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**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME  
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNICATION (IPDC)**

**27<sup>th</sup> Session**

**Fontenoy Building (Room X)**

*24 to 26 March 2010*

**PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE**

**Wednesday, 24 March 2010**

**10.00 a.m.-11.30 a.m.**

1. Opening of the session by the Chairperson of the IPDC Intergovernmental Council
2. Adoption of the Agenda and organization of the work of the session
3. Report by the outgoing Chairperson on the activities of the Bureau since the 26<sup>th</sup> session
4. Election of the Chairperson of the Intergovernmental Council
5. Introductory speech by the new Chairperson
6. Election of the Bureau Members

**11.15 a.m. – 11.45 a.m. Coffee**

**11.45 a.m. – 1-00 p.m.**

7. Director-General's introductory remarks
8. Report on IPDC activities since the 26<sup>th</sup> session followed by discussion

**1.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. Lunch**

**3.00 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.**

9. Application of the **Media Development Indicators** endorsed at the 26<sup>th</sup> session of the Council

Case studies from Mozambique, Croatia and the Maldives:

- Mr Tomas Vieira Mario, Chairperson, MISA Mozambique
- Ms Zrinjka Perusko, Chair, Centre for Media and Communication Research, University of Zagreb
- Mr Toby Mendel, Executive Director, Centre for Law and Democracy

**4.30 - 5.00 p.m. Coffee**

**5.00 – 6.00 p.m.**

10. Award ceremony of UNESCO-IPDC Prize for Rural Communication

**6.30 p.m. Reception (UNESCO Fontenoy, 7th floor)**

**Thursday, 25 March 2010**

**10.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.**

11. Director-General's Report on the **Safety of Journalists and the Danger of Impunity** and follow-up measures to the IPDC decision adopted at the 26<sup>th</sup> session of the Council

Introductory Remarks: Mr Mogens Schmidt, Deputy Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, UNESCO

Panelists:

- Mr Aidan White, Secretary General, International Federation of Journalists (IFJ)
- Mr Roby Alampay, Executive Director, Southeast Asian Press Alliance (SEAPA)
- Ms Elisabeth Witchel, Impunity Campaign Coordinator, Committee for the Protection of Journalists (CPJ)

Adoption of the Decision

**11.30 a.m. – 11.45 a.m. Coffee**

**11.45 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.**

Discussion on the **Safety of Journalists and the Danger of Impunity** continued.

**1.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. Lunch**

**3.00 p.m. – 4.15 p.m.**

- 12. Thematic debate:** *“Free, independent and pluralistic media: the enabling role of the State”*

Opening Remarks: Mr Abdul Waheed Khan, Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, UNESCO

Panelists:

- Mr Lumko Mtimde, Executive Director, Media Development and Diversity Agency (MDDA)
- Mr Gabriel Kaplún, Communication Sciences Faculty Dean, Universidad de la República, Uruguay
- Mr Atmakusumah Astraatmadja, Former Chairman, Indonesian Press Council

**4.15 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. Coffee**

**4.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.**

**Thematic debate** continued.

<b>Friday, 26 March 2010</b>
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**10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.**

- 13.** Presentation of IPDC project evaluations
- 14.** Dates and place of the 55<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Bureau and the 28<sup>th</sup> session of the Council
- 15.** Any other business
- 16.** Closure of the session