Regional Central Asia Safety of Journalists Event

Beyond the headlines: protecting journalists to advance media freedom

26-27 June 2024

Almaty, Kazakhstan

AGENDA

Wednesday, 26 June	
19:00 - 21:00	**Networking reception**

Thursday, 27 June	
9:00 - 9:30	**Registration**
9:30 - 9:50	**Opening remarks** ▪ **Teresa Ribeiro**, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media ▪ **H.E. Roman Vassilenko,** Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan ▪ **H.E. Kanat Iskakov,** Vice Minister of Culture and Information of the Republic of Kazakhstan
9:50 - 9:55	**Keynote speech** ▪ **Darin Solod**, Editor in Chief at Hook.report, Uzbekistan
9:55 - 10:40	**Stage conversation: Why safety of journalists is key for media freedom and democracy in the digital age** ▪ **Teresa Ribeiro**, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media ▪ **Karlygash Jamankulova**, President, Adil Soz, Kazakhstan ▪ **Begaim Usenova**, Director, Media Policy Institute, Kyrgyzstan

	Moderator: **Ton Van Den Brandt**, RFoM Office
10:40 - 11:00	***Coffee break***
11:00 - 13:00	**Workshop on digital safety: Equipping journalists with practical tools, techniques and knowledge to protect their data and personal safety from digital security risks** **Trainers:** ▪ **Moldir Utegenova (MediaNet),** moderator ▪ **Anastasiya Zhyrmont (Access Now),** EECA Policy Manager at Access Now ▪ **Artem Tarasov (Internews),** Digital Security Consultant for Internews GIF Project Language of instruction Russian/English. This workshop aims to help media professionals to (1) design risk reduction strategies and protocols to prevent cyberattacks; (2) protect their information, data confidentiality, devices and communications against digital security risks; and (3) counter online harassment. In addition to providing digital know-how and resources/tools, the workshop will cover gender-based, psycho-social and physical aspects.
13:00 - 14:30	***Lunch break***
14:30 - 15:30	**World café: Showcasing good initiatives and practices for the protection of journalists' digital and psychological safety** ▪ **Table 1: Safety of Journalists Toolbox** Presenter: **Cecilia Lagomarsino**, RFoM Office ▪ **Table 2: Regional Coalition of National Associations of Women Journalists in Tajikistan** Presenter: **Gulnora Amirshoeva**, Head, Association of Female Journalists

	▪ **Table 3: Safety of Female Journalists Online (SOFJO) project and new tool: Guidelines for monitoring online violence against female journalists** Presenter: **Paloma Madrigal**, RFoM Office ▪ **Table 4: Summer Media Master School on media literacy and artificial intelligence** Presenter: **Jyldyz Tologon Kyzy**, OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek ▪ **Table 5: Campaign on Cybersecurity: Building Cyber Resilience Across Communities.** Presenter: **Moldir Utegenova,** MediaNet ▪ Moderator and summary report-out: **Bettina Ruigies**, RFoM Office Structure of the world café session: Four rounds of conversations/discussions per table, 20 min each, focusing on select initiatives/practices. Coffee break after first 2 rounds of conversations. At the end of the final round, the aim is to have one report-out summarizing the key takeaways from each group conversation.
15:30 - 16:00	*Coffee break*
16:00 - 16:45	**World café: Showcasing good initiatives and practices for the protection of journalists' digital and psychological safety –** continuation and summary report-out
16:45 - 17:05	**Stage talk: Why newsrooms need to prioritize journalists' safety?** ▪ **Gulmira Sultanbayeva**, Professor, Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Head of Press and Digital Media Department of the Faculty of Journalism.
17:05 - 17:15	**Takeaways from the event** ▪ **H.E. Kanat Iskakov,** Vice Minister of Culture and Information of the Republic of Kazakhstan ▪ **Teresa Ribeiro**, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media