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The Freedom of Expression and Safety of Journalists Section is responsible for implementing the United Nations Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity and for monitoring Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicator 16.10.1 and global trends in freedom of expression, both online and offline.

The Section is in charge of awareness-raising campaigns for World Press Freedom Day (3 May) and the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists (2 November). It develops standard-setting frameworks for freedom of expression and freedom of the press at the national, regional and international levels, in contexts including online environments and conflict and post-conflict zones.

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The Section also works in the area of promoting access to information for minority communities, including persons with disabilities and indigenous peoples. The Section is responsible for the celebration of the International Day for Universal Access to Information (28 September) and the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (3 December).
Section for Media and Information Literacy and Media Development (CI/MID)

The Media and Information Literacy and Media Development Section deals mainly with its two eponymous issues. It does so through measures including youth and media policies, journalism education and support for community media.

The Section also addresses the issue of gender in the media, as well as media responses to terrorism, crises and natural disasters.

The Section is in charge of World Radio Day (13 February), Global Media and Information Literacy Week (24-31 October) and the Week of Sound.
The Digital Innovation and Transformation Section coordinates UNESCO’s intersectoral work on technological innovations, including artificial intelligence, particularly from the perspective of policies and institutional frameworks. It is responsible for programmes concerning open educational resources (OER), emerging technologies for sustainable development, and the framework for Internet universality. The Section is also responsible for implementation of the follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), including the Internet Governance Forum (IGF).
Section for Documentary Heritage Unit (CI/DHE)

A thematic unit dedicated to documentary heritage has been created to manage the Memory of the World Programme and strengthen its role in the identification, preservation and accessibility of documentary heritage. The unit also works on the digitization of documentary heritage at the national level and the preservation of software source code as heritage for sustainable development.

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