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Week in Review

A highly selective capture of strategic developments, research, commentary, analysis and announcements spanning Human Rights Action, Humanitarian Response, Health, Education, Development, Heritage Stewardship, Peace-Conflict. Achieving a balance across these broad themes is a challenge and we appreciate your observations and ideas in this regard.

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Gaza

<u>NEW REPORT: Freedom in the Middle East Remains Out of Reach for Most as Israel and the Gaza Strip Experienced the Region's Sharpest Setbacks</u>

Armed conflict, terrorism, and crackdowns on free assembly weighed heavily on the region, with a vast majority of its citizens living in a restrictive political environment.

WASHINGTON, February 29, 2024—**More than 90 percent of people in the Middle East live in countries rated** *Not Free*, according to a new report released today by Freedom House. Hamas's massive terrorist attack on October 7 and Israel's ensuing military campaign in the Gaza Strip caused catastrophic human suffering and contributed to an overall decline in freedom for both Israel and the Gaza Strip in 2023.

The new report, <u>Freedom in the World 2024: The Mounting Damage of Flawed Elections and Armed</u> <u>Conflict</u>, found that **global freedom declined for an 18th consecutive year in 2023 as political rights and civil liberties deteriorated in 52 countries, representing a fifth of the world's population**. The declines were both widespread and severe, eclipsing the improvements observed in 21 other countries.

The denial of political rights and civil liberties has contributed to instability across the region, a problem exemplified by the ongoing war in the Gaza Strip. That conflict has also highlighted the critical need for a peaceful solution that prioritizes democratic freedoms and long-term security for both Palestinians and Israelis.

Several regional governments loosened otherwise tight restrictions on assembly as public outrage over the Israeli military's actions mounted. In Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, and elsewhere, state-sanctioned pro-Palestinian demonstrations were relatively peaceful. However, other types of public gatherings—including demonstrations ahead of a climate summit in the United Arab Emirates and ongoing antigovernment protests in Iran—continued to draw harsh responses from security forces.

Freedom in the World includes scores and detailed country reports on political rights and civil liberties for 195 countries and 15 territories around the globe. Scores are based on a 100-point scale, with 0 representing the lowest level of freedom. This report, the 51st annual edition, covers developments in 2023 and provides a brief analysis of long-term trends.

Key regional findings include the following:

- Three countries received score declines, while another three recorded improvements.
- Israel and the Gaza Strip both recorded the largest score decline (-3 points) in the region.
- Iraq, Kuwait, and Yemen experienced score improvements (+1 point).
- Israel (74) and Lebanon (42) are the highest-rated countries in the region.
- Syria (1) and Saudi Arabia (8) are the region's lowest-rated countries.

 Some 93 percent of people in the region live in countries rated Not Free, while only 3 percent live in Free countries.

The report identifies a number of steps that democratic governments can take to protect and expand political rights and civil liberties around the globe.

The recommendations include:

:: Provide steady support and flexible funding to those on the front lines of the struggle against tyranny. Democratic governments and donors must increase and sustain support for those working to defend and promote fundamental freedoms around the world. Failure to do so emboldens autocrats and can result in the loss of hard-won progress.

:: Uphold the rights of people living in disputed territories. The events of the past year in places such as Nagorno-Karabakh and the Gaza Strip provided stark evidence that populations without self-determination are at greater risk of extreme human rights abuses or atrocities.

:: Protect free and fair elections in 2024. At least 40 countries—representing more than two-fifths of the world's population—are holding national-level elections in 2024, with many more conducting other types of balloting. Free and fair elections are a cornerstone of any democracy, and independent and transparent electoral processes are necessary to foster genuine competition and public trust.

:: View the report's complete recommendations here.

:: Click here to read the global and other regionally focused press releases: <u>Global</u>, <u>Africa</u>, <u>Americas</u>, <u>Asia-Pacific</u>, <u>Eurasia</u>, <u>Europe</u>.

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NGOs call for the UN Security Council to urgently convene and pass a Resolution demanding an immediate and sustained ceasefire following yesterday's UN Security Council meeting on the risk of conflict induced famine in Gaza

Press Release

New York, NY, February 28, 2024 — The UN Security Council has received a stark warning of the consequences of inaction regarding the crisis in Gaza, as the **UN warns at least 576,000 people in the Gaza Strip are facing famine-like conditions as a result of the conflict** in its latest report released to the Council.

The Security Council, meeting under the auspices of Resolution 2417, received briefings from UN OCHA, FAO and WFP officials detailing the findings of their report which emphasised how the conduct of war, compounding the effects of Israel's military blockade prior to October 7, is impeding people's ability to access food in Gaza. This includes extensive restrictions imposed by Israel on the entry and delivery of essential humanitarian and commercial supplies, denial of security guarantees to reach populations across the Gaza Strip, the continued blockade on water and electricity, and bombardments and violence including targeting of aid convoys, which severely hampers the ability of humanitarians to deliver aid. The UN also emphasised the impact of attacks on infrastructure and objects used to produce food, destruction of agricultural fields and multiple forced displacements which have forced the abandonment of fields and have limited food production.

While the entirety of the population of Gaza lacks sufficient access to food, the situation in the north is increasingly catastrophic, with WFP highlighting that 1 in 6 children under two years of age in northern Gaza are now experiencing wasting and 155,000 pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers are lacking access to sufficient, nutrient-rich food. Malnutrition has devastating and intergenerational impacts on vulnerable groups, including children, pregnant and lactating women, elderly, disabled and

injured people, who face high risk of mortality related to inadequate nutrition. This has long-term consequences for children's cognitive and physical development and well-being, affecting their future life chances.

Resolution 2417, unanimously passed in 2018, is designed to trigger action from the Council when there is a risk of conflict-induced famine affecting civilian populations. It reinforces existing international law, under which starvation of the civilian population is a war crime. Yet despite continued warnings from the UN and NGOs of risks, and counter to the Security Council's own resolutions, we continue to see inaction as a result of the use of the veto by permanent members, with the United States vetoing for the third time a resolution calling for an immediate ceasefire earlier this month.

The undersigned NGOs are calling on the UN Security Council to urgently pass a resolution calling for an immediate and sustained ceasefire, which is the only way to curtail famine in **Gaza** and protect the civilian population, including by preventing a military operation in Rafah which would have catastrophic consequences for civilians and cut off the aid response entirely.

At the same time, **steps are needed now to support a massive scale-up in humanitarian assistance to Gaza**, which will also be critical in the event of a stop to the fighting. This includes continued support for the vital work that UNRWA and its partners do to help Palestinians survive one of the worst humanitarian catastrophes of our time. UNRWA's role cannot be replaced. This also includes expediting the authorization and renewal of visas for humanitarian personnel.

The UN Security Council must ensure the implementation of its adopted resolutions on Gaza which call for full, rapid, safe, and unhindered humanitarian access into and throughout the entire Gaza Strip. Further, the UNSC has a vital role in ensuring compliance with the ICJ ruling and upholding the consistent application of international law. This includes using its influence to ensure parties:

- Uphold their obligations under IHL including on the protection of civilians and civilian infrastructure, the prohibition of the use of starvation as a method of warfare and obligations to facilitate humanitarian access.
- Provide rapid, safe and sustained expansion of humanitarian access to and across the Gaza Strip, through opening of multiple crossing points, including directly into the North of Gaza and security assurances to allow for free and safe movement of medical personnel and humanitarian aid workers into and across the Gaza Strip.
- Resume commercial access including for food, fuel and cooking gas, and restoration of water and electricity services to Gaza.
- Increase the import of needed medical supplies, and ensure the protection of hospitals and medical staff.

Signatories:

Action Against Hunger CARE International International Rescue Committee Mercy Corps Plan International Save the Children Oxfam

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Joint NGO Statement: EU and Member States must sustain funding to UNRWA

Published 29. Feb 2024 *Palestine*

In light of the ongoing humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza and the Israeli advance on Rafah, the last refuge for more than 1.5 million Palestinian civilians, the undersigned aid organisations are deeply concerned about the current and potential future suspension of funding for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA). The suspension of funding by donor states to the main aid provider for millions of Palestinians in Gaza and the region, at a time where famine is looming and disease outbreaks are worsening, will impact life-saving assistance for over two million civilians, half of whom are children, who rely on UNRWA aid in Gaza.

We urge the EU and Member States to take note that other aid agencies cannot replicate UNRWA's central role in the humanitarian response in Gaza, and amidst the current crisis many will struggle to even maintain their current operations without UNRWA's partnership and support. Considering the urgency of the situation, if the funding suspensions are not reversed, the risk of a complete collapse of the already restricted humanitarian response resulting in preventable loss of lives in Gaza becomes even more likely.

It is important to ensure a thorough investigation into the grave allegations by the Israeli authorities that 12 UNRWA employees directly participated in the attacks on October 7, and to ensure full transparency and accountability going forward. But the investigation and any subsequent accountability measures must not derail the critical, life-saving work of UNRWA in Gaza and throughout the region.

UNRWA is the largest provider of humanitarian aid in Gaza. The plain reality is that **UNRWA's humanitarian role in this crisis is indispensable** – including, but not limited to provision of health and education services, food and water provision, psychosocial support, and solid waste management - and cannot remotely be replaced by any other aid organization. NGOs have made it clear that they are unable to substitute for or absorb the role of UNRWA, especially in the context of the current crisis. Furthermore, the continuing operation of UNRWA is essential to their own life-saving work...

Over 1 million displaced Palestinians are sheltering in UNRWA facilities across Gaza. UNRWA's 13,000 staff in Gaza far outstrip the collective capacity of the rest of the humanitarian sector in the territory. Their role in the facilitation and delivery of life-saving humanitarian aid at scale in this crisis has been heroic. UNRWA's supply of vital shelter, food, and basic services like sanitation, as well as the use of infrastructure by other aid organizations, is irreplaceable.

UNRWA staff have faced near impossible conditions for months: in addition to the 158 UNRWA staff killed during the ongoing hostilities, at least 404 people in UNRWA shelters have been killed during the hostilities; almost 1,400 have been injured; and 155 UNRWA installations have been damaged. UNRWA workers continue to serve their community amid this unprecedented violence. The funding suspension will have wider regional implications that need to be carefully considered. In addition to Gaza, UNRWA operates in 4 other locations (West Bank- including East Jerusalem, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan) where it delivers critical services such as education and healthcare.

The undersigned NGOs urge the EU and Member States to reaffirm their support for the vital work that UNRWA and its partners do to help Palestinians survive one of the worst humanitarian catastrophes of our times. While accountability is crucial and a rigorous and credible

investigation of the allegations should be supported, this can and must be achieved without further devastating Gaza's civilian population.

Signatures:

International Rescue Committee MdM International Network Handicap International - Humanity & Inclusion Norwegian Refugee Council **CARE** International Eurochild Plan International Mercy Corps ActionAid International Première Urgence Internationale Save the Children Action Against Hunger Oxfam Danish Refugee Council **Refugees International** War Child Alliance DanChurch Aid

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European Commission will proceed to paying €50 million to UNRWA and increase emergency support to Palestinians by €68 million in 2024

1 March 2024

Today, the Commission has decided to allocate an additional \in 68 million to support the Palestinian population across the region to be implemented through international partners like the Red Cross and the Red Crescent. This comes in addition to the foreseen \in 82 million of aid to be implemented through UNRWA in 2024, bringing the total to \in 150 million. The Commission will proceed to paying \in 50 million of the UNWRA envelope next week.

Furthermore, the Commission has allocated €125 million of humanitarian aid for Palestinians for 2024. The Commission is contracting the first €16 million today.

As set out on 29 January, the Commission has assessed its funding decision for UNRWA in light of the very serious allegations made on 24 January that implicate several UNRWA staff in the heinous 7 October attacks. It took account of the action taken by the UN and the commitments the Commission required from UNRWA...

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Democracy – Authoritarianism

Pew Research Center

Who likes authoritarianism, and how do they want to change their government?

By Laura Silver and Janell Fetterolf Feb 28, 2024 *While most people see <u>representative democracy as a good way to govern their country</u>, large shares of the public in many countries are open to nondemocratic alternatives.*

Indeed, a median of 31% across 24 nations are supportive of authoritarian systems,

according to a recent Pew Research Center survey.

The survey asked about **two authoritarian models** of government:

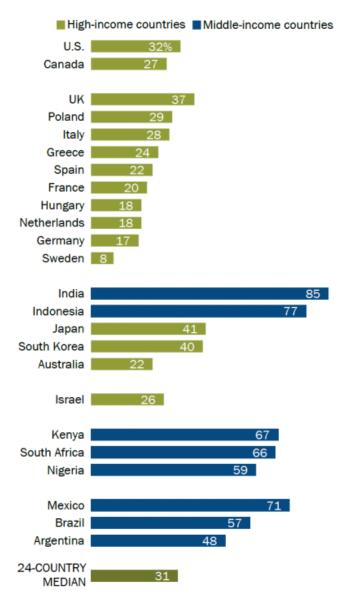
- a system in which a strong leader can make decisions without interference from parliament or the courts ("authoritarian leader") and
- a system in which the military rules the country ("military rule").

The share of the public that supports at least one of these models ranges from 85% in **India to 8% in Sweden.** It tends to be higher in middle-income countries than high-income

countries. It also tends to be higher in surveyed countries in the Asia-Pacific region, Africa or Latin America than in Europe and North America...

Support for authoritarianism is high in many middle-income countries

% who say rule by a strong leader or the military would be a **good** way of governing their country



Note: Full question wording for political systems: Rule by a strong leader, "A system in which a strong leader can make decisions without interference from [country-specific legislative body; e.g., parliament or Congress] or the courts"; Rule by the military, "The military rules the country." Country income designations are based on the World Bank.

Source: Spring 2023 Global Attitudes Survey. Q42c, e.

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Featured Journal Content

PNAS - Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States

February 27, 2024 vol. 121 no. 9 <u>https://www.pnas.org/toc/pnas/121/9</u> *Research Article* February 22, 2024 <u>A Turing test of whether AI chatbots are behaviorally similar to humans</u> <u>Qiaozhu Mei</u>, <u>Yutong Xie</u>,[...] <u>Matthew O. Jackson</u> *Significance*

As AI interacts with humans on an increasing array of tasks, it is important to understand how it behaves. Since much of AI programming is proprietary, developing methods of assessing AI by observing its behaviors is essential. We develop a Turing test to assess the behavioral and personality traits exhibited by AI. **Beyond administering a personality test**, we have **ChatGPT variants play games that are benchmarks for assessing traits: trust, fairness, risk-aversion, altruism, and cooperation. Their behaviors fall within the distribution of behaviors of humans** and exhibit patterns consistent with learning. When deviating from mean and modal human behaviors, they are more cooperative and altruistic. This is a step in developing assessments of AI as it increasingly influences human experiences.

Abstract

We administer a Turing test to AI chatbots. We examine how chatbots behave in a suite of classic behavioral games that are designed to elicit characteristics such as trust, fairness, risk-aversion, cooperation, etc., as well as how they respond to a traditional Big-5 psychological survey that measures personality traits. **ChatGPT-4 exhibits behavioral and personality traits that are statistically indistinguishable from a random human from tens of thousands of human subjects from more than 50 countries.** Chatbots also modify their behavior based on previous experience and contexts "as if" they were learning from the interactions and change their behavior in response to different framings of the same strategic situation. Their behaviors are often distinct from average and modal human behaviors, in which case they tend to behave on the more altruistic and cooperative end of the distribution. **We estimate that they act as if they are maximizing an average of their own and partner's payoffs.**

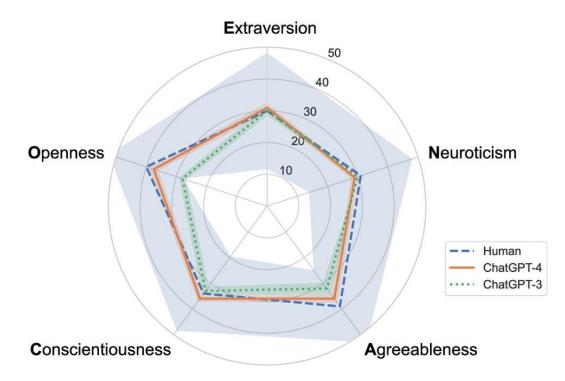
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...2. Results

A. Personality Profiles of the AIs.

<u>Fig. 1</u> provides a summary of the chatbots' Big Five personality profiles and compares them with the human distribution. We illustrate the behaviors of ChatGPT-3 and ChatGPT-4 specifically, as the Free Web version exhibits similarities to ChatGPT-3,* and the Plus version aligns closely with ChatGPT-4.† More detailed results, including those of the two Web-based versions, can be found in <u>SI Appendix, section 3</u>.

Fig. 1.



"Big Five" personality profiles of ChatGPT-4 and ChatGPT-3 compared with the distributions of human subjects. The blue, orange, and green lines correspond to the median scores of humans, ChatGPT-4, and ChatGPT-3 respectively; the shaded areas represent the middle 95% of the scores, across each of the dimensions. ChatGPT's personality profiles are within the range of the human distribution, even though ChatGPT-3 scored noticeably lower in Openness.

The personality traits of ChatGPT-3 and ChatGPT-4, as derived from their responses to the OCEAN Big Five questionnaire, are depicted in <u>Fig. 1</u>. **Comparing humans and chatbots, ChatGPT-4 exhibits substantial similarity to the human respondents across all five dimensions in terms of the median scores**. ChatGPT-3 likewise demonstrates comparable patterns in four dimensions but displays a relatively lower score in the dimension of openness.

Particularly, on extroversion, both chatbots score similarly to the median human respondents, with ChatGPT-4 and ChatGPT-3 scoring higher than 53.4% and 49.4% of human respondents, respectively. **On neuroticism**, both chatbots exhibit moderately lower scores than the median human. Specifically, ChatGPT-4 and ChatGPT-3 score higher than 41.3% and 45.4% of humans, respectively. **As for agreeableness**, both chatbots show lower scores than the median human, with ChatGPT-4 and ChatGPT-3 surpassing 32.4% and 17.2% of humans, respectively. **While for conscientiousness**, both chatbots fluctuate around the median human, with ChatGPT-4 and ChatGPT-3 scoring higher than 62.7% and 47.1% of human respondents. **Both chatbots exhibit lower openness than the median human**, with ChatGPT-3's being notably lower. On this dimension, ChatGPT-4 and ChatGPT-3 score higher than 37.9% and 5.0% of humans, respectively...

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:: Agency/Government/IGO Watch

We will monitor a growing number of relevant agency, government and IGO organizations for key media releases, announcements, research, and initiatives. Generally, we will focus on regional or global level content recognizing limitation of space, meaning country-specific coverage is limited. Please suggest additional organizations to monitor.

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https://www.un.org/press/en Meetings Coverage/Press Releases [Selected] 2 March 2024 SC15608 Security Council Press Statement on Incident Surrounding Humanitarian Assistance Convoy in Gaza Strip

The members of the Security Council express deep concern regarding reports stating that over 100 individuals lost their lives with several hundred others sustaining injuries, including people with gunshot wounds as observed by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

28 February 2024 L/3298

Special Committee on Charter Concludes Session without Consensus on Annual Report

The Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on Strengthening the Role of the Organization concluded its annual session today without the adoption of a full draft report due to disagreements on language concerning the ongoing conflicts in Gaza and Ukraine. The Committee approved Chapter I of the report and forwarded it to the General Assembly.

28 February 2024 GA/PAL/1462

Palestinian Rights Committee Bureau Calls for Solidarity, Support to Sustain UNRWA amidst Smear Campaign, Funding Suspensions, Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza

27 February 2024 SC/15602

As Syria's Humanitarian Crisis Worsens, Delegates in Security Council Stress Need for Damascus to Re-engage with Constitutional Committee

The Security Council met this morning to hear a briefing on the situation in Syria. Addressing the Council were Geir Pedersen, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria, and Martin Griffiths, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator.

27 February 2024 SC/15604

Famine Imminent in Gaza, Humanitarian Officials Tell Security Council, Calling for Immediate Ceasefire

Three senior United Nations officials warned the Security Council today of imminent famine in the Gaza Strip, urging immediate action to avert humanitarian disaster in a territory where many Council members alleged the use of hunger as a weapon of war.

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ADDIS ABABA, 1 March 2024 – During a five-day visit to Ethiopia, UNICEF Deputy Executive Director, Ted Chaiban, urged the international community to immediately scale up their support for children and families to avert a deepening humanitarian catastrophe throughout the country. "Ethiopia is facing multiple crises and needs are outpacing our... Visit the page

Press release 29 February 2024 <u>Africa CDC and UNICEF Expand Partnership to Strengthen Health Systems and</u> <u>Immunization of Children in Africa</u>

ADDIS ABABA/NEW YORK, 29 February 2024 - Today, the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) and UNICEF announced an extended partnership dedicated to strengthening primary healthcare, supply chain management, pooled procurement and local manufacturing, and emergency response.

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 Africa immunization advisory group urges single-dose HPV vaccine adoption to advance vaccination efforts
 01 March 2024

Brazzaville –Cervical cancer poses a significant burden in sub-Saharan Africa, with 120,000 cases annually out of the global total of 690,000, further exacerbated by the HIV epidemic.

In an effort to accelerate progress against cervical cancer, the WHO Africa Regional Immunization Technical Advisory Group (RITAG) during a meeting held 7 – 9 November 2023 has urged countries to adopt a single-dose schedule for the human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV) in Africa, in line with the World Health Organization's (WHO) recommendations in 2022. Implementation of this recommendation represents a significant step forward in the region's fight against cervical cancer.

Currently, 27 African nations have incorporated the HPV vaccine into their routine immunization programmes, with a primary focus on girls aged 9-14...

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Disease Outbreak News (DONs)

Latest WHO Disease Outbreak News (DONs), providing information on confirmed acute public health events or potential events of concern.

27 February 2024 | Nipah virus infection - Bangladesh

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Weekly Epidemiological Record

https://www.who.int/publications/journals/weekly-epidemiological-record Vol. 99, No. 09, pp. 95–104 1 March 2024 https://iris.who.int/bitstream/handle/10665/376150/WER9909-eng-fre.pdf

:: Report of the meeting of the WHO Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety and the WHO Advisory Committee on Safety of Medicinal, 13–15 November 2023

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29 February 2024 HIV drug resistance – brief report 2024

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Citizen engagement in evidence-informed policy-making: a guide to mini-publics

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World Organisation for Animal Health [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.oie.int/en/ Press Releases, Statements No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 02 Mar 2024]

http://www.unfpa.org/press/press-release Selected Press Releases No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 02 Mar 2024] <u>https://www.undp.org/news-centre</u> *News Centre No new digest content identified.*

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 02 Mar 2024] https://sdgs.un.org/ News 1 Mar UN to Convene Global Experts in Tokyo on 4-6 March to Assess Climate Action Targets under Sustainable Development Goals UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 02 Mar 2024]

http://unstats.un.org/unsd/default.htm http://unstats.un.org/sdgs/ Meetings, events, publications No new digest content identified.

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 02 Mar 2024] <u>https://www.unenvironment.org/</u> *Resources* 1 Mar 2024 | Press Release <u>UN Environment Assembly advances collaborative action on triple planetary crisis</u> Nairobi 1 March 2024 - The sixth UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-6) concluded today in 1

Nairobi, 1 March 2024 - The sixth UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-6) concluded today in the Kenyan capital, Nairobi, with Member States delivering 15 resolutions aiming to boost multilateral efforts to address the triple planetary crisis of climate change, nature loss and pollution.

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 02 Mar 2024] <u>https://www.undrr.org/</u> *Press Releases, Statements and messages No new digest content identified.*

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 02 Mar 2024] <u>https://www.un.org/en/articles-by-property-w-date/81254</u>

Articles - Selected

01 Mar 2024 | DESA

5 things you need to know about the Committee for Development Policy

1 March 2024 - The <u>Committee for Development Policy (CDP)</u> will hold its annual meeting at UN Headquarters in New York on 4-8 March. Its 24 members bring a wealth of perspectives on development issues from their work in academia and other organizations across the world.

27 Feb 2024 | DESA

Shaping a fairer world: Global efforts to enhance social justice

27 February 2024 - Over 4 billion people worldwide lack access to basic social protection, leaving them vulnerable to economic shocks, health crises, and social exclusion. Urgent and concerted efforts are imperative to transform social security and social justice into tangible realities for all.

27 Feb 2024 | DESA

UN To Hold "Second World Summit For Social Development" In 2025

27 February 2024 - The United Nations General Assembly has decided to convene the "Second World Summit for Social Development" in 2025...

ILO International Labour Organization [to 02 Mar 2024] <u>https://www.ilo.org/</u> *News Digital economy* <u>Impact of digitalization on work in developing economies revealed by new ILO research</u> 28 February 2024 Transforming the teaching profession

UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on the Teaching Profession puts forward recommendations to allow teachers to become drivers of change in education 26 February 2024

UNESCO [to 02 Mar 2024] https://www.unesco.org/en/newsroom Press Releases [Selected] UNESCO – successfully concludes Timor-Leste delegation visit to Cambodia for International Benchmark Training on Conflict Reconciliation and Peacebuilding 27 February 2024

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.icomos.org/en/ Announcements No new digest content identified.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 02 Mar 2024] http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/press/allpress.html?ref=fp Press Releases No new digest content identified.

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 02 Mar 2024] <u>http://unhabitat.org/</u>

Press Releases, Statements

UN-Habitat launches local action methodology for global change

February 28th, 2024

In response to the urgent need for local solutions to global challenges, UN-Habitat unveiled today the <u>Action-Oriented Voluntary Local Reviews methodology</u> – UN-Habitat's latest initiative aimed at translating the Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs) into actionable tools at the grassroots level for realizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Preserving History: Rehabilitation of homes of heritage value begins in Lebanon February 27th, 2024

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.fao.org/home/en/

News

Gaza: In a briefing to the UN Security Council, FAO calls for immediate cessation of hostilities and restoration of humanitarian space to eliminate the risk of famine

Deputy Director-General Maurizio Martina points out the catastrophic damage induced by the conflict across the entire food supply chain 27/02/2024

World Food Programme [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.wfp.org/news Selected News Releases 29 February 2024 European Union funding boosts food security and community resilience in Afghanistan, benefiting over 300,000 people

KABUL – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) in Afghanistan welcomes a generous contribution of EUR 20.1 million (US\$21.4 million) from the European Union. With this funding, WFP will be able to improve household food security and community resilience for over 300,000 Afghans across 26 provinces, including vulnerable displaced Afghans who are resettling in certain areas.

28 February 2024

WFP Deputy Chief warns Security Council of imminent famine in northern Gaza unless conditions change

NEW YORK – The World Food Programme Deputy Executive Director Carl Skau addressed the United Nations Security Council on Tuesday 27 February on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. He was speaking at a High-Level Open Debate on the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.icao.int/

Latest News and Highlights

Passenger air traffic surpasses pre-pandemic levels

Montréal, 27 February 2024 – In the first quarter of 2024, ICAO projects that passenger air traffic levels will be around 2% higher than in 2019, with airlines expected to sustain their operating profitability seen in 2023.

IMO [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.imo.org/

Press Releases

Protecting marine biodiversity and decarbonizing shipping – industry alliance sets plans for 2024

28 Feb 2024

The Global Industry Alliance (GIA) for Marine Biosafety has outlined a full work programme for 2024, to support IMO's key environmental objectives of protecting marine biodiversity and decarbonizing shipping.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 02 Mar 2024] <u>https://public.wmo.int</u> *News*

Kigali Declaration calls for more urgent climate action

29 February 2024

More than 700 leading climate scientists have signed a declaration calling for much more urgent action against climate change, more investment in climate adaptation and greater leverage of science for a more sustainable future for all.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 02 Mar 2024] https://www.upu.int/en/News-Media/Press/Press-Releases Press Releases No new digest content identified.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 02 Mar 2024] https://www.unido.org/news News No new digest content identified.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.iso.org/news News No new digest content identified.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 02 Mar 2024] <u>http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/</u> *Press releases No new digest content identified.*

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 02 Mar 2024] <u>https://www.cbd.int/</u> *Announcements/Decisions/Events* 29.02.2024 // 2024-022 Global capacity-building workshop on operationalizing access and benefit-sharing national frameworks under the Nagoya Protocol, 30 September to 3 October 2024 - Bonn, Germany

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DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.] [to 02 Mar 2024

https://www.darpa.mil/news News No new digest content identified.

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USAID [to 02 Mar 2024] https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases Press Releases [Selected] Administrator Samantha Power Visits Israel and the West Bank March 1, 2024

Administrator Samantha Power concluded her February 27 - March 1 visit to Israel and the West Bank where she advocated for significant increases in the delivery of life-saving humanitarian assistance to civilians in Gaza. On the trip she also stressed the need for Israel to do more to protect Palestinian civilians and aid workers in their military campaign against Hamas, and the United States' unwavering commitment to work to help free the remaining hostages and secure an agreement for an extended ceasefire.

The United States Announces Additional Humanitarian Assistance for People in Gaza and the West Bank

February 27, 2024

Today, Administrator Samantha Power announced that the United States, through USAID, will provide an additional \$53 million in urgently needed humanitarian assistance for the people of Gaza and the West Bank affected by the ongoing conflict. This brings the total amount of funding announced by the U.S. government since October 7 to more than \$180 million to work to help free the remaining hostages and secure an agreement for an extended ceasefire.

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [U.K.] [nee DFID] [to 02 Mar 2024] <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/foreign-commonwealth-development-office</u> *Press releases; Speeches*

UK boosts humanitarian funding for Ukraine

29 February 2024 — Press release

Two years on from Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the UK has pledged £8.5 million in humanitarian funding to the Red Cross Movement and the Ukraine Humanitarian Fund.

ECHO [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://ec.europa.eu/echo/news-stories/news_en

News

News article 1 March 2024

Commission will proceed to paying €50 million to UNRWA and increase emergency support to Palestinians by €68 million in 2024

Today, the Commission has decided to allocate an additional €68 million to support the Palestinian population across the region to be implemented through international partners like the Red Cross and the Red Crescent.

News article 1 March 2024

In February, the EU has organised 13 Humanitarian Air Bridges to Yemen to fight health emergency

To respond to life-threatening outbreaks of infectious diseases in Yemen and the subsequent health emergency among the affected population, the EU has launched a Humanitarian Air Bridge operation consisting of 13 flights, which has been rolled out over the month of February 2024.

News article 29 February 2024

EU and World Bank create new facility to strengthen capacity of civil protection in Europe

The Technical Assistance Financing Facility for Disaster Prevention and Preparedness supports projects, studies and trainings in disaster and climate resilience and promotes the sharing of knowledge among countries on disaster risk management.

News article 27 February 2024

EU provides initial €171 million in humanitarian aid for Greater Horn of Africa region

People in the Horn of Africa are facing mounting humanitarian needs as the region is plagued by multiple conflicts, climate extremes and economic shocks. Around 65 million are estimated to be in immediate need of assistance.

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African Union [to 02 Mar 2024]

http://www.au.int/ Press releases Coverage of the Extended Partnership Framework between Africa CDC and UNICEF February 29, 2024

Early last week (20-22 Feb.), a joint Technical Working Group from Africa CDC and UNICEF convened to finalize the costed Joint Action Plan (JAP) for an Extended Partnership Framework document which seeks to broaden the scope of the ongoing partnership between the two organisations.

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 02 Mar 2024] https://asean.org/category/news/ Secretariat News No new digest content identified.

European Commission

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/home/en Latest [Selected] No new digest content identified.

OECD [to 02 Mar 2024] https://www.oecd.org/ Newsroom 9th OECD Investment Treaty Conference March 2024 | Hybrid Event

OECD Tax and Developments Days 2024 March 2024 | Virtual Event

2024 Global Anti-Corruption & Integrity Forum

March 2024 | Forum

Facts not fakes: Tackling disinformation March 2024 | Hybrid Event

Global Debt Report 2024 March 2024 | Forum

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.oas.org/en/media_center/press_releases.asp Press Release No new digest content identified.

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 02 Mar 2024] https://www.oic-oci.org/ Selected Press Releases Weekly Report Killings and starvation claimed the lives of (698) Palestinians on February 20-26 70% of the victims of the Israeli bombing are women and children in Gaza Jeddah, February 27, 2024

Group of 77 [to 02 Mar 2024]

http://www.g77.org/

Latest Statements and Speeches [Selected]

Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Mr. Marvin Ikondere, Third Secretary of the Permanent Mission of Uganda to the United Nations, during the <u>informal consultations on the Global</u> <u>Digital Compact (New York, 29 February 2024)</u>

Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Mr Medard Ainomuhisha, Permanent Mission of Uganda to the United Nations, on <u>agenda item 139: Human resources management, at the first part of the resumed seventy-eighth session of the Fifth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly (New York, 26 February 2024)</u>

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UNCTAD [to 02 Mar 2024] https://unctad.org/media-centre Press Releases No new digest content identified.

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 015 Oct 2022]

http://www.wcoomd.org/ Latest News 01 March 2024 WCO calls for digital inpovation in wildli

WCO calls for digital innovation in wildlife conservation

On 3 March, the World Customs Organization (WCO) stands with the global community to observe <u>World Wildlife Day</u> (WWD), advocating for a renewed commitment to sustainable natural resource utilization and urging a collective reevaluation of our environmental footprint.

Recognizing the key role that Customs plays in regulating wildlife trade and preserving biodiversity, the WCO reaffirms its unwavering support for WWD, this year themed, "Connecting People and Planet: Exploring Digital Innovation in Wildlife Conservation." This theme resonates with the WCO's focus on digital transformation to improve Customs efficiency, enhance enforcement, and facilitate legitimate trade in today's globally connected landscape.

The WCO's theme for 2024, "<u>Customs Engaging Traditional and New Partners with Purpose</u>," reflects the Organization's commitment to leveraging digital innovation and building strategic partnerships for environmental stewardship...

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 02 Mar 2024] <u>https://www.unwto.org/news</u> *News No new digest content identified.*

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 02 Mar 2024]

http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news_e.htm WTO News and Events [Selected]

Press Releases

MC13 ends with decisions on dispute reform, development; commitment to continue ongoing talks

1 March 2024

WTO members concluded the 13th Ministerial Conference (MC13) in Abu Dhabi on 2 March with the adoption of a Ministerial Declaration setting out a forward-looking, reform agenda for the organization. Ministers also took a number of ministerial decisions, including renewing the commitment to have a fully and well-functioning dispute settlement system by 2024 and to improve use of the special and differential treatment (S&DT) provisions for developing and least developed countries (LDCs). They also agreed to continue negotiations in all areas where convergence was elusive at MC13.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.ipu.org/news/press-releases

Press releases

01/03/2024

IPU Assembly to focus on pathways to peace through parliamentary diplomacy 01/03/2024

<u>The 148th IPU Assembly</u> will be held in Geneva, Switzerland from 23-27 March 2024. This is the first time in almost six years that the IPU's biannual Assembly will be held in Geneva. Hundreds of parliamentarians from around the world are expected to attend the Assembly to address the theme Parliamentary diplomacy: Building bridges for peace and understanding.

With 56 countries experiencing armed conflict in 2023 – according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute – the IPU Assembly will provide a much-needed space for parliamentary dialogue and diplomacy at the global, regional and bilateral levels, as a complement to the United Nations and other multilateral forums...

International Court of Justice [to 02 Mar 2024]

http://www.icj-cij.org/en/press-releases Press Releases/Case Documentation

Press release No. 2024/19 1 March 2024

The Republic of Nicaragua institutes proceedings against the Federal Republic of Germany and requests the Court to indicate provisional measures

Available in:

<u>Press release No. 2024/18</u> 28 February 2024 Amendments to Articles 81, 82 and 86 of the Rules of Court

Press release No. 2024/17 26 February 2024

Legal Consequences arising from the Policies and Practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem (Request for Advisory Opinion) - Conclusion of the public hearings held from 19 to 26 February 2024

...During the hearings, the State of Palestine, 49 Member States of the United Nations and three international organizations presented oral statements (in the following order): Palestine, South Africa, Algeria, Saudi Arabia, the Netherlands, Bangladesh, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Egypt, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Russian Federation, France, The Gambia, Guyana, Hungary, China, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mauritius, Namibia, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Indonesia, Qatar, United Kingdom, Slovenia, Sudan, Switzerland, Syria, Tunisia, Türkiye, Zambia, League of Arab States, Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, African Union, Spain, Fiji and the Maldives.

The verbatim records of the hearings, including the lists of participating delegations, are available on the <u>case page</u> on the Court's website. High-resolution video clips and still photos produced by the Registry during the hearings are available free of charge and free of copyright for editorial, non-commercial use, on the Multimedia page on the Court's website.

The Court will now begin its deliberation. The Court's advisory opinion will be delivered at a public sitting, the date of which will be announced in due course.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 02 Mar 2024]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity <u>https://www.icc-cpi.int/</u> *News* Venezuela I situation: ICC Appeals Chamber confirms the decision authorising the resumption of the investigation *Press Release* 1 March 2024

Ongwen case: ICC Trial Chamber IX orders reparations for victims [Northern Uganda between]

1 July 2002 and 31 December 2005] *Press Release* 28 February 2024

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World Bank [to 02 Mar 2024] http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/all All News [Selected] Unlocking Trade for Women

Trade can improve economic outcomes for women by creating job opportunities, increasing wages, expanding market access, and lowering costs of doing business, fostering entrepreneurship and innovation...

Date: March 04, 2024 Type: Publication

Six facts to understand the reality of women in Latin America and the Caribbean

Date: March 01, 2024 Type: Infographic

Delivering Education in the Midst of Fragility, Conflict, and Violence (FCV)

Ensuring a safe environment for children to learn is more than a mission for the World Bank. It is an urgent imperative. In large part, the success of our FCV Strategy is predicated on education. Date: February 29, 2024 Type: Brief

<u>Remarks by Ajay Banga at the 2024 G20 Finance Ministers - Global Perspectives on</u> <u>Growth, Jobs, Inflation, and Financial Stability</u>

February 28, 2024 -- Sao Paulo, Brazil The last five years have been the weakest period of global economic growth in 30 years. We know that governments, multilateral institutions, and philanthropies...

Date: February 28, 2024 Type: Speeches and Transcripts

<u>Malaria</u>

Malaria control is an important part of the World Bank's health portfolio. The Bank's Health, Nutrition and Population portfolio is valued at \$34 billion dollars (as of 2023) and focuses on strengthening...

IMF [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.imf.org/en/News News

March 1, 2024

IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva's Statement at the Conclusion of the first Meeting of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors

...I came into these meetings with a clear message: with the recent improvement to the global-near term outlook, G20 policymakers have an opportunity to rebuild policy momentum and shift their focus to tackling medium-term economic challenges."

Global outlook, risks and policy challenges

"Globally, we are poised for a soft landing, but the plane is not quite yet on the ground. Growth is projected this year 3.1 percent versus 2.9 percent when we last met. Inflation is down faster than we expected. In our baseline, global headline inflation is expected to fall to 5.8 percent this year, and 4.4 percent next year. And this improved outlook also benefits developing economies that were cut off from markets for quite some time – such as Cote D'Ivoire, whose recent bond issuance was several times oversubscribed, followed by Benin and others.

This is encouraging, and yet we need to be conscious of three things.

:: First, the risks on the downside. One is a more persistent inflation because of new price spikes that could result from geopolitical shocks and other supply disruptions – such as climate events – or from looser financial conditions, which could slow down the normalization of monetary policy. We can also have an upside risk, in which inflation falls even faster than expected. And that, of course, would be great for all of us.

:: Second, we should not be complacent because growth is still weak: 3 percent year after year, against an average of 3.8 percent in the pre-COVID decade. And even worse, in many places it is because of low productivity. Countries that are doing well, like the United States and some emerging market countries, have realized productivity gains.

:: And third, we must be mindful that if interest rates are to remain higher for longer, financial sector risks could go up. So, they require careful monitoring. We must be vigilant for early signs of stress and systematically address vulnerabilities, especially in non-banking financial institutions."...

African Development Bank [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/press-releases

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Press Releases

Africa defies odds to become the world's second fastest growing region, African Development Bank's Adesina tells ambassadors in Abidjan

01-Mar-2024 - Africa's economies continue to grow faster than the global average of 3% demonstrating resilience against several challenges including climate change, geopolitical tensions, rising inflation, food insecurity and rising debt. The President of the African Development Bank Group, Dr Akinwumi Adesina said, "It is forecasted that Africa will account for 11 out of the 20 fastest-growing economies in the world in 2024," adding, "15 African countries have posted output expansions of more than 5%.

Asian Development Bank [to 02 Mar 2024]

http://www.adb.org/news/releases

[We generally limit coverage to regional or Asia-wide initiatives, recognizing that a number of countrylevel announcements are added each week] 28 Feb 2024

ADB Sells \$3.5 Billion 5-Year Global Benchmark Bond

ADB yesterday priced a \$3.5 billion 5-year global bond, proceeds of which will become part of ADB's ordinary capital resources.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 02 Mar 2024]

<u>https://www.aiib.org/en/news-events/news/index.html</u> [We generally limit coverage to regional or Asia-wide initiatives, recognizing that a number of countrylevel announcements are added each week] No new digest content identified.

IDB – Inter-American Development Bank [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.iadb.org/en/home/press-room

News

IDB, Brazil's Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, and Central Bank Join Forces to Boost Green Investments February 20, 2024

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 02 Mar 2024] <u>https://www.ifad.org/web/latest/news</u> *News* 01 MAR <u>Building resilience, empowering communities: new fisheries project set to transform lives</u> <u>in Mozambique</u>

29 FEB

<u>Global food crisis, poor nutrition and the effects of climate change need urgent action,</u> <u>says IFAD President</u>

27 FEB MOPAN assessment of IFAD 2023

Islamic Development Bank [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.isdb.org/

News

IsDB Paris Alignment: Ambitious Commitment to Align Sovereign Investments with the Goals of the Paris Agreement

29 February 2024

... Starting 1 January 2024, all new sovereign projects and commitments by the IsDB are aligned with the objectives of the Paris Agreement. The Paris Agreement is an international treaty on climate change that is legally binding, and 196 Parties agreed to it at the 21st United Nations Climate Conference in Paris, 2015. It aims to keep global warming well below 2 degrees Celsius, or even better, below 1.5 degrees Celsius, relative to pre-industrial levels...

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- :: Foundation/Major Donor Watch Selected Updates
- :: Journal Watch Key articles and abstracts from 100+ peer-reviewed journals

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:: INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch

We monitor media releases and other announcements around key initiatives, new research and major organizational change from a growing number of global NGOs, collaborations, and initiatives across the human rights, humanitarian response and development spheres of action. WE will not reference fundraising announcements, programs, events or appeals, and generally not include content which is primarily photo-documentation or video in format.

Action Contre la Faim – Action Against Hunger [to 02 Mar 2024]

http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org Communiqués de presse Sudan

At the epicentre of a humanitarian emergency nearly a year into the conflict

Published on 29 February 2024

Sudan is experiencing one of the cruelest and, at the same time, least visible humanitarian crises today. Ten months of conflict have just passed in Sudan between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF), a conflict that comes after years of protracted crisis.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://alima.ngo/ PRESS RELEASES First-ever global alliance of researchers, health workers, and humanitarians join forces to fight the deadly Lassa fever virus 02/27/2024

Amref Health Africa_ [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://newsroom.amref.org/category/press-releases/ Selected Press Releases News Press Releases

Amref Health Africa in South Sudan Launches a New Strategic Plan for 2023-2030

March 1, 2024

The strategic plan aims to transform the health of South Sudan communities through primary health care ...

Aravind Eye Care System [to 02 Mar 2024]

<u>https://aravind.org/</u> *Aravind News No new digest content identified.*

Blue Shield International [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://theblueshield.org/category/bsi-international-news/ BS International News

BSI: 2023 – A Year in Review

We are excited to share our Annual Review of 2023 with you! Professor Peter Stone, President of the Blue Shield Movement, takes a 26 February 2024

BRAC [to 02 Mar 2024] http://www.brac.net/#news Latest No new digest content identified.

Clubhouse International [to 02 Mar 2024]

http://www.clubhouse-intl.org/news.html

News/Events

Announcing World Seminar 2024: Sept. 14-19, in Richmond, BC, Canada!

We are excited to announce that we will be holding our next Clubhouse International World Seminar, co-hosted by Pathways Clubhouse, on September 14-19, 2024, in Richmond, British Columbia, Canada! We hope you will join us!

Danish Refugee Council [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://pro.drc.ngo/resources/news/?t=Press+Release Press Releases No new digest content identified.

ECPAT [to 02 Mar 2024] https://ecpat.org/news/ *ECPAT News No new digest content identified.*

EIFL – Electronic Information for Libraries [to 02 Mar 2024]

<u>https://www.eifl.net/news</u> *EIFL works with libraries to enable access to knowledge for education, learning, research and sustainable community development No new digest content identified.*

Fountain House [to 02 Mar 2024] https://www.fountainhouse.org/news

News **Five Fountain House Members Featured in New MoMA Exhibition** February 27, 2024

GE2P2 Global Foundation [to 02 Mar 2024]

www.ge2p2.org

News/Analysis/Publications-Digests/Statements

- :: Vaccines and Global Health: The Week in Review Current edition
- :: Informed Consent: A Monthly Review March 2024
- :: <u>Genomic Medicine Governance, Ethics, Policy, Practice: A Monthly Digest</u> Oct 2023
- :: Public Consultations Watch :: Global Calls for Input/Public Comment 14 February 2024 Issue 13

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://hi.org/en/

News

Rehabilitation needs growing rapidly in Gaza

Emergency / Rehabilitation / Palestine | PUBLISHED ON February 26th 2024

As violence rages in Gaza, the number of injured people is soaring. Many are at risk of permanent disability.

Heifer International [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.heifer.org/blog/newsworthy/index.html

News No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.helpage.org/newsroom/latest-news/

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

Silent struggles: The unseen impact of UNRWA defunding on Gaza's older generation

1 March 2024

The decision by twenty major donors to withdraw funding from the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinians in the Middle East (UNRWA) has sent shockwaves through the humanitarian landscape.

ICRC [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.icrc.org/en/whats-new What's New [Selected]

Update of customary IHL database – February 2024

In February 2024, we updated the customary IHL database to include additional practice from Brazil and the Philippines. 27-02-2024 | Article

IFRC [to 02 Mar 2024] http://media.ifrc.org/ifrc/news/press-releases/ *Press Releases [Selected]* No new digest content identified.

International Medical Corps (IMC)

https://internationalmedicalcorps.org/stories-and-news/ Selected Press Releases/Updates/Alerts Video

Responding in Conflict Zones: Ukraine, Gaza

February 28, 2024

International Medical Corps experts review the challenges of responding in conflict zones, and what we have achieved so far.

Story

Growing a Healthier Tomorrow

February 27, 2024

When Tamenech Assale wakes up in her village in Ethiopia, she thinks about the eight children who rely on her. She's a mother and grandmother, and she and her farmer husband struggle to provide for them. Their grandson, Tesfahun, whose mother left the family and whose father is away because of military service, was suffering ...

Story

One-Year On: Syria & Türkiye Earthquakes

February 26, 2024

On February 6, 2023, two earthquakes—7.8- and 7.5-magnitude—struck Syria and Türkiye, followed by more than 570 aftershocks over the next 24 hours. The earthquakes resulted in: more than 56,000 deaths, with many thousands more injured nearly 245,000 buildings being damaged or completely destroyed the displacement of 5.6 million people an estimated \$39.3 billion in damages ...

IRC [International Rescue Committee] [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.rescue.org/media-center

Media highlights

Statement

Joint NGO Statement: as U.N. General Assembly meets to discuss the situation in the occupied Palestinian territory, Member States must restore funding to UNRWA March 1, 2024

Press Release

NGOs call for the UN Security Council to urgently convene and pass a Resolution demanding an immediate and sustained ceasefire following yesterday's UN Security Council meeting on the risk of conflict induced famine in Gaza February 28, 2024

Press Release

Urgent action needed to prevent starvation in Gaza; IRC and MAP call for an immediate ceasefire and scale up of aid

February 28, 2024

Press Release

Sudan: IRC faces an over 40% increase in aid shipping costs amid Red Sea disruption. February 28, 2024

IRCT [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://irct.org/

News

No new digest content identified...no apparent website areas for news or announcements except for X/twitter account

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.islamic-relief.org/

Press Releases

News

Sudan's Ongoing Internet Blackout Threatens Aid Delivery as Starvation Rises

March 1, 2024

Vital food aid for some of Sudan's poorest people has been halted due the country's ongoing internet and phone blackout, Islamic Relief says. Much of the country is affected by the blackout, which began 3 weeks ago (7 February) and has disrupted communication, bank transfers, electronic payments and vital humanitarian aid distributions. Islamic...

Occupied Palestinian Territory News

More than 100 killed while desperately trying to get food aid in Gaza

February 29, 2024

Today's killing of more than 100 desperate Palestinians trying to get food for their starving families is a shocking new low in the crisis and comes as people are being starved to death, Islamic Relief says. It shows yet again why there must be an immediate ceasefire. The scenes in northern Gaza today...

Occupied Palestinian Territory News

Another shameful milestone in Gaza as 100,000 people killed or wounded

February 27, 2024

The massacre in Gaza has passed another shameful milestone, with more than 100,000 Palestinians now killed or wounded since 7 October 1 - as civilians are attacked at a faster rate than during any conflict this century, in full view of the international community. Ongoing Israeli attacks together with starvation and disease outbreaks mean...

Landsea [to 02 Mar 2024] http://www.landesa.org/press-and-media-categories/press-releases/ What's New No new digest content identified.

Mercy Corps [to 02 Mar 2024] http://www.mercycorps.org/press-room/releases News Releases & Alerts March 01, 2024 NGOs Call on U.N. General Assembly Member States to Restore Funding to UNRWA

In light of the ongoing humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza and the Israeli advance on Rafah, the last refuge for more than...

February 29, 2024

Statement on Today's Horrific Violence in Gaza at Food Distribution

Statement from Mercy Corps CEO Tjada D'Oyen McKenna: "I am once again trying to find the words to describe my horror at...

February 29, 2024

Joint NGO Statement: EU and Member States Must Sustain Funding to UNRWA

In light of the ongoing humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza and the Israeli advance on Rafah, the last refuge for more than...

February 28, 2024

NGOs Urgently Call for UN Security Council Resolution For Ceasefire Amid Risks of Conflict-Induced Famine in Gaza

The UN Security Council (UNSC) has received a stark warning of the consequences of inaction regarding the crisis in Gaza...

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 02 Mar 2024]

http://www.msf.org/ Latest [Selected Announcements] Gaza-Israel war People killed in Gaza City while waiting for food aid Statement 29 Feb 2024

Central American Migration <u>Lack of action sees sharp rise in sexual violence on people transiting Darien Gap</u> Press Release 29 Feb 2024

Zambia

MSF responds to a surge in cholera in Zambia amid regional outbreaks Project Update 28 Feb 2024

Belarus

Two years of response to the acute humanitarian crisis at EU's eastern borders Project Update 28 Feb 2024

Gaza-Israel war <u>Attacks on humanitarian workers in Gaza make vital assistance nearly impossible</u> Project Update 27 Feb 2024

Cholera

Responding to cholera is a multipronged approach Interview 23 Feb 2024

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 02 Mar 2024] http://www.nrc.no/ Latest News Joint NGO Statement: EU and Member States must sustain funding to UNRWA 29. Feb 2024 | Palestine

Gaza: trapped civilians facing bombardment and starvation

29. Feb 2024 | Palestine

OXFAM [to 02 Mar 2024] https://www.oxfam.org/en/ Press Releases/Stories No new digest content identified.

Pact [to 02 Mar 2024] http://www.pactworld.org/ Latest News & Highlights Q&A: Understanding women's roles and barriers to participation in artisanal and smallscale mining February 27, 2024

Partners In Health [to 02 Mar 2024] https://www.pih.org/news News & Stories No new digest content identified.

PATH [to 02 Mar 2024] https://www.path.org/media-center/ Newsroom No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 02 Mar 2024] http://plan-international.org/about-plan/resources/media-centre

News No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 02 Mar 2024] https://www.savethechildren.net/news News 1 March 2024 - Bolivia Floods and landslides disrupt the lives of 40,000 children in Bolivia – Save the Children

29 February 2024 - occupied Palestinian territory <u>"While children die from lack of food, their parents are killed trying to get it for them" -</u> <u>Save the Children</u>

29 February 2024 - Philippines <u>Jump of 35 % in teen pregnancies in the Philippines prompts calls to increase sex</u> <u>education and health services</u>

29 February 2024 - occupied Palestinian territory Palestinian children in Israeli military detention report increasingly violent conditions 28 February 2024 - Brazil Save the Children expands programming for vulnerable children with new Country Office in Brazil

Tostan [to 02 Mar 2024] http://www.tostan.org News & Stories No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.womenforwomen.org/blogs Articles The Power of Art for Activism March 1, 2024

 World Vision
 [to 02 Mar 2024]

 https://www.worldvision.org/about-us/media-center

 Press Releases & Resources

 Food prices continue to rise in world's poorest countries, putting the most vulnerable

 children at risk, warns World Vision

February 29, 2024 Marcus Hiebert

Highlights: Nine of the 10 countries experiencing the highest food prices compared to average wages are in sub-Saharan Africa, where many also experience the effects of protracted conflicts, climate extremes and displacement. Of the five countries where food prices are highest, none have seen...

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Electronic Frontiers Foundation [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.eff.org/updates?type=press_release Our Work Press Release | January 31, 2024 Dozens of Rogue California Police Agencies Still Sharing Driver Locations with Anti-Abortion States

California Attorney General Rob Bonta should crack down on police agencies that still violate Californians' privacy by sharing automated license plate reader information with out-of-state government agencies, putting abortion seekers and providers at particular risk, the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) and the state's American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) affiliates urged...

Freedom House [to 02 Mar 2024] https://freedomhouse.org/news-perspectives/press-releases-statements News Releases & Statements NEW REPORT: Africa Marks a Decade of Decline in Freedom, with 2023 Being Marred by Electoral Violence and Civil Conflict February 29, 2024 NEW REPORT: Freedom in the Middle East Remains Out of Reach for Most as Israel and the Gaza Strip Experienced the Region's Sharpest Setbacks February 29, 2024

NEW REPORT: Freedom in Europe Declined in 2023 as Corruption, Dysfunction, and **Worsening Transparency Marred Democratic Institutions** February 29, 2024

International Media Freedom and Human Rights Organisations Demand Release of Journalist Dicle Müftüoğlu in Upcoming Trial February 29, 2024

Statement by Human Rights Groups on the Unjust Verdict and Sentence in Politically Motivated Case Against Russian Human Rights Defender Oleg Orlov February 27, 2024

Rights Groups Letter to F1 CEO Ahead of Bahrain Grand Prix: 20 Years of Sportswashing February 26, 2024

Human Rights Watch [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.hrw.org/

Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements March 3, 2024

Irag: Unregistered Marriages Harm Women and Children

Religious leaders in Irag conduct thousands of marriages each year, including child marriages, that flout Iragi laws and are not officially registered. "My Marriage was Mistake after Mistake"

Cambodia

February 28, 2024 News Release Cambodia: Carbon Offsetting Project Violates Indigenous Group's Rights

Türkive February 29, 2024 News Release Syria: Abuses, Impunity in Turkish-Occupied Territories

Middle East/North Africa February 29, 2024 News Release Saudi Arabia: Migrant Workers' Long Overdue Wages at Risk

Transparency International [to 02 Mar 2024] https://www.transparency.org/en/news News No new digest content identified.

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ChildFund Alliance [to 02 Mar 2024] https://childfundalliance.org/

Newsroom No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 02 Mar 2024] http://concordeurope.org/ Latest News and Events Towards transparency and diversity? Raising awareness of challenges of NDICI-Global Europe for CSOs Feb 27, 2024 | Financing / funding for sustainable development, Financing for Development

The Elders [to 02 Mar 2024] https://theelders.org/news-insight News, Media Releases No new digest content identified.

Evidence Aid [to 02 Mar 2024]
Evidence Aid aims to save lives and livelihoods in disasters by providing decision-makers with the best available evidence and by championing its use.
<u>http://www.evidenceaid.org/</u> *Resources [Selected]*<u>Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on sedentary time in children and adults</u>
Added March 2, 2023

School closures and mental health among children and adolescents during COVID-19 Added March 1, 2024

Lifestyle- interventions for people from South Asia with type 2 diabetes living in highincome countries Added February 29, 2024

<u>Interventions to improve childhood immunisation coverage in low- and middle-income</u> <u>countries</u> Added February 24, 2024

Gavi [to 02 Mar 2024] https://www.gavi.org/ News Releases 28 February 2024 Lao PDR receives over 650,000 doses of measles and rubella vaccine with support from Gavi

The donation by Gavi, targeting over 600,000 children aged under five, comes at a time when measles cases are on the rise globally due to low vaccination rates among children from hard-to-reach communities who face multiple deprivations and vulnerabilities.

27 February 2024

PAHO and Gavi collaborate to inform countries about New Vaccine Introductions

27 February 2024

<u>Nearly US\$ 20 million made available to improve health care services through agreements</u> <u>between Government of Pakistan, Gavi and UNICEF</u>

Global Fund [to 02 Mar 2024] No new digest content identified. https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/news/ News & Stories No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 02 Mar 2024] https://icvanetwork.org/ Latest Resources/Upcoming Events ICVA 2024 Annual Conference & 16th General Assembly 20 and 21 March 2024...

InterAction [to 02 Mar 2024] http://www.interaction.org/ Latest Updates Crises & Countries in Conflict Members Statements: Israeli Forces Open Fire on Palestinians Seeking Food Aid in Gaza

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.3ieimpact.org/ What's New/Events No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 02 Mar 2024] http://chsalliance.org/ Our Impact/Events No new digest content identified.

Development Initiatives [to 02 Mar 2024]

<u>http://devinit.org/</u> *News No new digest content identified.*

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Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action

(ALNAP) [to 02 Mar 2024] http://www.alnap.org/ News, Events No new digest content identified.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 02 Mar 2024]

http://www.dec.org.uk/media-centre LATEST PRESS RELEASES No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF [to 02 Mar 2024]

http://www.elrha.org/resource-hub/news/ News

We announce our new chair of trustees for 2024

27/02/2024

We are pleased to announce key changes to our board of trustees and leadership. Dr Jane Cocking OBE becomes chair as Margie Buchanan-Smith steps down, along with Andrew Shellard, Treasurer, and Andy Katz, Trustee. We look forward to announcing our new trustees stepping into these roles in the coming months...

Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies [nee CERAH] - [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://humanitarianstudies.ch/ News No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 02 Mar 2024] https://www.urd.org/en/ Publications, Events, News No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 02 Mar 2024]

<u>https://ihsa.info/</u> *News No new digest content identified.*

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 02 Mar 2024] <u>https://inee.org/</u> *News/Events* <u>Webinar on Understanding MHPSS & Situational Analysis in Gaza</u>

Join INEE for this Arabic and English webinar on **March 5 at 1pm UTC**. It aims to foster a safe space to hold a conversation around the unprecedented MHPSS situation in Gaza and catalyze efforts to address the mental health and psychosocial needs of the population affected by the war.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 02 Mar 2024] https://phap.org/ Association news, events No new digest content identified. Sphere [to 02 Mar 2024] https://spherestandards.org/news/ News

New working arrangement to bring closer collaboration between CHS Alliance and Sphere

01 March 2024 | Sphere Sphere and CHS Alliance will be co-locating from 1 March 2024 in a move designed to increase effectiveness and collaboration. Both network organisations are part of the Humanitarian Standards Partnership (HSP) and have been working closely together...

Start Network [to 02 Mar 2024] https://startnetwork.org/news-and-blogs News and Blog No new digest content identified.

Unitaid [to 02 Mar 2024] https://unitaid.org/ Featured News No new digest content identified.

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Brookings [to 02 Mar 2024] http://www.brookings.edu/ *Research* **Hutchins Center Fiscal Impact Measure** U.S. Economy February 29, 2024

Building Better: How real estate developers can create more inclusive catalytic

development projects *Placemaking* Ryan Donahue, Jennifer S. Vey, Tracy Hadden Loh February 29, 2024

Economic inequalities among college graduates are linked to college major choice

Education Dick Startz February 29, 2024

(Dis)information wars

Technology Policy & Regulation Adrian Casillas, Maryam Farboodi, Layla Hashemi, Maryam Saeedi, Steven Wilson February 29, 2024

Climate tax policy reform options in 2025

Climate Policy John Bistline, Kimberly Clausing, Neil R. Mehrotra, James Stock, Catherine Wolfram February 27, 2024

Center for Global Development [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.cgd ev.org/ All Research [Selected] WORKING PAPERS

A New Vintage of Populism in Latin America? The Perils of the New Paradigm

Mauricio Cárdenas and Enrique Sanz Posse

February 23, 2024

As the politics of polarization gain traction and electoral support, a new vintage of populism is emerging in Latin America. This new version shares some aspects with the type of cultural populism now common in advanced economies that divides societies into antagonistic camps. But there are also imp...

Chatham House [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.chathamhouse.org/ Selected Analysis, Comment, Events

Independent Thinking: Iran's elections: What's at stake for the Middle East?

Iranians are boycotting the first elections since the death of Mahsa Amini. Why? And is the world ready for a nuclear Iran? Audio 1 March 2024

Expert comment

The Gaza war is testing Hezbollah's strategic capability

Hezbollah knows escalation would hurt Iran and erode its support in Lebanon, forcing it to prioritize survival over any effort to exploit the situation. 28 February 2024

Expert comment

The South African election campaign season marks a shift to a volatile new politics

ANC domination is anticipated to give way to national and provincial coalition deal-making between very different parties. But the constitution was designed to accommodate this change. 1 March 2024

Expert comment

Sweden brings benefits for NATO but accession delay raises difficult questions

Sweden's membership will strengthen NATO, but the delays associated with its accession has revealed several concerns about the credibility and future of the alliance. 27 February 2024

Council on Foreign Relations [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.cfr.org/media/news-releases New Releases [Selected] No new digest content identified.

CSIS [to 02 Mar 2024] https://www.csis.org/ Reports, Commentary [Selected] Food as the "Silent Weapon": Russia's Gains and Ukraine's Losses As Russia's war on Ukraine enters its third year, CSIS experts analyze new data on the growth of Russia's global agricultural market shares—and the extent to which it has forcefully diminished Ukraine's.

Report by Caitlin Welsh and Joseph Glauber — February 29, 2024

Supporting Ukraine's Private Sector during Wartime

During Russia's war against Ukraine, the private sector is playing a decisive role in Ukraine's economy, as companies are keeping the economy running by employing Ukrainians, transferring technology and know-how, and financing the government by paying taxes. Report by Romina Bandura, Ilya Timtchenko, and Austin Hardman — February 27, 2024

Green Industrial Policy: A Holistic Approach

Ilaria Mazzocco writes that U.S. policymakers face trade-offs in trade, climate, geopolitics, and domestic economic outcomes. They must approach policy with a more holistic assessment of the risks and opportunities of integrating climate strategy with economic policy. Brief by Ilaria Mazzocco — February 27, 2024

Skirting the Shores: China's New High-Tech Research Ship Probes the Waters around Taiwan

In late 2023, an advanced Chinese research vessel known as the Zhu Hai Yun circumnavigated Taiwan in a rare move that appears intended to challenge Taiwan and probe the environment around the island. This Hidden Reach Snapshot reveals the vessel's ties to China's military. Digital Report by Matthew P. Funaiole, Aidan Powers-Riggs, and Brian Hart — February 26, 2024

McKinsey Global Institute [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.mckinsey.com/mgi/overview Latest Research No new digest content identified.

ODI [Overseas Development Institute] [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://odi.org/en/publications/ *Publications [Selected]* **Decarbonising Ireland's building stock: how immigration policy can help solve workforce** <u>challenges</u> 29 February 2024 Working papers

Why aren't we there yet? Understanding and addressing donor barriers to localisation in climate adaptation

27 February 2024 Working papers

 Pew Research Center
 [to 02 Mar 2024]

 https://www.pewresearch.org/

 Latest Publications [Selected]

 short reads | Feb 28, 2024

 Who likes authoritarianism, and how do they want to change their government?

The share of the public that supports authoritarian systems ranges from 85% in India to 8% in Sweden.

Rand [to 02 Mar 2024] https://www.rand.org/pubs.html Published Research [Selected] No new digest content identified.

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 02 Mar 2024]

http://researchonresearch.org/ RoRI News, Events No new digest content identified.

Alan Turing Institute https://www.turing.ac.uk/news News The Alan Turing Institute welcomes over 50 new Turing Fellows to tackle societal challenges The new cohort of Turing Fellows will tackle science and innovation challenges, and support of

The new cohort of Turing Fellows will tackle science and innovation challenges, and support our work in skills and public engagement 01 Mar 2024

Urban Institute [to 02 Mar 2024] https://www.urban.org/publications New Research Publications - Selected

Research Report Examining Afghan Evacuees' Resettlement: Insights and Lessons for Future Humanitarian Populations March 1, 2024

Brief Navigating the Immigration System: Legal Service Providers Share Their Experience Assisting Afghan Evacuees March 1, 2024

The Wistar Institute [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.wistar.org/news/press-releases

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The Wistar Institute Appoints Max Berger to its Board of Trustees

PHILADELPHIA — (Feb 27, 2024) — The Wistar Institute, a global leader in biomedical research in cancer, immunology and infectious disease, is pleased to welcome Max Berger to its Board of Trustees...

World Economic Forum [to 02 Mar 2024]

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ISC / International Science Council [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://council.science/current/

ISC is a non-governmental organization with a unique global membership that brings together 40 international scientific Unions and Associations and over 140 national and regional scientific organizations including Academies and Research Councils. Latest Updates

Blogs

Support for the integrity of Argentina's science system

In an letter to the network of authorities of research institutions in Argentina (RAICyT), the ISC expresses its concern regarding the future of Argentina's science system. The ISC offers its assistance in working with local and regional communities to develop a robust science sector which contributes to Argentina's social, environmental and economic success.

The International Science Council (ISC) is deeply concerned that the current wave of decisions affecting Argentina's science system and infrastructure will be counterproductive. Specifically, the ISC notes:

- the closure of Argentina's Ministry of Science and Technology;
- the mass dismissal of administrative staff reported throughout Argentina's scientific institutions;
- the freezing of funding for Argentina's National Scientific and Technological Research Council (CONICET) and national universities to 2023 levels despite record inflation rates; and
- the discontinuation of national research grant payments.

The ISC recognizes the difficult position of Argentina's government as it seeks to restructure the country's economy. Science can prove very helpful to the choices the government needs to make in rebuilding the economy. Investment for social and economic growth is critical and science is core to every domain of national development. A well-funded science and technology sector is essential for fostering innovation, driving sustainable development, and building long-term economic resilience, as demonstrated by all the world's largest and most prosperous economies.

The ISC urges the government of Argentina to reconsider its recent decisions regarding the Argentinian science system. Advancing the country's capacity for science, research, development, and innovation is a prerequisite investment for the future socio-economic success of Argentina and its people.

Argentina has a proud history in science and the Argentine science community is a critical resource for current and future generations. The ISC stands ready to assist to build a stronger Argentine science system, one that can and does contribute to economic recovery, productivity, social development, and the wellbeing of all Argentinians.

The ISC also stands ready to ensure Argentinian science is represented at its upcoming Global Knowledge Dialogue for Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in Chile, 9-11 April 2024, presenting an opportunity for an open discussion on identifying regional scientific priorities, opportunities, and challenges, with a special emphasis on strategies for funding and executing sustainable science initiatives. See the official letter.

National Academy of Engineering - USA [to 02 Mar 2024] https://www.nae.edu/31222/MediaRoom Latest News & Press Releases Remembering John Brooks Slaughter, Visionary Engineer and Champion of Diversity in Engineering Mon, February 26, 2024

A visionary engineer who established himself as a champion of diversity in engineering and engineering education.

National Academy of Medicine - USA [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://nam.edu/programs/ News [Selected] No new digest content identified.

National Academy of Sciences - USA [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.nationalacademies.org/newsroom? News No new digest content identified.

National Endowment for the Humanities [U.S.] [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.neh.gov/newsroom?f%5B0%5D=news_type%3A281&f%5B1%5D=newsroom_content_ty pe%3Anews Newsroom No new digest content identified.

NIH [to 02 Mar 2024]
 <u>http://www.nih.gov/</u>
 News Releases
 <u>New antibodies target "dark side" of influenza virus protein</u>
 March 1, 2024 — NIH researchers explore hidden, vulnerable region of influenza neuraminidase.

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CIOMS – COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES [to 02 Mar 2024] <u>https://cioms.ch/</u> *News; Publications; Events No new digest content identified.*

Hastings Center [to 02 Mar 2024] https://www.thehastingscenter.org/for-media/ Press Releases, Events Events March 5, 2024, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm EST In Science We Trust? **INSERM** [to 02 Mar 2024] https://www.inserm.fr/en/home/ Press Releases No new digest content identified.

ICH [International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use] [to 02 Mar 2024] https://www.ich.org/

News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selective] No new digest content identified.

Nuffield Council on Bioethics [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.nuffieldbioethics.org/news News No new digest content identified.

World Medical Association [WMA] [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.wma.net/news-press/press-releases/

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World Medical Association Stands Firm in Support of Korean Medical Association Amid Government-Induced Crisis

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:: Foundation/Major Donor Watch

We will primarily monitor press/media releases announcing key initiatives and new research from a growing number of global foundations and donors engaged in the human rights, humanitarian response and development spheres of action. This Watch section is not intended to be exhaustive, but indicative.

Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://alleninstitute.org/news-press/

News No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.gatesfoundation.org/ideas/media-center Press Releases and Statements No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 02 Mar 2024]

http://www.emcf.org/capital-aggregation/blue -meridian-partners/

Blue Meridian Partners is a new capital aggregation collaboration that plans to invest at least \$1 billion in high-performance nonprofits that are poised to have truly national impact for economically disadvantaged children and youth. No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 02 Mar 2024]

http://www.aecf.org/newsroom/ Newsroom No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 02 Mar 2024] https://www.clintonfoundation.org/media-center/ News & Updates Press Release | Mar 01 2024 The Clinton Foundation 2023 Impact Report Captures a Year of Impact on Climate, Global Health, Economic Inclusion, Humanitarian Response, and More

Co Impact [to 02 Mar 2024] <u>www.co-impact.io</u> *Co-Impact is a global philanthropic collaborative for systems change focused on improving the lives of millions of people around the world. No new digest content identified.*

Ford Foundation [to 02 Mar 2024] https://www.fordfoundation.org/news-and-stories/news-and-press/ News & Press No new digest content identified.

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 02 Mar 2024] https://www.getty.edu/news/all/ Latest News New Volume Examines the Dynamic and Versatile Terracotta Pottery of the Greek, Moche, and Maya This Getty publication is the first to study the painted vessels of these three ancient cultures side by side Feb 28, 2024

GHIT Fund [to 02 Mar 2024] https://www.ghitfund.org/newsroom/press *Press Releases*

No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 02 Mar 2024] https://grameenfoundation.org/stories/press-releases *Press Releases No new digest content identified.*

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 02 Mar 2024]

http://hewlett.org/latest-updates/

Latest Updates [Selected]

A threat like none other: The development of cybersecurity policy and the role of the Hewlett Foundation

The Hewlett Foundation commissioned historian and author Garrett Graff to write a short history about the growth of the cybersecurity and policy field and the role the foundation played in the development. Graff traces the rise of major influences in cybersecurity policy from 1997 through 2023. The history digs into the major incidents, attacks, and...

Cyber By Garrett M. Graff March 1, 2024

Covering Cyber: Media Coverage of Cyber Issues 2020-2023 Update

The foundation commissioned scholars at George Washington University to research the media coverage of cyber issues. The reports aimed to help the Cyber Initiative measure the impact of the grantmaking for translating cyber policy issues to broader audiences. The final report in the series analyzed coverage from July 2020 through March 2023 and identified how... Cyber

By Sean Aday March 1, 2024

A Comparative Study of Interdisciplinary Cybersecurity Education

As part of reviewing the Cyber Initiative's impact, the foundation commissioned grantee partner the Center of Long-Term Cybersecurity to conduct a comparative study of interdisciplinary cybersecurity education and curricula. The study compiled publicly available information about a selection of 17 cybersecurity degree programs offered by our grantee partners. The study revealed important insights for university...

Cyber By Lisa Ho, Sahar Rabiei, and Drake White March 1, 2024

Summative evaluation of the Cyber Initiative

The Hewlett Foundation commissioned a final summative evaluation of the Cyber Initiative. The evaluation conducted by Informing Change found that the foundation played a role in building a more robust cyber field.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 02 Mar 2024]

<u>https://www.hhmi.org/news</u> *Press Room No new digest content identified.*

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 02 Mar 2024] http://www.hiltonfoundation.org/news *Press Releases No new digest content identified.*

IKEA Foundation [to 02 Mar 2024] https://www.ikeafoundation.org/

Press Releases No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.rwjf.org/en/about-rwjf/newsroom.html Latest News and Highlights No new digest content identified.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to02 Mar 2024]

https://www.kff.org/search/?post_type=press-release Newsroom

Since Dobbs, Few Large Firms Have Changed Their Plan's Abortion Coverage Policy

February 29, 2024 News Release

According to an analysis of responses to KFF's Employer Health Benefits Survey in 2023, relatively few (8%) large firms (with 200 or more workers) offering health benefits report reducing or expanding coverage for abortion since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade with the Dobbs v. Jackson ruling. Since...

<u>A Third of the Public View Racism as a Major Problem in Health Care; Larger Shares See</u> <u>Racism as a Major Problem in Politics, Criminal Justice, and Other Areas</u>

February 26, 2024 News Release

About a third (32%) of the public view racism as a major problem in health care, fewer than say the same about politics (56%), the criminal justice system (54%), and policing (51%), a new KFF report on the public's views of racism finds. The lower levels of perceived racism in...

Kellogg Foundation [to 02 Mar 2024] https://www.wkkf.org/news-and-media News & Media

The Teaching Well: Supporting and strengthening educators through Racial Healing Affinity Groups

Racial Equity Feb. 27, 2024

Aga Khan Foundation [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://the.akdn/en/resources-media/whats-new/press-release News Releases No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 02 Mar 2024]

http://www.macfound.org/ Press Releases/What We're Learning No new digest content identified.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.mellon.org/press News No new digest content identified.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.moore.org/news Recent News No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundations [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/newsroom Newsroom No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 02 Mar 2024]

http://www.packard.org/news/ News No new digest content identified.

 Pew Charitable Trusts
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 http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/about/news-room

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 As Avian Flu Hits Antarctic Peninsula, Global Leaders Must Take Action

Press Releases & Statements February 28, 2024 **Pew Names Scientists From 6 Countries as 2024 Fellows in Marine Conservation** *Press Releases & Statements* February 26, 2024 UK Expands Marine Protections in South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands

Press Releases & Statements February 26, 2024 <u>Pew Applauds Bureau of Land Management for Conservation of Public Lands in</u> <u>Southeastern Oregon</u>

Rockefeller Foundation [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/

News and Announcements

Rockefeller Foundation Announces New Chief Financial Officer

Press Releases

NEW YORK | February 26, 2024 — The Rockefeller Foundation announced that Keith Olson has been named Chief Financial Officer (CFO). He moves to The Rockefeller Foundation after more than a dozen years as Executive Vice President and CFO for the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR)...

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 02 Mar 2024]

http://www.sciencephilanthropyalliance.org/what-we-do/news/ "...a group of organizations working together to increase philanthropic support for basic scientific research on a global basis..." Emily Bolton Joins the Science Philanthropy Alliance as Chief Operating Officer 29 Feb 2024

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation [to 02 Mar 2024]

https://sloan.org/about/press Press Releases No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 02 Mar 2024] https://wellcome.org/

News. Opinion, Reports No new digest content identified.

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Candid [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 02 Mar 2024 https://candid.org/about/press-room?fcref=pg Press Releases/News February 29, 2024 What is going on in education philanthropy? Cutbacks and shifting strategies disrupt the field Source: Inside Philanthropy

Council on Foundations [to 02 Mar 2024]

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:: Journal Watch

The Sentinel will track key peer-reviewed journals which address a broad range of interests in human rights, humanitarian response, health and development. It is not intended to be exhaustive. We will add to those monitored below as we encounter relevant content and upon recommendation from readers. We selectively provide full text of abstracts and other content but note that successful access to some of the articles and other content may require subscription or other access arrangement unique to the publisher. Please suggest additional journals you feel warrant coverage.

AJOB Empirical Bioethics

Volume 15, 2023 Issue 1 <u>https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/uabr21/current</u> [Reviewed earlier]

AMA Journal of Ethics

Volume 26, Number 3: E195-273 Mar 2024 https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/critical-pedagogies-health-professions-education

Psychiatric Inpatient Environmental Architecture

Inpatient psychiatric units designed to reduce patients' risk of harm to self or others can compromise patients' comfort. Some environmental modifications prioritize safety by limiting patients' access to personal items. This set of clinical phenomena is not ethically neutral and should prompt us to carefully consider when and how patients' experiences of their care environments undermine therapeutic goals of their hospitalizations. This theme issue investigates which criteria we should use to assess and evaluate patients' risk of harm to self or others and which values we should rely upon to guide which iatrogenic harm risks we accept as products or byproducts of clinical and organizational environmental designs.

[New issue; No digest content identified]

American Journal of Human Genetics

Feb 01, 2024 Volume 111 Issue 2p211-402 https://www.cell.com/ajhg/current This Month in The Journal Alyson B. Barnes, Kylee L. Spencer, Sara B. Cullinan Human genetic variation influences susceptibility to infectious disease. Antibodies, stable biological markers of the response to infection, can be measured and leveraged to understand disease exposure, chronic infection state, and risk. Measured antibody titers in combination with genome-wide genotyping data can be used to identify common variants that influence both susceptibility and response to infectious disease. In this issue, Chong et al. perform a genome-wide association study of quantitative antibody responses to 45 antigens on the 9,611 individuals in the UK Biobank with both serology and imputed genetic data.

American Journal of Infection Control

March 2024 Volume 52 Issue 3 p261-380 <u>http://www.ajicjournal.org/current</u> Major Articles <u>COVID-19 testing and vaccination uptake among youth and young adults: Disparities by</u> <u>age, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity</u> Jiayi Xu, Shreya S. Narla, Shahin Davoudpour, Megan M. Ruprecht, Michael G. Curtis, Gregory Phillips II Published online: September 21, 2023 p312-319

State of the Science Reviews Pre-extensively drug-resistant and extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis in Latin America and the Caribbean: A systematic review and meta-analysis Esteban A. Alarcon-Braga, et al.

Published online: December 05, 2023 p349-357

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

March 2024 Volume 66 Issue 3 p389-572 <u>https://www.ajpmonline.org/current</u> [New issue; No digest content identified]

American Journal of Public Health

March 2024 114(3) <u>http://ajph.aphapublications.org/toc/ajph/current</u> [New issue; No digest content identified]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 110 (2024): Issue 2 (Feb 2024) <u>https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/110/2/tpmd.110.issue-2.xml</u> [Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

January 2024 Volume 177, Issue 1 <u>https://www.acpjournals.org/toc/aim/current</u> [Reviewed earlier]

Antiquity – A Review of World Archeology

Issue 397 - February 2024 <u>https://antiquity.ac.uk/latest</u> [New issue; No digest content identified]

Anti-Trafficking Review

No. 21 (2023) <u>https://antitraffickingreview.org/index.php/atrjournal/issue/view/32</u> *Anti-Trafficking Review is the first open access, peer reviewed journal dedicated to the issue of human trafficking. It explores trafficking in its broader context and intersections with gender, labour, and migration.*

Special Issue - COVID-19: Labour, Migration, and Exploitation

This Special Issue of Anti-Trafficking Review examines the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the lives of low-wage, migrant, and informal workers. With contributions from Australia, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Europe, Nigeria, Brazil and the United States, it describes the experiences of temporary migrants, victims of trafficking, sex workers, internally displaced persons, and LGBTQ asylum seekers with violence, exploitation, discrimination, racism, and (lack of) access to healthcare and social protections. It also highlights the work of civil society organisations who stepped in to provide lifesaving support to people abandoned by the state. Importantly, contributors draw lessons from the pandemic and make policy and practice recommendations how to ensure that future disasters do not have the same negative impact on human rights.

Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal

Volume 327 February 2024 <u>https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/327/suppl/C</u> [Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

http://resource-allocation.biomedcentral.com/ (Accessed 02 Mar 2024) [No new digest content identified]

BMC Health Services Research

http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmchealthservres/content (Accessed 02 Mar 2024) Individual and social determinants of COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy and uptake in Northwest Syria The COVID-19 outbreak devastated the fragmented health system in Syria, a war-torn country

The COVID-19 outbreak devastated the fragmented health system in Syria, a war-torn country, and exaggerated the demands for humanitarian assistance. COVID-19 vaccination was rolled out in Northwest Syria, an a... Authors: Orwa Al-Abdulla, Maher Alaref, Agneta Kallström and Jussi Kauhanen Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2024 24:265

Content type: Research Published on: 1 March 2024

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BMC Medical Ethics

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BMC Medicine

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BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcpregnancychildbirth/content (Accessed 02 Mar 2024) [No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles

(Accessed 02 Mar 2024)

Risk perception and trust in the relationship between knowledge and HPV vaccine hesitancy among female university students in China: a cross-sectional study

Cervical cancer poses a heavy health burden in China, with the second highest incidence and mortality rate among female tumors, yet human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination rate among female university students ...

Authors: Xing Chen, Lei Wang, Yan Huang and Luying Zhang Citation: BMC Public Health 2024 24:667 Content type: Research Published on: 1 March 2024

Health system barriers to the first dose of measles immunization in Ethiopia: a qualitative study

Ethiopia has made considerable progress toward measles elimination. Despite ongoing efforts, the country remains among those with the highest number of children missing their initial dose of measles vaccine, a...

Authors: Meron Addis, Wubegzier Mekonnen and Abiy Seifu Estifanos Citation: BMC Public Health 2024 24:665 Content type: Research Published on: 1 March 2024

<u>Text analysis of billboards and infographic graphics advertising COVID-19 on promoting</u> preventive behaviors and taking vaccination against the coronavirus pandemic and investigating the opinions of the Iranian adult population

Advertising is one of the most important solutions that health centers and medical services around the world use to try to encourage public opinion to create a positive attitude towards preventive measures and...

Authors: Fereshteh Mohamadpour, Gary Groot, Ardalan Askarian and Mehrdad Askarian

Citation: BMC Public Health 2024 24:651 Content type: Research Published on: 1 March 2024

Knowledge, risk perception and uptake of COVID-19 vaccination among internally displaced persons in complex humanitarian emergency setting, Northeast Nigeria

Owing to crowded and unsanitary conditions, internally displaced persons (IDPs) have an increased risk of COVID-19 infection. Adoption of COVID-19 preventive measures among this population is premised on accur...

Authors: Saheed Gidado, Melton Musa, Ahmed Ibrahim Ba'aba, Mark Rohit Francis, Lilian Akudo Okeke, Fatima Lawan Bukar, Patrick M. Nguku, Idris Suleman Hadejia, Isa Ali Hassan, Ibrahim Muhammad Bande, Martins Onuoha, Rabi Usman, Gideon Ugbenyo, Ntadom Godwin, Elsie Ilori, Aisha Aliyu Abulfathi...

Citation: BMC Public Health 2024 24:634 Content type: Research Published on: 28 February 2024

BMC Research Notes

http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcresnotes/content (Accessed 02 Mar 2024) [No new digest content identified]

BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine

February 2024 - Volume 29 - 1 <u>https://ebm.bmj.com/content/29/1</u> [Reviewed earlier]

BMJ Global Health

February 2024 - Volume 9 - 2 <u>https://gh.bmj.com/content/9/2</u> [Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists

January 2024 <u>https://thebulletin.org/magazine/2024-01/</u> [New issue; No digest content identified]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 102(3); 2024 Mar 1 <u>https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/issues/456622/</u> *Editorials* **Digital health solutions to improve health care: a call for papers** Divya Lakhotia, Rapeepong Suphanchaimat, Walaiporn Patcharanarumol, Alain Labrique, Viroj Tangcharoensathien Bull World Health Organ. 2024 Mar 1; 102(3): 150–150A. Published online 2024 Mar 1. doi: 10.2471/BLT.24.291451 PMCID: PMC10898284

2024 Global Symposium on Health Systems Research

Hirotsugu Aiga, Ikuo Takizawa, Stephanie M Topp, Hitoshi Murakami, Sarah Louise Barber, Yasuhiko Kamiya, Kumanan Rasanathan, Adnan A Hyder Bull World Health Organ. 2024 Mar 1; 102(3): 151–151A. Published online 2024 Mar 1. doi: 10.2471/BLT.24.291344 PMCID: PMC10898285

Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 50, Issue 2 March 2024 <u>https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/13652214/current</u> [Reviewed earlier]

Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal

Volume 50, Issue 1 January 2024 <u>https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/child-abuse-and-neglect/vol/146/suppl/C</u> [Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics

Volume 115, Issue 3 Pages: 375-626 March 2024 <u>https://ascpt.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/15326535/current</u> *Subcutaneous Biologics: Clinical Pharmacology and Drug Development* [Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Therapeutics

February 2024 Volume 46 Issue 2 p85-184 <u>http://www.clinicaltherapeutics.com/current</u> [New issue; No digest content identified]

Clinical Trials

Volume 21 Issue 1, February 2024 <u>https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/21/1</u> [Reviewed earlier]

Conflict and Health http://www.conflictandhealth.com/ [Accessed 02 Mar 2024] Implementation of lockdown, quarantine, and isolation measures in the context of COVID-19 among internally displaced persons in Burkina Faso: a qualitative study Authors: Kadidiatou Kadio, Antarou Ly, Adidjata Ouédraogo, Mohamed Ali Ag Ahmed, Sanni Yaya and Marie-Pierre Gagnon Content type: Research 1 March 2024

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 137 February 2024

https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/137/suppl/C [Reviewed earlier]

The CRISPR Journal

Volume 7, Issue 1 / February 2024 <u>https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/crispr/7/1</u> [Reviewed earlier]

Current Genetic Medicine Reports

Volume 11, issue 1-2, June 2023 <u>https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/volumes-and-issues/11-1</u> [Reviewed earlier]

Current Medical Research and Opinion

Volume 40, Issue 2 2024 <u>https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/icmo20/current</u> [Reviewed earlier]

Current Protocols in Human Genetics

https://currentprotocols.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/19348258 [Accessed 02 Mar 2024] [No new digest content identified]

Developing World Bioethics

Volume 24, Issue 1 Pages: 1-48 March 2024 <u>https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14718847/current</u> *Access to Essential Medicines for Global Health and the Human Right to Health EDITORIAL*<u>Morality and Access to Essential Medicines: Pairing the Theoretical and Practical</u> <u>Michael Da Silva SJD</u>, <u>Andreas Albertsen PhD</u>
Pages: 3-5
First Published: 08 February 2024

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Development in Practice

Volume 34, Issue 1, 2024 <u>http://www.tandf1nline.com/toc/cdip20/current</u> [Reviewed earlier]

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Volume 42, Issue 2 March 2024 https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677679/current https://journals.lww.com/co-infectiousdiseases/pages/currenttoc.aspx [New issue; No digest content identified]

Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 18 - 2024 https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/disaster-medicine-and-public-health-preparedness/latestissue [Reviewed earlier]

Disasters

Volume 48, Issue 1 January 2024 <u>https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677717/2024/48/1</u> [Reviewed earlier]

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Volume 25 Issue 2 13 February 2024 <u>https://www.embopress.org/toc/14693178/current</u> [Reviewed earlier]

Emerging Infectious Diseases

Volume 30, Number 2—February 2024 <u>http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/</u> [New issue; No digest content identified]

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Volume 45 December 2023 <u>https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/45/suppl/C</u> [Reviewed earlier]

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Volume 152 - 2024 <u>https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/epidemiology-and-infection/latest-issue</u> [Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & Human Research

Volume 46, Issue 1 Pages: 1-48 January–February 2024 https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/25782363/current

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Ethics & International Affairs

Volume 37 - Issue 4 - Winter 2023 <u>https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/ethics-and-international-affairs/latest-issue</u> [Reviewed earlier]

Ethics, Medicine and Public Health

Volume 31 (December 2023) <u>https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/ethics-medicine-and-public-health/vol/31/suppl/C</u> [Reviewed earlier]

The European Journal of Public Health

Volume 33, Issue 6, December 2023 <u>https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/33/6</u> [Reviewed earlier]

Food Policy

Volume 122 January 2024 https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/122/suppl/C [Reviewed earlier]

Food Security

Volume 15, Issue 6 December 2023 <u>https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/volumes-and-issues/15-6</u> [Reviewed earlier]

Forced Migration Review (FMR)

September 2023 https://www.fmreview.org/ukraine Ukraine: Insights and implications

The war on Ukraine has caused forced displacement on a scale and at a speed not witnessed in Europe since World War II. This issue seeks to address questions that have arisen out of the crisis, reflecting on the lessons learned from the immediate response and the implications for the international refugee and asylum system.

This issue is available in English, <u>Ukrainian</u> and <u>Russian</u>. We encourage you to share it with your networks.

Foreign Affairs

March/April 2024 Volume 103, Number 2 https://www.foreignaffairs.com/issues/2023/103/2 Reviews and Responses Who's Afraid of Freedom? The Fight for Liberalism's Future Helena Rosenblatt

Forum for Development Studies

Volume 51, 2023 - Issue 1 <u>http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/sfds20/current</u> [Reviewed earlier]

Genetics in Medicines

Volume 26, Issue 2 February 2024 <u>https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/genetics-in-medicine/vol/26/issue/2</u> [Reviewed earlier]

Genome Medicine

https://genomemedicine.biomedcentral.com/articles [Accessed 02 Mar 2024] [No new digest content identified]

Geoheritage

Volume 15, issue 4, December 2023 <u>https://link.springer.com/journal/12371/volumes-and-issues/15-4</u> *Contents* [Reviewed earlier]

Global Health Action

Volume 17, Issue 1 (2024) <u>https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/zgha20/current?nav=tocList</u> [Reviewed earlier]

Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)

Vol. 12, No. 1 February 28, 2024 http://www.ghspjournal.org/content/current *COMMENTARIES* Open Access

Transforming Supply Logistics for Health Commodity Security in Africa

Ebenezer Kwabena Tetteh

Global Health: Science and Practice February 2024, 12(1):e2300218; https://doi.org/10.9745/GHSP-D-23-00218

Current efforts to ensure health commodity security in Africa must be extended to include transforming existing public and private logistics infrastructure for inventory management into a state of prudent multiplicity while also considering efforts to improve product selection, demand quantification, procurement, and service delivery.

Open Access

Addressing the Impact of Climate Change on Sexual and Reproductive Health Among Adolescent Girls and Young Women in Low- and Middle-Income Countries Paul A. Burns and Clive Mutunga Global Health: Science and Practice February 2024, 12(1):e2300374; https://doi.org/10.9745/GHSP-D-23-00374

There is an urgent need to better understand the role of climate change on sexual and reproductive health outcomes, particularly among adolescent girls and young women in low- and middle-income countries. Stakeholders at all levels should apply a rights-based, gendered approach to climate action and adaptation.

Viewpoint

Barriers to Decolonizing Global Health: Identification of Research Challenges Facing Investigators Residing in Low- and Middle-Income Countries

Nana Anyimadua Anane-Binfoh, Katelyn E. Flaherty, Ahmed N. Zakariah, Eric J. Nelson, Torben K. Becker and Taiba Jibril Afaa

Global Health: Science and Practice February 2024, 12(1):e2300269; https://doi.org/10.9745/GHSP-D-23-00269

The practice of global health is plagued by power structures favoring high-income countries. Efforts to decolonize global health must consider the systemic limitations that LMIC investigators face at local, national, and international levels.

REVIEWS

Open Access

When a Toolkit Is Not Enough: A Review on What Is Needed to Promote the Use and Uptake of Immunization-Related Resources

Samantha Jaffe, Ankita Meghani, Jessica C. Shearer, Ami Karlage, Megan B. Ivankovich, Lisa R. Hirschhorn, Katherine E.A. Semrau and Erin McCarville

Global Health: Science and Practice February 2024, 12(1):e2300343; https://doi.org/10.9745/GHSP-D-23-00343

While resources like toolkits and guidance play an important role in promoting adherence to evidence-based practice in the administration of routine immunization programs, simply creating these resources is not enough. More work is needed to understand how to promote uptake and use of these resources by routine immunization programs.

Global Legal Monitor & Legal Reports – Library of Congress/USA

https://www.loc.gov/collections/global-legal-monitor/ https://www.loc.gov/books/?q=legal+reports&fa=partof%3Alegal+reports+%28publications+of+the+l aw+library+of+congress%29&sb=date_desc [Accessed 02 Mar 2024] [No new digest content identified]

Global Public Health

Volume 19, Issue 1 (2024) <u>http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rgph20/current</u> [Reviewed earlier]

Globalization and Health

http://www.globalizationandhealth.com/ [Accessed 02 Mar 2024] [No new digest content identified]

Health and Human Rights

Volume 25, Issue 2, December 2023 https://www.hhrjournal.org/volume-25-issue-2-december-2023/ *Special Section: Economic Inequality and the Right to Health* [Reviewed earlier]

Health Economics, Policy and Law

Volume 19 - Issue 1 - January 2024 <u>https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/health-economics-policy-and-law/latest-issue</u> [Reviewed earlier]

Health Policy and Planning

Volume 38, Issue 10, December 2023 <u>https://academic.oup.com/heapol/issue/38/10</u> [Reviewed earlier]

Health Research Policy and Systems

http://www.health-policy-systems.com/content [Accessed 02 Mar 2024] [No new digest content identified]

Human Gene Therapy

Volume 35, Issue 3-4 / February 2024 <u>https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/hum/35/3-4</u> [Reviewed earlier]

Human Rights Quarterly

Volume 46, Number 1, February 2024 <u>https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/52013</u> *Table of Contents* [Reviewed earlier]

Humanitarian Practice Network

<u>https://odihpn.org/</u> *Featured Publications* [No new digest content identified]

Implementation Research and Practice

https://journals.sagepub.com/articles/IRP [Accessed 02 Mar 2024] [No new digest content identified]

Infectious Agents and Cancer

http://www.infectagentscancer.com/ [Accessed 02 Mar 2024] [No new digest content identified]

Infectious Diseases of Poverty

http://www.idpjournal.com/content [Accessed 02 Mar 2024] [No new digest content identified]

International Health

Volume 15, Issue 6, November 2023 <u>https://academic.oup.com/inthealth/issue/15/6</u> [Reviewed earlier]

International Human Rights Law Review

Volume 12 (2023): Issue 2 (Dec 2023) https://brill.com/view/journals/hrlr/12/2/hrlr.12.issue-2.xml *Table of Contents* [Reviewed earlier]

The International Journal of Children's Rights

Volume 31 (2023): Issue 4 (Dec 2023) <u>https://brill.com/view/journals/chil/31/4/chil.31.issue-4.xml</u> *Table of Contents* [Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Community Medicine and Public Health

Vol. 11 No. 3 (2024): March 2024
<u>https://www.ijcmph.com/index.php/ijcmph/issue/view/110</u> *Original Research Articles*<u>Association between the RTS,S/AS01 malaria vaccine and under-nutrition in children aged</u>
<u>10 to 59 months in Siaya County, Kenya</u>
Benard O. Ochieng, Shehu Awandu, Simon Kariuki, Alice Kamau, Benard Asuke, Asito Amolo, Dickens
O. Aduda, Erick Muok
1074-1082

DOI: 10.18203/2394-6040.ijcmph20240605

An evaluation of primary immunization coverage among 12-23 months children in an urban area of western Maharashtra: a community based cross sectional study Vilas S. Mane, Gajanan M. Jatti, Lagdir L. Gaikwad, S. M. Mulje 1188--1194 DOI: <u>10.18203/2394-6040.ijcmph20240618</u>

International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction

Volume 96 1 October 2023 <u>https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/international-journal-of-disaster-risk-reduction/vol/96/suppl/C</u> [Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Epidemiology

Volume 52, Issue 6, December 2023 <u>https://academic.oup.com/ije/issue</u> [Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Heritage Studies

Volume 30, 2023 Issue 3 <u>http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rjhs20/current</u> [Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare

Volume 17 Issue 1 2024 <u>https://www.emerald.com/insight/publication/issn/2056-4902/vol/17/iss/1</u> *Table of contents* <u>The human right to health, inclusion and essential health care packages in low income</u> <u>countries: "health for all" in Malawi</u> <u>been Gruppel Careb C. Magefield</u> Alan Mage

Jean Grugel, Sarah C. Masefield, Alan Msosa

Health in low-income countries has become associated with the provision of minimum guaranteed public health services though Essential Health Packages (EHPs). How far do EHPs...

International Migration Review

Volume 57 Issue 4, December 2023 <u>https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/mrxa/current</u> [Reviewed earlier]

International Review of Education– Journal of Lifelong Learning

Volume 69, Issue 6 December 2023 <u>https://link.springer.com/journal/11159/volumes-and-issues/69-6</u> *Articles* [Reviewed earlier]

International Review of the Red Cross

No. 924 December 2023 https://international-review.icrc.org/reviews/irrc-no-924-environment *Protecting the Environment in Armed Conflict* [27 articles]

In the context of the historical development of international humanitarian law (IHL), the specific protection of the environment is relatively recent. Still, in the almost fifty years since the first treaty rules emerged explicitly protecting the environment during armed conflict, modern understandings of the relationships among ecological and human health, on one hand, and the multi-layered and diverse threats that armed conflicts pose to the environment, on the other hand, have significantly advanced.

This issue of the International Review of the Red Cross delves into the many ways that conflict can adversely impact the environment. The articles within it develop thoughtful analysis regarding how the existing international legal framework protects the environment during armed conflict.

Intervention – Journal of Mental Health and Psychological Support in Conflict Affected Areas

October 2023 - Volume 21 - Issue 2 <u>https://journals.lww.com/invn/pages/currenttoc.aspx</u> [Reviewed earlier]

JAMA

February 27, 2024, Vol 331, No. 8, Pages 627-716 <u>https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/currentissue</u> [New issue; No digest content identified]

JAMA Health Forum

March 2024, Vol 5, No. 3 <u>https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama-health-forum/issue</u> [New issue; No digest content identified]

JAMA Pediatrics

February 2024, Vol 178, No. 2, Pages 104-208 <u>https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapediatrics/currentissue</u> [Reviewed earlier]

JBI Evidence Synthesis

February 2024 - Volume 22 - Issue 2 <u>https://journals.lww.com/jbisrir/Pages/currenttoc.aspx</u> [Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Adolescent Health

March 2024 Volume 74 Issue 3 p395-628 <u>https://www.jahonline.org/current</u> [Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research

Vol. 79 (2024) https://www.jair.org/index.php/jair *Contents* [Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Community Health

Volume 48, issue 6, December 2023

https://link.springer.com/journal/10900/volumes-and-issues/48-6 [Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Current Medical Research and Opinion

...a peer-reviewed, international journal for the rapid publication of original research on new and existing drugs and therapies, and post-marketing investigations. Equivalence, safety and efficacy/effectiveness studies are especially encouraged. Vol. 7 No. 01 (2024), January 2, 2024, Page 1988-1996 <u>https://www.cmro.in/index.php/jcmro/issue/view/75</u> [New issue; No digest content identified]

Journal of Cultural Heritage

Volume 64 Pages 1-314 (November–December 2023) <u>https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/journal-of-cultural-heritage/vol/64/suppl/C</u> [Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainable Development

Volume 13 Issue 3 <u>https://www.emerald.com/insight/publication/issn/2044-1266/vol/13/iss/3</u> *Special Issue: Towards practice-led research agendas for World Heritage properties* [Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Development Economics

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Feature article

The revised International Code of Medical Ethics: an exercise in international professional ethical self-regulation

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Abstract

The World Medical Association (WMA), the global representation of the medical profession, first adopted the International Code of Medical Ethics (ICoME) in 1949 to outline the professional duties of physicians to patients, other physicians and health professionals, themselves and society as a whole. The ICoME recently underwent a major 4-year revision process, culminating in its unanimous adoption by the WMA General Assembly in October 2022 in Berlin. This article describes and discusses the ICoME, its revision process, the controversial and uncontroversial issues, and the broad consensus achieved among WMA constituent members, representing over 10 million physicians worldwide. The authors analyse the ICoME, including its response to contemporary changes and challenges like ethical plurality and globalisation, in light of ethical theories and approaches, reaching the conclusion that the document is a good example of international ethical professional self-regulation.

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The Pandemic Treaty: shameful and unjust

The Lancet

The Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB), which is tasked under WHO with drawing up an international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response, will sit for the 9th and final time from March 18–29. In the 2 years since it first met, hundreds of hours and unknown costs have been spent, but the political impetus has died. The convention is now at a critical juncture: the final text for countries to ratify is due to be presented at the World Health Assembly in May. With only limited days of negotiation left and a long way to go to secure a meaningful agreement, it is now or never for a treaty that can make the world a safer place.

It is hard to remember sometimes, among the highly diplomatic and technical negotiations, but that is what this treaty is trying to do: to protect all people, in all countries, no matter how rich or poor, from harm. As The Lancet went to press, a new publicly available draft text was awaited, but judging from the most recently available version, from October, 2023, the treaty will fail in this aim. Much of the language is greatly weakened from the initial ambition, filled with platitudes, caveats, and the term "where appropriate". A key recommendation from the Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response, met with widespread support, was the need for a treaty that would "address gaps in international response, clarify responsibilities between States and international organisations, and establish and reinforce legal obligations and norms". At the heart of this recommendation was the need to ensure that high-income countries and private companies behave fairly, that they do not stockpile millions of excess doses of vaccine or refuse to share life-saving knowledge and products, and that there are mechanisms to ensure that countries work together rather than against each other. These issues still represent the broad sticking points in current negotiations: access and benefit sharing (who

gets what, how much, and when) and governance and accountability (to what degree are countries made to do something).

The word equity appears nine times in the October negotiating text, including as a guiding principle of the whole treaty. But in reality, Article 12 stipulates that WHO would have access to only 20% of "pandemic-related products for distribution based on public health risks and needs". The other 80%— whether vaccines, treatments, or diagnostics—would be prey to the international scramble seen in COVID-19 that saw vital health technologies sold to the highest bidder. Most of the world's peoples live in countries that might not be able to afford these products, but 20% seems to be all that high-income countries were willing to agree to. This is not only shameful, unjust, and inequitable, it is also ignorant. Creating and signing up to a strong and truly equitable set of terms on access and benefit sharing is not an act of kindness or charity. It is an act of science, an act of security, and an act of self-interest. There is still time to correct this misjudgment.

Even the anaemic commitments of the agreement are in jeopardy. Independent monitoring of whether countries are complying with their commitments is essential for the efficacy and longevity of the treaty. Yet, as the likes of Nina Schwalbe and colleagues have pointed out, all indications suggest that the governance and accountability mechanisms of the treaty are being further undermined. There is little in the way of clear enforceable obligations to prevent zoonotic disease outbreaks, implement One Health principles, strengthen health systems, or counter disinformation. Heads of states and the INB might not see pandemic governance as a priority now, but it is fundamental to the success of any agreement.

Creating a global convention acceptable to all is undoubtedly a challenge. The aims for a pandemic treaty are easy to articulate but many are difficult to enact and agree to. The INB might be doing its best, but ultimately it is the politicians of G7 countries who must put aside vested industry interests and finally understand that in a pandemic it is not possible to protect only your own citizens: the health of one depends on the health of all. Millions of lives that could have been saved during the COVID-19 pandemic were not. Far from making amends, a handful of powerful countries are sabotaging the best chance to translate the lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic into legally binding commitments that will protect us all. The treaty is an opportunity that must not be squandered.

Comment

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With renewal of the two countries' decades-long science pact still on hold, there is too much talk about the risks of collaboration — and too little about the benefits.

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Aguinis et al. review the literature on corporate social responsibility (CSR) at the individual level of analysis and propose a framework for organizing research around three categories: CSR perceptions, CSR attitudes and CSR actions.

Herman Aguinis, Deborah E. Rupp, Ante Glavas

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COVID-19 vaccination coverage for half a million non-EU migrants and refugees in England

The authors linked data from non-European Union migrants and resettled refugees to the national COVID-19 vaccination dataset in England, demonstrating disparities in vaccination timing and coverage. Rachel Burns, Sacha Wyke, Robert W. Aldridge

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Genomics for monitoring and understanding species responses to global climate change

Species and communities can respond to global climate change by genetically adapting to new environmental conditions, by shifting their range or through phenotypic plasticity. This Review summarizes approaches that apply and integrate omics tools to experimentally investigate, monitor and predict these species responses.

Louis Bernatchez, Anne-Laure Ferchaud, Amanda Xuereb

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<u>Geospatial and multilevel clustering of zero-dose children in Kikwit, Democratic Republic</u> of the Congo in 2022

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Abstract

Zero-dose children remain highly vulnerable to vaccine-preventable diseases and can sustain transmission even in highly vaccinated populations. The WHO Immunization Agenda 2030 has prioritised reaching out to these children. We assessed the spatial distribution of zero-dose children together with the associated risk factors in a provincial capital in the Democratic Republic of Congo. A cross sectional survey was conducted in the city of Kikwit between September 28 and October 14, 2022. Data were collected both at household and health area level. QGIS and SATscan were used to describe and identify hotspots among zero-dose children, and a mixed effect logistic regression model was used to identify risk factors. Overall, 1,863 children aged 12–23 months were enrolled. Kikwit city had a 16.3% zero-dose prevalence, with significant variation between and within health zones. Two hotspots were identified through geospatial analysis, each spanning multiple health areas. Multilevel analysis revealed significant clustering at health area level and found six associated risk factors. These include the absence of home visits by community health workers (aOR = 1.90), living more than a kilometre from a health centre (aOR = 1.95), the mother's lack of tetanus vaccination (aOR = 3.16), and inability to name a vaccine-preventable disease (aOR = 3.20). However, secondary (aOR = 0.56) or tertiary (aOR = 0.21) education of mothers/guardians and belonging to Bunda (aOR = 0.36) or Mbala (aOR = 0.52) ethnicity reduced the risk of zero-dose. We observed a high prevalence of zerodose children with a heterogeneous spatial distribution of epidemiological importance. Due to sub-zonal diversity, a health zone approach to reduce zero-dose immunization appears very limited. Zero-dose prevalence was related to the community health workers' home visit, to the distance of residence to a health centre and to household-level factors. Geospatial results could help in targeting priority health areas and communities for vaccination.

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PNAS - Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States February 27, 2024 vol. 121 no. 9 <u>https://www.pnas.org/toc/pnas/121/9</u> *Research Article* February 22, 2024 <u>A Turing test of whether AI chatbots are behaviorally similar to humans</u> <u>Qiaozhu Mei, Yutong Xie,[...] Matthew O. Jackson</u> *Significance* As AI interacts with humans on an increasing array of tasks, it is important to understand how it behaves. Since much of AI programming is proprietary, developing methods of assessing AI by observing its behaviors is essential. We develop a Turing test to assess the behavioral and personality traits exhibited by AI. Beyond administering a personality test, we have ChatGPT variants play games that are benchmarks for assessing traits: trust, fairness, risk-aversion, altruism, and cooperation. Their behaviors fall within the distribution of behaviors of humans and exhibit patterns consistent with learning. When deviating from mean and modal human behaviors, they are more cooperative and altruistic. This is a step in developing assessments of AI as it increasingly influences human experiences.

Abstract

We administer a Turing test to AI chatbots. We examine how chatbots behave in a suite of classic behavioral games that are designed to elicit characteristics such as trust, fairness, risk-aversion, cooperation, etc., as well as how they respond to a traditional Big-5 psychological survey that measures personality traits. ChatGPT-4 exhibits behavioral and personality traits that are statistically indistinguishable from a random human from tens of thousands of human subjects from more than 50 countries. Chatbots also modify their behavior based on previous experience and contexts "as if" they were learning from the interactions and change their behavior in response to different framings of the same strategic situation. Their behaviors are often distinct from average and modal human behaviors, in which case they tend to behave on the more altruistic and cooperative end of the distribution. We estimate that they act as if they are maximizing an average of their own and partner's payoffs.

PNAS Nexus

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Envisioning the future of the AI research ecosystem

Sethuraman Panchanathan PNAS Nexus, Volume 3, Issue 2, February 2024, pgae021, https://doi.org/10.1093/pnasnexus/pgae021

Extract

The time to think critically about how we responsibly and equitably develop and deploy AI is now. Artificial intelligence is set to transform innovation, science, and society. The complexity of AI lies in integrating data, software, models, and, most importantly, human knowledge and talent. The responsibility lies with all of us to safely integrate AI systems into society and the research ecosystem. As director of the U.S. National Science Foundation, I am acutely aware of the pivotal role our agency plays in fostering AI research and development that accelerates scientific discovery, adheres to ethical and equitable best practices, and upholds our democratic values. We envision that the future AI research ecosystem will be defined by several characteristics: democratized access to computational power, data, sophisticated software, and models across academia, industry, and small businesses; interdisciplinary collaboration across the humanities, physical sciences, social sciences, and engineering disciplines; and global governance frameworks setting standards for international collaboration.

Applied Physical Sciences

Controlling bad-actor-artificial intelligence activity at scale across online battlefields

Neil F Johnson and others

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Abstract

We consider the looming threat of bad actors using artificial intelligence (AI)/Generative Pretrained Transformer to generate harms across social media globally. Guided by our detailed mapping of the

online multiplatform battlefield, we offer answers to the key questions of what bad-actor-AI activity will likely dominate, where, when—and what might be done to control it at scale. Applying a dynamical Red Queen analysis from prior studies of cyber and automated algorithm attacks, predicts an escalation to daily bad-actor-AI activity by mid-2024—just ahead of United States and other global elections. We then use an exactly solvable mathematical model of the observed bad-actor community clustering dynamics, to build a Policy Matrix which quantifies the outcomes and trade-offs between two potentially desirable outcomes: containment of future bad-actor-AI activity vs. its complete removal. We also give explicit plug-and-play formulae for associated risk measures.

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The neuroscience of human empathy for pleasure and positive affect is an emergent, scarcely addressed topic. The main aim of this scoping review is to map the impact of this new research domain on the field of social and affective neuroscience. Authors: Manuel Mello, Martina Fusaro and Salvatore Maria Aglioti

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Arsenio Dominguez

In past decades, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) has worked successfully with Member States and the shipping industry to combat and reduce incidents of piracy and armed robbery, including through building the capacity of countries in the relevant regions to enhance their maritime domain awareness, information-sharing and collaboration.

Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies

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World Heritage

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Carlo Fischer, et al.

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... Unilateral travel bans were poorly effective because by the time they came into effect, BA.1 was already widespread in Africa and beyond. PCR-based variant typing combined with mobility-based mathematical modelling can inform rapidly and cost-efficiently on Rt, spread to inform non-pharmaceutical interventions.

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George Makris Abstract Background

The emergency context of the Covid-19 pandemic necessitated the use of national and international public health measures of unprecedented scale to minimize mortality and morbidity, often in conflict with other principles and rights, such as the autonomy of individuals. Concerns have been voiced that for populations facing precarity, such as migrants, a disproportionate and unfair application of restrictive measures, deficient application of protective measures, and even enforcement of restrictive migration policies under the pretext of the pandemic has occurred.

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