

As is customary, the 29<sup>th</sup> IPDC Council agenda in 2014 will include thematic debates on issues relevant to Media Development. The Secretariat will prepare documentation and, resources permitting, a panel of experts from various geographical backgrounds to provide a foundation for informed debate.

The current informal consultations in June 2012 provide an opportunity to Member States to give feedback on possible topics for the 2014 Council session. The options may include suggestions put forward at the most recent Council (see list below), or entirely different topics.

- 1. Online safety
- 2. How traditional and new media can find a successful sustainability model
- 3. How to ensure media independence from political and economic interests
- 4. Freedom of expression and Internet governance
- 5. How are privacy issues in cyber-space impacting on Freedom of Expression
- 6. How to coordinate international assistance to media development
- 7. Promoting a culture of self-regulation.
- 8. Knowledge generation about media development.

At the 29<sup>th</sup> Council, Member States will be consulted on their ideas for topics for debates at the 30<sup>th</sup> Council in 2016.