

International Partnership for Yemen
Supporting Journalism and Freedom of Expression on the Front Line
Monday 26th October, Brussels

Co-organisers: IFJ, Global Forum for Media Development, IMS
Hosts: IFJ
Venue: Press Club Brussels Europe

11:00– 13:00 Open meeting: Presentations on the situation in Yemen with focus on freedom of expression and human rights.

Speakers

Jim Boumelha, IFJ President

Marwan Dammaj, General Secretary of the Yemeni Journalists Syndicate (YJS) (Via skype).

Ramón Blecua, Head of Political Section of the EU Delegation to Yemen

Hafez Albukari, Ex-General Secretary of YJS - director of Yemen Polling Centre

Caroline Giraud, Coordinator of Global Forum for Media Development – GFMD

Nadia Alsakkaf, Yemen Minister of Information

Exchange of views and concerns from the participants

Q&A

Concluding Statement - Solidarity with journalists and human rights activists in Yemen.

Moderation: Monir Zaarour, IFJ MENA Coordinator

13.00-14:00 Lunch Break

Closed meeting

13.0 – 14.30

- On the methodology of coordination : what can be done & examples, by GFMD Coordinator Caroline Giraud 10 min
- Organisational reports, cases and priorities: Mapping of actors active in Yemen and areas of work (each presents 2 minutes) moderated by GFMD / IMS Andreas Sugar (1 hour)
- Discussion : identifying needs and priorities moderated by GFMD (20 min).

- **14:30 – 14:45 Coffee break**
- **14.45-16.00**
- Next steps
- coordination process
- Emergency and long term actions
- Which communication mechanism
- Next meetings
- Other concrete steps foreseen & individual initiatives
- Concluding remarks by organisers and host

Participants: we are inviting international press freedom and media development organisations that have an active record of work and interest in Yemen. We are also inviting organisations concerned about broader human rights issues in the country.

Confidentiality: Given the delicate nature of the situation the meeting will be have 2 parts, one open in the morning and one closed conducted in confidence. Any information circulated or reported in the second part of the meeting is not to be published unless expressly agreed by participants.

Aims of the meeting:

- Statement of support for journalists and human rights activists
- Awareness-raising
- Information sharing and mapping of engagement
- Exploring coordination

Expected outcomes:

- An appeal highlighting the deteriorating situation in Yemen for media and freedom of expression and need for engagement of the international community
- A preliminary list of needs, gaps and priorities for support
- An indicative mapping of ongoing activities local /international stakeholders on the ground/remotely, short term/long term and areas of engagement
- Identification of concrete actions and next steps