



Artificial Intelligence - Intelligent Politics

Challenges and
opportunities
for media and
democracy

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Thursday, 10 June 2021

09:00 - 10:00

OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

Welcome by H.E. Mr Nicos Anastasiades, President of the Republic of Cyprus (tbc)

Opening by Ms Marija Pejčinović Burić, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Address by the Chairmanship of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers (tbc)

Keynote speech by Ms Dunja Mijatović, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

Keynote speech by Ms Věra Jourová, Vice-President, European Commission (tbc)

10:00 - 10:15

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE CONFERENCE

SESSION I - INTRODUCTION

10:15 - 11:15

THEME I. THE IMPACTS OF AI-POWERED TECHNOLOGIES ON FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

INTERVENTIONS BY INVITED EXPERTS, MINISTERS AND NATIONAL DELEGATIONS

DISCUSSION

11:15 - 11:30

COFFEE BREAK

11:30 - 12:30

THEME II. THE CHANGING ENVIRONMENT IN MEDIA AND INFORMATION

INTERVENTIONS BY INVITED EXPERTS, MINISTERS AND NATIONAL DELEGATIONS

DISCUSSION

12:30 - 14:00

LUNCH BREAK

14:00 - 14:30

SPECIAL INTERVENTIONS

14:30 - 15:30

THEME III. TAKING ACTION TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF JOURNALISTS

INTERVENTIONS BY INVITED EXPERTS, MINISTERS AND NATIONAL DELEGATIONS

DISCUSSION

15:30 - 16:30

NETWORKING TIME

VIDEO SCREENING / TIME TO TOUR THE ONLINE EXHIBITION

16:30 - 17:30

THEME IV. RESILIENCE OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION PROTECTION FRAMEWORKS IN TIMES OF CRISIS

INTERVENTIONS BY INVITED EXPERTS, MINISTERS AND NATIONAL DELEGATIONS

DISCUSSION

Friday, 11 June 2021

09:00 - 09:30

OPENING

Opening by Mr Kyriakos Kousios, Government Spokesman, Cyprus (tbc)

Address by Mr Rik Daems, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (tbc)

Keynote speech by Ms Audrey Azoulay, Director General of UNESCO (tbc)

SESSION II - MINISTERIAL ROUND TABLE

09:30 - 12:40 (with a coffee break)

PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF THE CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS:

- RESOLUTION ON FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES
- RESOLUTION ON THE CHANGING PARADIGM IN MEDIA AND INFORMATION
- RESOLUTION ON THE SAFETY OF JOURNALISTS
- RESOLUTION ON THE IMPACTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

ADOPTION OF THE FINAL DECLARATION OF THE CONFERENCE

12:40 - 14:00

LUNCH BREAK

“WORLD CAFÉ” FOR FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

14:00 - 15:20

PARALLEL SESSIONS WITH MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION

(PANEL FORMAT)

- **FOSTERING MEDIA AND INFORMATION LITERACY - COMMUNITY MEDIA PROJECTS**
- **TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLIANT CONTENT MODERATION**
- **TOWARDS COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL ACTION PLANS FOR THE SAFETY OF JOURNALISTS**

15:25 - 15:40

CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE

Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe

Mr Nikos Nouris, Minister of the Interior, Cyprus

15:45 - 16:15

PRESS CONFERENCE