 2026 Update on Vaccine Views

Oct 20, 2026 *Poll Finding*

The latest KFF Tracking Poll on Health Information and Trust finds about half of parents mistakenly believe spacing out vaccines is healthier for children, while confidence in many long-standing childhood vaccines is high across partisans. These findings take on new relevance following President Trump's recent executive order calling for changes in U.S. childhood vaccine recommendations, including splitting the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine—currently given as a single combined shot—into three separate vaccines across multiple...

Aga Khan Foundation [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

Lilly Endowment Inc. [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Endowment News

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Latest News and Grantee News

Grantee News

[Ten Years of Benefit Chicago: Expanding Access to Jobs, Housing, and Capital](#)

October 21, 2026

Mastercard Foundation [Canada] [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Recent News

[From awareness to action: What we learned about helping homeowners prepare for wildfire](#)

Environmental Conservation • Wildfire Resilience Initiative

Novo Nordisk Foundation [Denmark] [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News and media

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundations [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News Room

Pew Funds 4 Biomedical Research Partnerships in Latin America

Press Releases & Statements October 22, 2026

Rockefeller Foundation [to 31 Oct 2026]

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

News and Announcements

Pijar Foundation and The Rockefeller Foundation Launch Asia Leaders' Circle for Southeast Asia's Next Generation of Leaders

Press Releases Published Date October 23, 2026

The regional fellowship will bring together 18 emerging leaders to reflect on complex challenges facing the region and strengthen leadership practices that better account for the needs of underserved communities.

New Global Coalition Calls for Action as Funding for Critical Food and Nutrition Security Data Systems Declines

Press Releases Published Date October 22, 2026

With a historic El Niño intensifying and global fertilizer supplies disrupted by conflict in the Middle East, the new Intentional Data Community for Food and Nutrition Security aims to help the world anticipate and prevent food and nutrition crises. The initiative responds to a 31% drop in funding for 41 priority data systems, including FEWS NET and the IPC, in 2025

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 24 Oct 2026]

<http://www.sciencephilanthropyalliance.org/what-we-do/news/>

"...a group of organizations working together to increase philanthropic support for basic scientific research on a global basis..."

News & Blog

No new digest content identified.

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Stichting INGKA Foundation [Netherlands] [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Announcements [No identified "news" or "press releases" page]

No new digest content identified.

Tata Trusts [India] [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [24 Oct 2026]

<https://wellcome.org/>

News. Opinion, Reports
No new digest content identified.

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Candid [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 24 Oct 2026]
<https://candid.org/about/press-room?fcref=pg>
Press Room
No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 24 Oct 2026]
<https://cof.org/news-blog>
News, Press Releases [Selected]
No new digest content identified.

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:: **Journal Watch**

The Sentinel will track key peer-reviewed journals which address a broad range of interests in human rights, humanitarian response, health and development. It is not intended to be exhaustive. We will add to those monitored below as we encounter relevant content and upon recommendation from readers. We selectively provide full text of abstracts and other content but note that successful access to some of the articles and other content may require subscription or other access arrangement unique to the publisher. Please suggest additional journals you feel warrant coverage.

AJOB Empirical Bioethics
Volume 17 2026 Issue 3
<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/uabr21/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

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 Fukushi
[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Human Genetics

Oct 01, 2026 Volume 113 Issue 10 p2023-2204

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

This month in The Journal

Paul W. Hook, Alyson B. Barnes

Large structural variants (SVs) impact a higher percentage of individual human genomes than SNVs or indels. Despite growing evidence that links them to a variety of phenotypes, SVs have received less attention during investigations into the genetic architecture of diseases, including Alzheimer disease (AD). While some population-based studies have been performed, few individual SVs, or genes repeatedly impacted by SVs, have been robustly identified. In this issue, Quenez et al. set out to expand the catalog of SVs associated with AD risk by using exome sequencing to identify copy-number variants (CNVs) in a large case-control AD cohort.

[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

November 2026 Volume 71 Issue 5

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

[New issue; No relevant content identified]

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 4 (Oct 2026)

<https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/115/4/tpmd.115.issue-4.xml>

Review Articles

Malaria Vaccine Rollout in Nigeria: Current Status and Challenges

Samuel Adeniyi Oyegbade, et al.

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4269/ajtmh.26-0371>

Page(s): 702–708

Annals of Internal Medicine

October 2026 Volume 179, Issue 10

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

Original Research

Economic Impact of the 2025 New Mexico Measles Outbreak: Highlighting the Cost of Efforts to Prevent Future Outbreaks

Jamison Pike, PhD, et al.

Pages: 1369–1374

Research and Reporting Methods

Randomized Quality Improvement Trials: An Overview and Proposed Framework for Ethical Oversight

Mark J. Pletcher, MD, MPH, Bernard Lo, MD and Deborah Grady, MD

Pages:1444–1452

Position Papers

Ethics and Professionalism in Artificial Intelligence and Medical Practice: A Position Paper From the American College of Physicians

Matthew DeCamp, MD, PhD... et al.

Pages:1453–1459

Editorials

Ethical Oversight of Randomized Quality Improvement Trials: A Pragmatic Approach

Stephanie R. Morain, PhD, MPH

Pages:1504–1505

Antiquity – A Review of World Archaeology

Issue 413 - October 2026

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

Editorial: Rewriting archaeology with AI

Robin Skeates

Vol 100 Issue 413, 1191-1201

The anonymous protagonist? Agency and abstraction in Kyushu decorated tombs of the Japanese Late Kofun period

Claudia Zancan

Vol 100 Issue 413, 1350-1368

The identification and work of an eighth-century Maya mathematician

Franco D. Rossi, David Stuart & Heather Hurst

Vol 100 Issue 413, 1369-1384

Before and after the Black Death: understanding catastrophic and attritional mortality

Emilia R. Franklin, John Robb & Piers D. Mitchell

Vol 100 Issue 413, 1421-1436 |

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>

Special issue: Gaza and The Responsibilities of Bioethics

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 24 Oct 2026)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 24 Oct 2026)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 24 Oct 2026)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 24 Oct 2026)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 24 Oct 2026)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 24 Oct 2026)

Hepatitis B vaccination coverage and factors associated with higher uptake among children aged 5–35 months in eight selected sub-Saharan African countries: a multilevel ordinal logistic regression analysis

Victor A. Ochagu

Michael Ekholuenetale

Amit Arora

Research Open access 20 October 2026

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 24 Oct 2026)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine

October 2026 - Volume 31 - 5

<https://ebm.bmj.com/content/31/5>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMJ Global Health

September 2026 - Volume 11 - 9

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/11/9>

[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists

DIGITAL MAGAZINE - July 2026

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 104, Number 10, October 2026, 657-716

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

Articles

Bundibugyo virus disease and the unfinished countermeasure agenda.

Abrescia N, Capponi A, Maddaloni A, Molinaro G, D'Abbraccio M.

Bull World Health Organ. 2026 Oct 1;104(10):658-658A. doi: 10.2471/BLT.26.296654.

PMCID: PMC13628175

Capacity for national health policy modelling, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates.

Alibrahim A, El-Jardali F.

Bull World Health Organ. 2026 Aug 20;104(10):682-689. doi: 10.2471/BLT.25.294844.

PMCID: PMC13626532

Cell

Oct 15, 2026 Volume 189 Issue 21 p6561-6898

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

Featured Article

Toward autonomous science with agentic artificial intelligence

Lucie Y. Guo, Darren S.J. Ting, Xinyi Su, Alex Aliper, Alex Zhavoronkov, Daniel S.W. Ting

Summary

Artificial intelligence (AI) in biomedicine has evolved from pattern-recognition for medical image analysis to generative models like AlphaFold that predict protein structures. Tools such as Elicit, GPT-Rosalind, and Claude Science now bridge prediction and reasoning through literature synthesis, domain-tuned models, and agentic workbenches. Three recent systems (Co-Scientist, Robin, and Biomni) demonstrated agentic AI capable of generating hypotheses, designing experiments, computational analysis, and refining reasoning through experimental feedback. This perspective traces the emergence of agentic scientific reasoning, discusses scaling laws and autonomous laboratories, and argues that AI's transformative potential is inseparable from challenges in hallucination, bias, irreproducibility, and dual use. Scientific progress will depend on responsible human-AI collaboration.

Ancient genomes reveal distinct human dispersals and social stratification in the settlement history of western Remote Oceania

Michal Feldman, et al.

The peopling of Remote Oceania involved some of humanity's greatest expansions into the open ocean. Ancient DNA spanning the last 3,000 years from the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji, and Tonga reveals the sources and timing of dispersals following the initial settlement and uncovers social practices of an early Fijian community that experienced recent Papuan-related gene flow.

Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 52, Issue 5 September 2026

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal

Volume 180 October 2026

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/child-abuse-and-neglect/vol/180/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics

Volume 120, Issue 4 Pages: 817-1148 October 2026

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Therapeutics

September 2026 Volume 48 Issue 9 p809-920

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

Special Issue on "Cannabis Research and Policy: A Joint Exploration of Past and Future Therapeutic Agency - Part II"

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Trials

Volume 23 Issue 5, October 2026

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Conflict and Health

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

[Accessed 24 Oct 2026]

Prevalence of zero-dose vaccination among children aged 12–59 months in conflict-affected settings in Africa: a systematic review and meta-analysis

Hailay Gebretnsae, Gebretsadik Berhe, Mussie Alemayehu

Review Open access 21 October 2026

Abstract

Background

Although some individual studies have examined the prevalence of zero-dose vaccination, the pooled prevalence of zero-dose vaccination among children in conflict-affected African settings has not yet been estimated. Therefore, this systematic review and meta-analysis aimed to estimate the pooled prevalence of zero-dose vaccination among children aged 12–59 months in conflict-affected African settings.

Methods

A comprehensive systematic search was performed across six major databases: PubMed, Cochrane Library, Scopus, Science Direct, African Journals Online (AJOL), and Google Scholar using Medical Subject Heading (MeSH) terms alongside relevant keywords. Before the screening, all retrieved records were imported into EndNote version 25, and duplicates were removed. Using Covidence software, two reviewers independently carried out data screening and extraction. The Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI) critical appraisal checklist was used to evaluate the quality of the included studies. The extracted data were exported to STATA version 17 for statistical analysis. The pooled prevalence of zero-dose vaccination was estimated using random-effects model and presented using forest plots. The I^2 statistic was used to assess study heterogeneity, while funnel plot and Egger's and Begg's tests were used to evaluate publication bias.

Results

Of the 1,087 studies identified, 12 were included in the final analysis, comprising 30,423 children, with sample sizes ranging from 355 to 9,651. The reported prevalence of zero-dose vaccination ranged from 10.7% in Ethiopia to 60.2% in Somalia. In the country-level subgroup analysis, Nigeria had the lowest prevalence (22.0%; 95% CI: 18.0–26.9%), while Somalia had the highest prevalence (58.0%; 95% CI: 56.0–60.0%). The overall pooled prevalence of zero-dose vaccination in conflict-affected African settings was 36.0% (95% CI: 27.0–45.0%).

Conclusions

This study revealed that one in three children in conflict-affected African settings were zero-dose children. This striking gap highlights an urgent imperative for targeted, context-specific interventions to enhance routine vaccination services. Policymakers and partners should prioritize rebuilding immunization infrastructure and ensuring the availability and accessibility of vaccination services through mobilizing and allocating resources in conflict-affected settings. Furthermore, identifying and reaching zero-dose children through catch-up vaccination campaigns is essential to ensure that no child is left behind unvaccinated in conflict settings.

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 169 October 2026

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/169/suppl/C>

Clinical Trial Management and Optimization

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Climate change: Choices for displaced people

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

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The spread of genomics

Andrew H. Paterson, Brock A. Harpur

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Abstract

Once a very specialized area limited to a few model systems and well-equipped labs, genomics has become routine with sophisticated methods commercially available at manageable cost. Leveraging technologies developed for biomedical applications, plants and plant-associated organisms are experiencing a revolution in the characterization of their genomic 'hardware' (genes and genomes), 'software' (regulatory cues), and variation therein. Their experimental facility made plants an early model for dissection of complex traits into individual genetic components, initially in designed populations -- however economies of scale permit genome-wide scans in feral or natural populations, exemplified by a

plant-associated organism, the honey bee (*Apis mellifera*). Similarly, massively parallel methods enable comprehensive study of genome-wide gene expression, documentation of spectra of genetic variation within and among gene pools, and composition of and interactions among ecosystem constituents. The ability to reach beyond controlled experimental crosses is exemplified by study of 'Columbian Exchange' taxa, in which genetic bottlenecks a few hundred generations ago still provide sufficient linkage disequilibrium for genome scans using current methods. Already permeating biomedicine, genomics may have even greater implications that are yet to be fully appreciated across life sciences, for example, documenting and deploying natural variation to improve agricultural productivity and sustainability.

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Upholding Humanity in War

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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Higher Human Papillomavirus Vaccination Coverage Among American Indian and Alaska Native Adolescents and Rural Adolescents in Alaska

P. Paul Pletnikoff

Sarah Aho

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Talia Shapiro

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[How a new wave of science philanthropists can have the greatest impact](#)

Tech entrepreneurs are bringing an engineer's eye to research funding. They must be open about their findings to reap maximum benefit.

Comment 19 Oct 2026

[Three reasons why AI is not conscious and perhaps never will be](#)

Large language models can mimic thought and feeling with uncanny skill. But evidence from neuroscience suggests that intelligence alone is not enough for subjective experience.

Anil K. Seth, Ned Block, Giulio Tononi

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[Recommendations for return of secondary genomic findings in observational cohort studies](#)

This Perspective presents an integrated ethical framework for the return of secondary findings from observational cohort studies, including polygenic risk scores, somatic mosaicism and pharmacogenomic results, for which prior guidance is limited.

Iftikhar J. Kullo, Carol R. Horowitz, Ronit I. Yarden

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Better data for better medicines: a path to data-driven medicines regulation

Over the last decade, progress in science and technology has not only spurred biomedical innovation but has also led to an exponential growth in healthcare and regulatory data. When such data are carefully managed, they can inform medicines developers and regulators to further improve decision making and accelerate medicines innovation, to the benefit of patients.

Francois Domergue, Peter Arlett, Karl Broich

Review Article 03 Jun 2026

Towards mRNA therapeutics 2.0

mRNA technology is being applied to develop a new generation of therapies for rare and common diseases. This Review discusses insights from clinical studies on mRNA-based therapeutics, including enzyme replacement therapies, cancer immunotherapies, genome-modifying therapies and immune cell reprogramming therapies, which illustrate how technological advances are paving the way for the wider adoption of mRNA technology in drug development.

Kenneth R. Chien, Kylie S. Foo, Nevin Witman

Perspective 13 Jul 2026

Design, simulate, refine: simulation-guided clinical trials for accelerated drug development

Simulation-guided clinical trial design can enable identification of the optimal design to bring safe and effective therapies to patients as efficiently as possible, and it is particularly useful when exploring innovative strategies such as adaptive designs and master protocols. This Perspective discusses the value of trial simulations from the perspective of different stakeholders involved in drug development, presents best-practice recommendations, and highlights case studies that illustrate the impact of the approach.

Elias Laurin Meyer, Tim Friede, Franz König

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Conducting Research with Involuntarily Hospitalized Patients — Ethical, Legal, and Regulatory Considerations

B.C. Silverman, K. Gallin, and J.A. Camprodon

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Research Article October 12, 2026

AI-generated language remains systematically distinguishable from human communication

Nicolò Pagan, et al.

Significance

Researchers in the social sciences are increasingly using large language models (LLMs) to simulate human behavior and communication. Yet robust, systematic methods for assessing how faithfully these models reproduce human expression remain limited. We introduce a framework for measuring how closely AI-generated text resembles human language and apply it to nine open-weight models across three social media platforms and multiple calibration strategies. We find that even the best-calibrated systems remain distinguishable from human users, particularly in emotional and affective expression. Larger models do not consistently improve human-likeness, and reducing detectability often lowers semantic fidelity to human responses. Together, these results identify important limits on the use of current LLMs as proxies for human communication in social science research.

Perspective October 9, 2026

Understanding consciousness (biological and artificial) as a society of self-schemas

This article argues that human cognition is more than the performance of functions such as memory, decision-making, and attention. The brain also builds schematic models of those cognitive functions and uses those models to monitor, predict, and partially ...

Michael S. A. Graziano

Research Article October 16, 2026

AI can persuade people to take political actions

There is substantial concern about the ability of advanced AI to influence people's behavior. A rapidly growing body of research has found that AI can produce large persuasive effects on people's attitudes, but whether AI can persuade people to take ...

Kobi Hackenburg, et al.

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Contagion and escalation of rule violations

Lucas Molleman; Karlijn Hoyer; Gerben A. van Kleef; Christin Scholz; Jan Hausfeld

Abstract

Human societies rely on rules to coordinate behaviour, sustain cooperation and maintain social order. Yet compliance can be fragile when rules are weakly enforced and individuals observe others violating them. Prior research shows that rule violations and other antisocial behaviours can spread through social influence, but less is known about how the severity of violations shapes these dynamics. In many real-world settings, rule-breaking occurs in degrees, from minor infractions to major violations, and individuals may not only imitate others but sometimes exceed the violations they observe. Here, we combine simulations and a behavioural experiment ($n = 750$) to study how the magnitude of observed rule violations shapes subsequent violations, and how this can generate escalation dynamics. Our simulations show that when individuals occasionally escalate beyond observed violations, even rare escalation can trigger a rapid shift from widespread compliance to collective rule-breaking. In our pre-registered experiment, observing major violations strongly increased rule-breaking, especially when committed by socially close others. Observing minor violations prompted many participants to follow suit and a minority to escalate beyond the violations they observed. Parameterizing the simulations with these behavioural responses shows that such escalators can disproportionately undermine collective compliance. These results highlight how asymmetric responses to rule violations and rare escalatory behaviour can transform small deviations into large-scale breakdowns of rule compliance.

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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.

Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies

An International Interdisciplinary Journal for Research, Policy and Care

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World Heritage Review

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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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Stronger artificial intelligence breakthroughs hasten their own exhaustion

Beichen Lu, Honglin Bao, Qi Huang, Qingguo Meng, James A. Evans

Subjects: Artificial Intelligence (cs.AI); Computers and Society (cs.CY); General Economics (econ.GN)

Progress in artificial intelligence is widely assumed to scale with effort: more researchers, papers and investment should accelerate discovery. Theories of technological growth instead locate the difficulty of discovery in the space of ideas. Here we show that neither scale nor space is enough: breakthroughs depend on diverse attention, which collective concentration can deplete. Across 36 years of computer science, we analyze 7.2 million papers, 73,089 peer reviews and 3.7 million researchers and their topic shifts. The field expanded while its attention narrowed sharply after the Transformer. Over half of topic-shifting researchers moved into AI, especially mid-career ones, and reviewer confidence fell by a full point on a 5-point scale. Each successive breakthrough, from AlexNet to large language models, raised the field's carrying capacity for ideas but was followed by steeper exhaustion of those ideas. Bigger breakthroughs capture attention more completely, depleting the diversity their successors may draw upon. Structural biology shows the same cycle after cryo-EM and AlphaFold. Simulations show how well-intentioned and widely used policies such as reciprocal reviewing empower prolific authors and further narrow what the field accepts. We call for institutions that protect diverse attention in artificial intelligence rather than reward concentration on the winning paradigm.

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AI and The Enclosure of the Scientific Commons

P. K. G. Williams (Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian)

Comments: 14 pages, 32 references for the reader wishing to learn more

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Aligning Language Models with Indigenous Community Cosmivision through Constitutional AI

Silvia Fernández-Sabido, Jorge Reyes-Magaña, Jesús Adrián Chay Tun, Jean Carlos Buenfil, Víctor González Nahuat, Francisco Morales

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The World as Viewed by 136 Countries: An Open, Curated, Annotated, and Multilingual Dataset of 118 Million State Media Articles

Bryan Li, Samar Haider, Grace Kim, Fiona Luo, Jinqi Luo, Yuan Yuan, Duncan Watts, René Vidal, Chris Callison-Burch

Subjects: Computation and Language (cs.CL); Computers and Society (cs.CY)

State media outlets often project their governments' narratives to target both domestic and foreign audiences. Because this content is plentiful and free to access, it appears widely in the web corpora that large language models (LLMs) are trained on and that retrieval systems draw from. However, the prevalence of state media in these corpora and its potential influence on LLM outputs remain largely unexplored. In this paper, we introduce WorldStateMedia, an open dataset of 118 million state media articles from 136 countries in 114 languages. We extract these articles from existing pretraining corpora and annotate each outlet with level of state control from State Media Monitor. Using WorldStateMedia to audit these corpora, we find that, in English web crawls, the share of state media pages from editorially controlled (vs. independent) outlets rose from 39% in 2013 to 93% in 2025. In several low-resource languages, state media make up a substantial share of all web data, such as 17.8% for Uyghur and 7.8% for Belarusian. To characterize the differing narratives of news outlets, we compare Russian and Ukrainian state media in English and in their native languages, revealing asymmetric topical focus and opposing framings of contested issues such as Crimea. Furthermore, in a retrieval-augmented generation (RAG) experiment on territorial disputes, retrieving a country's state media shifts model answers toward that country's claims, most strongly for English-language (foreign-targeted) media. We release WorldStateMedia to support multilingual, cross-national insights on state media at [this https URL](#)

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Regulating for an AI Commons: Adopting, sustaining, and defending people-first innovation trajectories

Abhineet Nayyar, Mallory Knodel, Kimberlee Weatherall, Gunn Jiravuttipong

Technological principles of openness, interoperability, and decentralization are integral to building an AI economy that is accountable to the public and truly responsive to local needs and constraints. However, Big Tech's firm control over essential elements of the stack (such as chips, cloud, models, data, and talent) limits valuable alternatives from reaching the scale necessary for sustained growth. Worse still, hyperscalers continue to enclose and extract value from publicly funded and volunteer-driven technologies without adequately distributing these returns. We see consolidated power within a few entities and "enshittification" of once-transformative innovations. Embedding ethical micro-level tools (like open data repositories or small-language models) into workflows is promising, but without a consistent innovation strategy, they also often end up perpetuating and being appropriated by the same exploitative trajectories. Instead, this whitepaper outlines a three-pillared holistic and intentional policy approach that i) actively pushes for the adoption of cooperative technologies in existing and emerging systems, ii) sets up collective institutional structures to sustain and maintain them in the long-term, and iii) introduces regulatory proposals that limit private entities from disempowering them through uncontrolled enclosure and extraction. Through desk research and purpose-specific case studies, we argue for the importance of such an approach in the Global South, where structural constraints around infrastructure, financing, and policy governance make it difficult for AI commons and cooperative AI tools to emerge and survive. The paper concludes with key open questions for campaigners, policy advocates, researchers, and grassroots organizers to consider and explore while working towards peoples' solidarity within and between Global South countries.

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Bad Diagnosis: Analyzing Consent and Data Collection Practices of Mobile Medical Apps

Ethan Myers, Lorenzo De Carli, Shantanu Sharma, Ritwik Banerjee, Joel Reardon, Indrakshi Ray

Mobile health (mHealth) apps collect personally-identifiable information while handling uniquely sensitive medical data, ranging from mental health records to real-time glucose or heart rate monitoring -- yet they remain poorly understood at scale. We present the first comprehensive analysis of consent and data collection practices across 10,000+ mHealth apps on the Google Play Store, combining static analysis and privacy policy examination. We develop a rigorous operational definition to distinguish health apps from general wellness programs, and design a measurement framework to detect misuse of permissions and violations of consent.

Our analyses reveal a troubling ecosystem: 69.15% of apps request at least one permission unrelated to their stated purpose, with over 52.9% apps requesting location data, and 50.5% and 34.9% apps requesting camera and microphone access, respectively -- despite no functional justification based on app descriptions and stated purposes.

Most alarmingly, nearly 93% of apps fail to provide users with a consent form, directly violating regulatory requirements such as GDPR; and even among the remaining 7%, 1 in 14 demonstrate a gap between the obtained consent and collection of personally identifiable information. These findings demonstrate an urgent need for stronger enforcement of privacy regulations in mHealth apps. We plan to release our dataset and measurement tools for continued monitoring of this critical space.

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Agentic AI in Automated Markets

Irene Aldridge, Lourenco Belleau-Bhowmik, James Chan, Josh Chang, Kelly Deng, Pranav Dhingra, Xinda Ding, Haodong Fang, Satya Hanumanchi, Carter He, Shuang He, Yadong Hou, Vallab Karanam, Rithvik Kasarla, Tishya Khanna, Jihyun Kim, Sarah Konety, Abhinav Kotta, Anderson Lo, Jake Luther, Omar Mian, Ishan Patwardhan, Matteo Perona, Chenyue Qi, Shashank Ramachandran, Shubham Rateria, Jake Swain, David Thai, Michael Twersky, Susan Wu, Dean Xu, Helenna Yin, Jiachun Zheng

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Synthetic data for open medical research: current challenges and perspectives

Rémy Chapelle, Bruno Falissard, Mohammed Sedki

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Abstract

Open science practices have many advocated benefits. At their core is the sharing of open data, especially open research data. Although their value is widely recognized, such data are rarely available in the healthcare domain. One of the main barriers to their dissemination is the fear of statistical disclosure by data custodians. Synthetic data represent a promising way to address this concern by altering the dependency of the released data on the original ones. Despite their intuitive appeal, synthetic data themselves come with many difficulties that have so far prevented their widespread adoption. In this article, we review the main ethical, technical, and logistical challenges associated with data synthesis for open medical research, and discuss some promising directions to overcome them. These current challenges and lines of research are placed in historical perspective and illustrated with several examples formalized within a unified statistical framework.

Identifying questionable research practices during the planning phase of clinical trials: A rapid review and expert survey

Rachel Heyard, Alfonso Rojas Mora, Hillary Wnfried Ramirez, Peter Methys Degen and 2 more

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... Many practices that undermine trial trustworthiness leave traces in protocols and SAPs and are, in principle, identifiable before the first participant is enrolled. Our catalogue, mapping, and tool inventory provide a foundation for future instruments that assess trustworthiness at the planning stage and identify where such instruments still need to be developed...

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Seven Key Terms in Behavioural Research: Developing Agreed Ontological Definitions

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Niamh Hart, et al.

Abstract

Behavioural research is a multidisciplinary field essential for addressing societal challenges, but it suffers from inconsistent terminology that impedes knowledge synthesis and communication across disciplines. This study used consensus methods to develop informal and ontological definitions for seven key behavioural research terms: individual behaviour, population behaviour, individual behaviour change, behavioural theory, behavioural research, behavioural science, and leadership. Using a seven-step iterative method involving a literature review, expert consultations, and feedback from diverse behavioural researchers and users, the team refined definitions to enhance clarity, inclusivity, and cross-disciplinary understanding. The resulting definitions were accompanied by elaborations and examples to provide context and concrete illustrations of the terms. These shared definitions provide a standardised vocabulary to improve study and intervention design and reporting, evidence synthesis, and translation of evidence into policy and practice. While acknowledging limitations such as sample bias, this work lays a foundation for clearer communication and future advances in behavioural research.

Plain Language summary

Behavioural research draws on many disciplines, such as psychology, public health and economics, and plays an important role in tackling problems such as ill health, climate change, and inequality. However, researchers often use the same words to mean different things, or different words to mean the same thing. This inconsistency makes it harder to bring findings together, compare studies, and communicate with people who want to use evidence.

To address this, we worked with a wide range of behavioural researchers and research users to agree on definitions of seven key terms: individual behaviour, population behaviour, individual behaviour change, behavioural theory, behavioural research, behavioural science, and leadership. For each, we produced an everyday definition and a more formal version suitable for computer-readable systems known as ontologies.

We followed a seven-step process, reviewing how the terms are currently used, consulting experts, and gathering feedback from across disciplines. We revised the definitions repeatedly until we reached agreement, aiming for wording that was clear, inclusive, and understandable to people outside any single field. We also included explanations and examples to show how the terms apply in practice.

A shared vocabulary of this kind should help researchers design and describe studies more clearly, combine evidence from different sources, and support the use of findings in policy and practice. We recognise some limitations, particularly that our contributors may not represent the full diversity of the behavioural research community. Even so, this work provides a starting point for clearer communication and further progress in the field.

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Public Consultation Opportunities

WMA - Declaration of Taipei Revision Launched [Ongoing]

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

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

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

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

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