

Post-2015 Agenda: Access to information and independent media are essential to development

Human development in the coming decades will depend on people's access to information. Ground-breaking new media and technology are enabling major expansion of economic, social and political progress.

We believe that freedom of expression and access to independent media are essential to democratic and economic development. Freedom of speech and the media are means to advance human development and are ends in their own right.

We, the undersigned, therefore call on the Open Working Group to fully integrate the governance recommendations of the UN High Level Panel of Eminent Persons Report (*A New Global Partnership: Eradicate Poverty and Transform Economies through Sustainable Development*) into the proposed Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals, specifically in relation to its recommendations to:

- Establish a specific goal to "ensure good governance and effective institutions"
- Include as components of this goal a clause to "ensure people enjoy freedom of speech, association, peaceful protest and access to independent media and information" and to "guarantee the public's right to information and access to government data"

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FOJO: Media Institute, Linnaeus University, Sweden
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Foro de Periodismo Argentino (FOPEA), Argentina
Free Media Movement, Sri Lanka
Free Press Unlimited, Netherlands
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 Iraqi Journalists Rights Defense Association
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 Lori TV, Armenia
 Maharat Foundation, Lebanon
 Media Foundation for West Africa
 Media Industry Development Authority, Fiji
 Media Initiatives Center, Armenia
 Media Institute of Southern Africa
 Media Rights Agenda, Nigeria
 Media Watch, Bangladesh
 Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance, Australia
 Mediacentar Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina
 MediaLink, Indonesia
 Medical Mission Sisters, USA
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 Open Data Forum Indonesia
 Open Democracy Advice Centre, South Africa
 Open Society Foundation, Serbia
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 Ovinfo.Org, Russia
 Pacific Islands News Association
 Pakistan Press Foundation, Pakistan
 Palestinian Center for Development and Media Freedoms
 Panos Europe
 PEN American Center
 PEN Canada
 PEN International
 Privacy and Access Council of Canada / Conseil du Canada de l'Accès et la vie Privée
 Privacy International
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 Programa Transparencia para Tod@s, Mexico
 Public Association Journalists, Kyrgyzstan
 Publish What You Fund, International
 RadioExpert.org, Czech Republic
 Reporters Without Borders, France
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 School for Broadcast Media, Indonesia
 SKeyes Center for Media and Cultural Freedom, Lebanon
 Socio-Economic Rights and Accountability Project, Nigeria
 Source Fabric, Czech Republic
 South African History Archive, South Africa
 Southeast Asian Press Alliance
 Syrian Journalist Association
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 Teeba Press, Sudan
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 The Justice Project, India
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