

CI Who's Who?

The Communication and Information Sector (CI) consists of some eighty staff members at UNESCO Headquarters and in Field Offices worldwide.

The Major Programme V consists of the Office of the Assistant Director-General (ADG), two Functional Directors, for Strategy and Policy (SPO) and Partnership and Operational Programme Monitoring (POM), the Sector's four sections: Section of Freedom of Expression and Safety of Journalists (CI/FEJ), Section for Universal Access to Information (CI/UAI), Section for Media and Information Literacy and Media Development (CI/MID) and Section for Digital Innovation and Transformation (CI/DIT), the Documentary Heritage Unit (CI/DHE), the Executive Office (EO), and an Administrative Unit (AO).

CI also hosts the Secretariat for the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC) and the Secretariat for the Information for All Programme (IFAP).

The Communication and Information Sector is represented in over thirty of UNESCO's 56 field offices and managed by:

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The Freedom of Expression and Safety of Journalists Section is responsible for implementing the United Nations Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity and for monitoring Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicator 16.10.1 and global trends in freedom of expression, both online and offline.

The Section is in charge of awareness-raising campaigns for World Press Freedom Day (3 May) and the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists (2 November). It develops standard-setting frameworks for freedom of expression and freedom of the press at the national, regional and international levels, in contexts including online environments and conflict and post-conflict zones.

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The Universal Access to Information Section is responsible for standard-setting and capacity-building work related to access to information, including the implementation of access to information laws. It monitors SDG indicator 16.10.2, which concerns access to information.

The Section also works in the area of promoting access to information for minority communities, including persons with disabilities and indigenous peoples. The Section is responsible for the celebration of the International Day for Universal Access to Information (28 September) and the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (3 December).

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The Section also addresses the issue of gender in the media, as well as media responses to terrorism, crises and natural disasters.

The Section is in charge of World Radio Day (13 February), Global Media and Information Literacy Week (24-31 October) and the Week of Sound.

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A thematic unit dedicated to documentary heritage has been created to manage the Memory of the World Programme and strengthen its role in the identification, preservation and accessibility of documentary heritage. The unit also works on the digitization of documentary heritage at the national level and the preservation of software source code as heritage for sustainable development.

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