



## Session Outcome Document

### Joining forces against disinformation: humanitarian, peace and media actors' perspectives

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**Key Issues discussed: Looking Beyond 2025** (5–8 bullet points highlighting achievements, emerging trends, challenges in 20 years, figures, success stories and opportunities for WSIS beyond 2025)

- Fostered trust in institutions such as humanitarian actors, peace-builders and media
- Willingness to get away from the current silos and work with more flexibility
- Better detect, assess and respond to disinformation: typology of harm
- 360 response: off-line & on-line, direct and indirect, multi-stakeholders' approach
- Protect and defend access to independent and reliable information
- Journalists and media must remain independent and free to cover all issues (including when governments do not want to).

#### Tangible Outcomes of the session

- Commitment to have the 3 sectors work together, each in their respective role: the media can check the truth, and say what is true or not, not the ICRC; yet the ICRC needs information that does not harm people
- ICRC and IFRC Movement Initiative on Harmful Information
- Disinformation is not always coming from the “bad side”; choosing not to talk about something, cf. coverage of Gaza in Europe, is a form of disinformation

**Key Recommendations and Forward-Looking Action Plan for the WSIS+20 Review and Beyond** (2–5 bullet points presenting concrete actions and guidance to inform the WSIS+20 Review by UNGA and build the multistakeholder vision of WSIS beyond 2025)

- Keep the C9 Line work on Media at the center of WSIS Review and vision as information integrity and independent media are the most efficient way to defy disinformation.



- Reinforce a human-centered approach where the consequences of disinformation are analysed and treated thinking of people first, notable the most vulnerable.
- Facilitate the participation of media, humanitarian and peace actors to the future discussions on information integrity and harmful disinformation.