



The first-ever World Humanitarian Summit will bring together governments, humanitarian organizations, people affected by humanitarian crises and new partners including the private sector to propose solutions to the most pressing challenges and set an agenda to keep humanitarian action fit for the future.

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This Special Session will bring together leading media practitioners with experience of reporting in conflict zones and natural disasters to identify good practice in reporting on humanitarian crises, and to consider standards of reporting which is balanced, can help to mobilise global response and which prioritises the safety and security of their reporters as well as the people caught up in crises.



SPECIAL SESSION

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DATE
14 May 2016

TIME
12:30 - 13:30

LOCATION
Cesna Hall

CHAIR
Yusuf Ergun, Subacute Chairwoman of Hospital, Turkey

MODERATOR
Barry Anderson, CNN International

SPEAKERS

Issa Brikawi
UNESCO Director-General

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Head of Corporate Responsibility, Middle East Broadcasting, Cairo, Egypt

Habibullah Bangir
Finance Journalist, CBC

Fanny Gilm
Foreign Correspondent, BBC, Paris, FR

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Foreign Journalist, Syria

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Christophe Dubois
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Tash Kach
Editor, Chief Site, Huffington Post, Germany

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SUMMARY

This Special Session will bring together leading media practitioners to identify challenges and good practice in reporting on humanitarian crises, and to consider standards of reporting which is balanced, can help to moderate global response and which prioritises the safety and security of their subjects. This Special Session is an opportunity to reflect on how the increasing risks reporters are exposed to impacts on their role in generating objective information about crisis areas and to celebrate independent voices from around the world.

OUTCOMES

- 1 Governments to recommit to the United Nations Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity
- 2 Media organisations to commit to measures that enhance the safety of journalists and freelancers
- 3 United Nations to strengthen the safety of journalists through dialogue, monitoring and reporting

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