

**Pledging event on taking commitments to defend media freedom
10 February, 10.30–11.45, Open Meeting (Katelde saal)***As of 02/02/2022*

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Estonia is pleased to invite the Media Freedom Coalition Foreign Ministers as well as other delegations and participants of the Global Conference to present their commitments on how to improve the situation of media freedom and safety of journalists. Commitments and pledges can be taken in various forms – financial, advocacy or policy actions.

The event will be moderated by Jonatan Vsevirov, Secretary-General of the Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and will feature a Keynote Speech by a Representative of the United States.

The following panel will touch upon various possibilities to enhance media freedom and safety of journalists:

- Guilherme Canela de Souza Godoi, Chief of Section for Freedom of Expression and Safety of Journalists, UNESCO
- James Deane, Co-Founder and Acting Head, International Fund for Public Interest Media
- Christophe Deloire, Secretary General, Reporters Without Borders
- A Representative of High Level Panel of Legal Experts on Media Freedom
- Jason Lambert, Senior Director of Media Business, Internews
- Mira Milosevic, Executive Director, Global Forum for Media Development

The presentation by the panellists will be followed by statements from delegations and participants. Contributions to the pledging event can be made either by:

- Live statement at the pledging event (3 minutes), please inform us at mfctallinn@mfa.ee by 8 February 2022 if you wish to speak
- Video statement (2 minutes):
 - Pre-recorded (parameters are attached), please send it to mfctallinn@mfa.ee by 4 February 2022 to be broadcast at the event;
 - Recorded during the conference at a booth.

As an outcome, all the above listed contributions will be displayed on the home page of the conference at mfctallinn.humanrightsestonia.ee

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