CI Who's Who?

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CI also hosts the Secretariat for the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC) and the Secretariat for the Information for All Programme (IFAP).

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The Division is also responsible for mobilizing international support for the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC) and, in this context, for assisting UNESCO’s Member States in the development of free, independent and pluralistic media, in line with the Media Development Indicators (MDI) and Internet Universality Indicators.

It is responsible for setting standards for journalism education and for supporting the role of media in fostering inclusive dialogue, especially in conflict-sensitive situations.

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The Division promotes the application of ICTs to enhance the quality of and access to education, build scientific knowledge, promote open access to scientific research results, and empower local communities.
The Division also promotes free and open source software, open web and open standards, as well as protects and digitize documentary heritage through the Memory of the World Programme. It fosters the role of libraries and archives and is responsible for further strengthening of the World Digital Library.

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