

The United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), invites you to a briefing in commemoration of

World Press Freedom Day 2015

“Let Journalism Thrive! Towards Better Reporting, Gender Equality, & Media Safety in the Digital Age”

Friday, 1 May 2015, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Conference Room 1, United Nations Headquarters, New York

In 1993, the UN General Assembly proclaimed 3 May as World Press Freedom Day following a Recommendation adopted at the twenty-sixth session of UNESCO's General Conference in 1991. It serves as an occasion to inform citizens of the violations of press freedom- a reminder that in dozens of countries around the world publications and online and social media are censored, fined, suspended and closed down, while journalists, editors and publishers are harassed, attacked and even murdered.

World Press Freedom Day is a date to encourage and develop initiatives in favour of press freedom and a day of reflection among media professionals. Three inter-related issues will be explored in the 2015 global theme, “Let Journalism Thrive! Towards Better Reporting, Gender Equality, & Media Safety in the Digital Age.” The opening session will provide a global perspective while the panel discussion will focus on the safety of journalists, specifically on digital security, the security of women journalists and freelancers, with an emphasis on ideas and best practices that can result in real change.

For more information please see: www.unesco.org/new/en/wpfd

OPENING SESSION

Moderator

Cristina Gallach, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information

Opening Remarks

Ban-Ki moon, United Nations Secretary-General (*Invited*)

H. E. Sam Kahamba Kutesa, President, United Nations General Assembly

H.E. Kaha Imnadze, Ambassador of Georgia to the United Nations and Chairperson of the General Assembly Committee on Information

George Papagiannis, UNESCO Representative

Kahraman Haliscelik, First Vice President, United Nations Correspondents Association

PANEL DISCUSSION

Moderator

Maher Nasser, Director, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information

Panellists

David Rohde, Journalist, Thomson Reuters, part of ‘Worldwide Freelance Protection Standards’

Frank La Rue, RFK Centre and Former UN Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of the Right to Freedom of Opinion and Expression

Nighat Dad, Director, Digital Rights Foundation (*via videoconference from Pakistan*)

Michelle Ferrier, Associate Dean, Scripps College of Communication, Ohio University



RSVP

