

information
is the air
you breathe,
lies are like
the virus, and
a free press
is the **mask.**

ONLINE HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE

Moderated by **Jorge Ramos** (journalist & author, Univision)

Press Freedom and Tackling Disinformation in the COVID-19 context

4 May 2020, 17:00-18:15 CET (GMT+2) / 11:00am-12:15pm EDT

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On the occasion of World Press Freedom Day 2020, join UNESCO for a dynamic online discussion on the importance of press freedom and independent journalism to provide reliable, life-saving information during the COVID-19 pandemic. Topics to be covered include:

- Fighting disinformation and rumours
- Journalists on the front lines: ensuring their health and safety
- The role of governments: protecting press freedom and independent journalism
- The role of social media and technology: supporting journalism and fighting disinformation

PROGRAMME

Opening **Audrey Azoulay** Director-General, UNESCO

Remarks **António Guterres** Secretary-General, United Nations

High-level **Audrey Azoulay** Director-General, UNESCO

Panel **George Weah** President of the Republic of Liberia

François-Philippe Champagne Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada
Co-chair of the Media Freedom Coalition

Michelle Bachelet United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Christophe Deloire Secretary-General, Reporters without Borders

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Maria Ressa Investigative journalist and co-founder of Rappler

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More than ever we need facts.
More than ever we need press freedom.

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