

EVENT BRIEF

ADVANCING INFORMATION INTEGRITY: GLOBAL LEARNING THROUGH AFRICAN EXPERIENCES

UNGA81 SIDE EVENT; CONFERENCE ROOM 11, UN HQ BUILDING; NEW YORK CITY.
13:00 – 14:30pm, 25th SEPTEMBER 2026.

EVENT OVERVIEW:

Information integrity has emerged as one of the defining challenges of the digital age. The rapid proliferation of misinformation, disinformation, and AI-generated false contents threatens democratic institutions and processes as well as national security; reduce public trust and undermines independent journalism and media freedom. The UN Secretary General, during the launch of the [UN Global Principles for Information Integrity](#) in June 2024, declared that threats to information integrity are “proliferating and expanding with unprecedented speed on digital platforms, supercharged by AI technologies.”

These challenges, however, also offer a range of opportunities for innovation and multisectoral collaborations to advance efforts around information integrity, media freedom and economic resilience of independent public interest media. In recent years for example, governments, media actors and civil society have collaborated to produce several multilateral and multistakeholder processes and mechanisms in response to the growing crisis of disinformation and manipulation of information.

It is against this backdrop that the Government Communications Office (GCO) and the Information Services Department (ISD) of Ghana has partnered with the [Media Freedom Coalition \(MFC\)](#), and the [International Fund for Public Interest Media \(IFPIM\)](#) to co-organize this 90-minute side event titled: **Advancing Information Integrity – Global Learning Through African Experiences**. This event is part of Ghana’s and its partners’ continued contribution to the global efforts to addressing the challenges of information integrity and media freedoms. It builds on Ghana’s commitments following its adoption of the [Paris Declaration on Multilateral Action for Information Integrity and Independent Media](#) in October 2025 along with 33 other countries across the world.

This event will gather government representatives, media professionals, civil society members, international organizations, and other stakeholders for a global dialogue and collaborative action on this critical challenge, drawing on both African and global experiences. The discussions will tease out actionable policy recommendations and practical solutions for governments, media organizations, and technology stakeholders. It will also focus on showcasing examples of initiatives that require support and scale, as well as exploring opportunities and risks associated with new technologies including AI. Experts will share insights on ongoing efforts to strengthen independent public interest media as one of many approaches for advancing information integrity, while engaging

across sectors to fostering a more trusted, inclusive, and resilient information ecosystem.

EVENT OBJECTIVES: WHY UNGA & WHY NOW?

The high-level week of the UN General Assembly provides multiple opportunities for actors and stakeholders from across different parts of the globe to converge and interact on major geopolitical issues. This year's UNGA theme focuses on rebuilding multilateral confidence amidst global changes. Drawing on this theme, the side event has convened African and global experts to share insights on how multilateral, and multistakeholder efforts are imperative for advancing innovative and sustainable initiatives for media freedom and information integrity. The discussions will examine the opportunities and risks presented by new technologies and artificial intelligence (AI). The event will seek to generate actionable policy insights and recommendations that will eventually enhance the resilience, independence, inclusiveness, and sustainability of public-interest media; and contribute to a more trusted, inclusive, and resilient global information ecosystem.

SPEAKERS:

Speakers for this side event will include journalists, media freedom advocates and practitioners, public interest media funders, policymakers and government representatives.

PARTICIPANTS AND KEY EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

The event is open to persons in New York City and with official accreditation to enter the UN Building during the UNGA high-level week. It will be held at **Conference Room 11** of the UNHQ building, which accommodates approximately 120–150 attendees. Due to security restrictions at the UNHQ Building during this period, in-person access may be limited to only accredited government ministers and senior officials; staff of UN agencies; representatives of AU organs and experts from media, journalism and academia. Also, practitioners working in the intersections of media, information integrity, technology and innovation are all invited to attend.

Key expected outcomes from this side event include a *Communiqué*, and a *Policy Brief on Information Integrity and Innovation*, which encapsulates the insights and recommendations from the discussions.

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