

## 2nd UNITED NATIONS INTER-AGENCY MEETING ON THE SAFETY OF JOURNALISTS AND THE ISSUE OF IMPUNITY

22-23 November 2012, Vienna International Centre  
United Nations Office in Vienna, Austria

BACKGROUND: This meeting is an ideal opportunity for the Journalists in Distress community and other interested civil society organisations to address some of the pressing issues in our field. Discussions have already begun on a number of key topics between members who have expressed a desire for a more joined-up approach between us all.

This pre-meeting on Nov. 21st, the day before the UN Inter-Agency Meeting, is for those concerned with journalist safety, to enable us to identify common goals, increase coordination and clarify the principles we will recommend the UN consider and incorporate in its policy development on this matter for November 22nd. Organised jointly by Free Press Unlimited, International Media Support (IMS) and International Press Institute (IPI).

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### FINAL Agenda for Pre-Meeting for NGO/civil society delegates Wednesday November 21st 2012 ; 15.00 to 19.00

VENUE: International Press Institute, Spiegelgasse 2, A-1010 Vienna  
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15.00 *Introductions & Welcome.* Barbara Trionfi, IPI.

15.15 *Assisting & Protecting Journalists in Distress.* Facilitator: Turan Ali, Free Press Unlimited

- What do we do and where are the gaps?
- How do we improve our speed of reaction and find the most appropriate source of assistance?
- Security and Confidentiality – the implications and practicalities of sharing information and verification.

16.45 *Break*

17.00 *Preparing for civil society input to the 2nd UN Inter-Agency Meeting On The Safety Of Journalists & The Issue Of Impunity.* Facilitator: Jesper Højberg, IMS.

- Report from meeting in London: “Media Responses to Matters of Life and Death” symposium at BBC Broadcasting House, 18 October. William Horsley, Centre for Freedom of the Media, University of Sheffield.
- Exploring best practice models for addressing safety, protection and impunity – Andres Morales, FLIP Colombia
- What are key principles to incorporate by the UN in its the UN Action Plan for the safety of journalists and the issue of impunity? Principles should be appropriate to (but not necessarily limited to) the UN's initial focus on Iraq, Mexico, Nepal, Pakistan, South Sudan.

18.30 *Conclusions*

- A common civil society position on the most effective UN mechanism?
- Joint statement/position points to be presented at the UN Meeting during the civil society agenda item?

19.00 END

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Attached are some points we would like you all to consider in advance.

Feel free to send responses and suggestions before the meeting.

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