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Safety of Journalists (Advocacy, Awareness-raising and Monitoring)

Media Law and Regulatory Framework

Promoting Mutual Understanding, Peace and Reconciliation, and PCPD

Special Announcements
Safety of Journalists

• UNESCO continues to monitor the press freedom levels around the world.

• DG issued 18 statements in the past 6 months on cases of killings of journalists.

• Contribute to UN Universal Periodic Review (UPR)
Safety of Journalists

- Safety trainings for journalists in Pakistan, Iraq, Afghanistan, Haiti, etc.
- Working together with IFJ, IMS, and other stakeholders
Advocacy, Awareness-raising and Monitoring

• International Partnership Meeting on Freedom of Expression (22-23 Nov 2010).
  ❖ Attended by 30 major FEX organizations.
  ❖ Follow-up with the inaugural Asia Partnership Meeting on FeX.
Media Law and Regulatory Framework

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• Organized two workshops in the 5th Internet Governance Forum (IGF) in Vilnius, Lithuania (Sept 2010)
  ❖ Freedom of Connection—Freedom of Expression
  ❖ Privacy and Social Networking
Media Law and Regulatory Framework
Ethical & Professional Standards in Journalism

“Alignment to International Standards in the Media Sector of South East-European Countries” (30-month project)

i) support the development of self-regulation;

ii) accelerate the adherence to internationally recognized principles & media accountability best practices.

iii) New publication: “Professional Journalism and Self-Regulation. New Media, Old Dilemmas in South East Europe and Turkey”.
Ethical & Professional Standards in Journalism

- Created web-portals facilitating information sharing on the topics:
  - media accountability,
  - professional standards
  - self-regulation
- for Africa, Southeast Asia, South Asia, in addition to Europe.
Mutual Understanding, Peace, & Reconciliation

“Connecting Cultures”, (Oman) brings young people together in the Omani desert, to explore the topics of intercultural dialogue, peace and reconciliation with latest broadcasting technology.

“Yangon Photo Festival”, (Myanmar) a photo journalism workshop culminating in a photo festival that will exist both online and offline. Using media as a mean of telling stories of disenfranchisement and conflict resolution.
Mutual Understanding, Peace, & Reconciliation

“I am Africa. This is My Story”. An online campaign and competition to mobilize young people in Zambia, Nigeria, Ghana (as pilot countries), to submit video stories of their young lives on peace and reconciliation.

“Our Everyday Lives TV” (Palestine & UK). Youths from Palestine and the UK jointly produced an online TV documentary program. Entirely filmed, edited and produced by Palestinian and UK youths themselves.
Post-Conflict Post-Disaster

- Ongoing projects in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Chile, etc.
- For example in Haiti:
  - Trainings for 300 journalists in election reporting skills & conflict reduction (IMS, Haitian Journalism Association (AJH)).
  - Training in natural disasters reporting for 250 journalists (AJH)
  - Produced 5 video-clips to sensitize the public of the cholera disease.
Post-Conflict Post-Disaster

- Recently, received 500,000 Euros from European Commission (30-month project):
  - Develop the **Zimbabwe Media Commission (ZMC)**
  - Bring Zimbabwe media landscape in line with international standards, improving citizens’ freedom of information & the quality of governance and democracy.
Post-Conflict Post-Disaster

- Recently, received 425,000 USD from Denmark (18-month project in Liberia):
  - With emphasis on the up-coming October 2011 election.
  - Development of FOI legislation; sustainability of Liberian media; capacity building; strengthen ALICOR.
Special Announcement

- Nomination of candidates for the 2011 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize must be submitted by 15 February
World Press Freedom Day 2011

• **2-3 May** Celebration in Washington DC, at *Newseum*
  
   Theme: “21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers”

• **4 May** Celebration in New York, at UN Headquarters
  
   20th Anniversary of Windhoek Declaration
Special Announcement

• International Symposium on Freedom of Expression
  ❖ 26 January 2011, Salle II
  ❖ Supported by the Swedish National Commission.
Special Announcement

• Conference on “Journalism Ethics and Self-regulation in Europe: New Media, Old Dilemmas”
  ❖ 27 January 2011, Salle IV