2026 PLAN OF ACTION
of the Partnership for Information and Democracy

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"In a challenging moment for information integrity and democracy around the world, the commitment of signatory States of the Partnership for Information and Democracy is crucial. The 2026 plan of action will tackle frontier challenges affecting access to reliable information, media sustainability and will invite countries to take ambitious steps forward in implementing public policies on climate and environmental disinformation.

We are grateful to the many supporters of this work, would they be from governments, civil society and academia."

Camille Grenier, Executive Director

ABOUT

The **2026 Plan of action of the Partnership for Information and Democracy** (PID) was developed following consultation of the Consultative Committee of the Forum on Information and Democracy. Composed by representatives of Armenia, Brazil, Chile, France, Luxembourg, Portugal and Ukraine, the consultative committee was created in October 2025 to further strengthen the role of democratic government in the definition of the Forum's workplan and strategy moving forward.

The priorities presented in this document also draw upon suggestions from the Forum on Information and Democracy's coalition which gathers 70 organizations from civil society and academia from more than 35 countries around the world.

While the Plan of action presents the main priorities of the organization for the year, other ad hoc projects and initiatives will be run throughout the year, such as the management of the International Coordination Group on Information Integrity which gathers most international organizations and multilateral initiatives on related topics.

BUILDING ON THE 2025 WORKSTREAMS

The 2026 Plan of action builds on the success of the first workstreams launched by the Forum on Information and Democracy in February 2025.

Driven by signtatory States of the Partnership, a workstream is a dedicated area of work that runs over several months or a year to address a specific topic. It typically includes the following three phases:
- identifying the challenges,
- sharing best practices
- developing policy solutions.

In 2025, FID organized two workstreams:

1. **Strengthening information integrity on climate change and other environmental issues** co-chaired by the governments of Armenia and Brazil

2. **Identifying Solutions to Ensure Information Integrity on Private Messaging Platforms** co-chaired by the governments of Luxembourg and Ukraine

The 2026 Plan of action notably comprises the conduction of two workstreams and ad hoc meetings.

Workstream on information integrity on climate change and other environmental issues

Co-chaired by:

The workstream on information integrity on climate change and other environmental issues was launched in February 2025 under the leadership of Armenia and Brazil. It convened for five technical meetings in 2025.

Its interim report shows that climate and environmental protection are challenged by a multifaceted information integrity crisis, ranging from coordinated and financed disinformation campaigns to attacks against environmental journalists and defenders that operate in a less and less favourable global information space.

The workstream has developed concrete policy recommendations and contributed to the COP30 outcomes, including the adoption of a Declaration on Information Integrity on Climate Change, and coordinates its work with the Global Initiative for Information Integrity on Climate Change. Its report summarising the discussions of one year of deliberations presents a roadmap to governments with ten priority actions.

In the run up to COP17 on Biodiversity to be held in October 2026 in Armenia, the workstream will continue its activities.

OBJECTIVES

1. **Ensure** that information integrity is integrated in COP17 and COP31 discussions and concrete outcomes are achieved.

2. **Support** the implementation of the Declaration on Information Integrity on Climate Change and activities of the Global Initiative for Information Integrity on Climate Change through the development of policy recommendations, including on how to ensure sustainability of environmental journalism and access to reliable environmental information at local level.

3. **Map** the legal and policy framework of PID Signatory States through a dedicated questionnaire, contributing to the Plan to Accelerate the Promotion of Information Integrity on Climate Change adopted at COP30.

4. **Provide** a space to exchange about emerging trends, investigate local challenges and develop guidelines for policy action.

5. **Investigate** the main narratives that underpin climate disinformation and develop recommendations, including on platform transparency and accountability to avoid and counter it, such as proactive removal of monetization opportunities.

Workstream on safeguarding reliable information in the age of AI

Co-chaired by:

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Ministry of Culture
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The rise of artificial intelligence has significantly changed how society engages with information, affecting everything from production and dissemination to consumption and trust.

With conflicts and growing geopolitical tensions, information is being weaponised and AI-generated content (whether deepfakes, synthetic voices, generated text, or artificial images) is becoming easier to create and more difficult to detect. Left unchecked, the harms posed by this new disinformation threat are myriad. They have the potential to erode public trust in our shared reality, disrupt electoral processes by confusing voters or manipulating the public debate and destabilize democratic institutions.

Simultaneously, this shift is also reshaping the media landscape and altering journalistic practices and business models. AI chatbots and search engine summaries are changing how people consume news and are affecting trust in information. While AI offers certain opportunities for innovation in newsrooms, its rapid evolution poses significant threats to the essential role that independent and reliable information plays in our societies.

While democratic societies navigate this transformative phase, the critical challenges below demand immediate attention to safeguard the integrity and reliability of information online:
- AI's impact on media sustainability
- AI's impact on media consumption, access to information and trust
- Misuse of AI for information manipulation, particularly in the context of elections
- Balancing innovation and regulation

OBJECTIVES

1. **Examine** the existing dynamics, challenges, and opportunities posed by AI in the information space. It will contribute to developing comprehensive policy strategies to ensure that AI supports rather than compromises access to quality information.
2. **Develop** legal frameworks and mechanisms defining and addressing the illegal or mis- use of artificial intelligence for information manipulation.
3. **Define** how to build responsible AI, and digital resilience in the public interest, including on how to translate editorial values into algorithmic design.
4. **Advocate** that representation and pluralism are embedded in AI governance frameworks (diversity of topics, actors and viewpoints).
5. **Explore** the need to re-evaluate the classification of intermediaries in light of social media platforms integrating AI features – and how that changes conventional approaches to intermediary liability as well as the economic impact it has on the revenue of media organisations.
6. **Contribute** to addressing the power imbalance between media and technology providers and ensure that information integrity remains at the forefront of the global AI policy agenda.

ADHOC MEETINGS

Beside the workstreams led by specific governments, signatory States are invited to share their interest in organizing dedicated meetings on other important issues. International conferences and Summits can also be used to schedule in person meetings, further strengthening the international cooperation between countries.

Proposed dedicated meetings include:

Exploring Algorithmic Transparency Centers (online)

- This meeting will delve into the lessons learned of the European Algorithmic Transparency Center and how such structures can be replicated or benefit other regions in the world.

Implementing the DSA and similar regulations outside of the EU (online)

- This meeting will serve as a space to discuss first lessons learned of the Digital Services Act and what can be learned for similar regulatory frameworks outside of the EU.

The Annual High-Level Conference

- Since its creation on the sidelines of the 74th United Nations General Assembly in 2019, the FID has organized annual High-Level conferences, bringing together the signatory States of the Partnership for Information and Democracy at ministerial or heads of State level. The conference fosters engagement, political commitment and has led to the adoption of declarations.

- In, 2025, the International Conference on Information Integrity and Independent Media was held in Paris and it counted with five Heads of State, among several other high-level governmental participants. The conference yielded the adoption of the Paris Declaration on Multilateral Action for Information Integrity and Independent Media, the creation of the International Coordination Group on Information Integrity as well as the creation of the Consultative Committee of the FID.

- The 2026 Annual High-Level Conference will take place in the second part of 2026 either back-to-back with the UN General Assembly, at the Paris Peace Forum or another relevant event.

MAIN MILESTONES IN 2026

12 February: Launch of the Report of the Workstream on Information Integrity, Climate Change and other Environmental Issues at the International Conference on Digital Platform Governance 2026 organised by UNESCO, Pretoria, South Africa

2nd week of March: Launch of the Report of the Workstream on Private Messaging Platforms, location tbc

April: First meeting of the Workstreams

4–5 May: World Press Freedom Conference, Lusaka, Zambia

5–6 May: Yerevan Dialogue, Yerevan, Armenia

6–9 May: RightsCon, Lusaka, Zambia

June: Second meeting of the Workstreams

September: Third meeting of the Workstreams

3rd Week September: UN General Assembly, New York

October: COP17 on Biodiversity, Yerevan, Armenia (TBC)

October: Paris Peace Forum, Paris, France

November: WebSummit, Lisbon, Portugal

November: COP31, Antalya, Turkey

December: Fourth meeting of the Workstreams

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