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Save the Date! World Press Freedom Day May 1-3, 2011



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It is our pleasure to announce UNESCO's commemoration of World Press Freedom Day 2011 in Washington, DC, May 1-3, 2011. The theme of this year's global conference is *21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers*. The event will conclude on May 3rd with the awarding of the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize.

The provisional program of panels and events can be found on the official World Press Freedom Day 2011 website at www.wpfd2011.org. Registration will be available soon. We encourage you to register as soon as possible to guarantee a spot.

World Press Freedom Day 2011 marks the 20th anniversary of the original declaration made in Windhoek, Namibia. African journalists gathered, there in 1991, proclaimed that an independent, pluralistic press is fundamental to democratic and economic development, and called upon the United Nations to designate a day dedicated to preserving this freedom. In observation, the 2011 conference will affirm fundamental principles of media freedom that now extend into the digital age. It will highlight innovative media platforms that are democratizing how people can gain and share information - rights that now more than ever must be protected as new techniques for censorship, propaganda, and surveillance emerge.

Planning for this event has been a joint effort among [UNESCO](http://unesco.org), the convener of the annual observance; the U.S. Department of State, as the official host; the Center for International Media Assistance at the National Endowment for Democracy; IREX; and the United Nations Foundation, as the non-governmental organization sponsors.

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