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FROM THE EDITOR

Happy Labour Day to everyone across our global network. Whether you are taking a break today or are one of the many journalists working through the holiday to keep the world informed, I hope you find a moment to pause and appreciate the massive impact of your work.

We are officially moving into high gear as we count down to September, because the big news this month? Registrations for the 2026 Global News Forum (GNF) in Sydney are officially open! It's exciting that we are heading back to Australia in partnership with the Australia Broadcasting Corporation (ABC). The GNF is more than just a meeting; it is where we actually get to design a future for news that works for everyone. The team is looking forward to reconnecting with you in person in Sydney, so please register early.

Now, for a massive favour. Please take five minutes to fill out the [2026 Future of News Survey](#).

We are running this in collaboration with the University of Wollongong Malaysia and your input is the raw material for the major report we are launching in Sydney. We cannot build a more resilient industry if we do not know what is actually happening in your newsrooms right now. Please help us help you by sharing your thoughts.

Between the survey and the GNF prep, things are moving fast. But on this Labour Day, let's remember to look out for one another.

Stay safe!

INDUSTRY INSIGHTS

GNF REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN!

The Global News Forum is making a comeback to Australia for the first time in a decade. We are heading to Sydney this September with the ABC hosting get into the big conversations that actually matter for our industry. Centred on the theme of Resilient Journalism: Safeguarding Truth and Wellbeing. We are diving deep into how we protect the facts that matter while also taking care of the people behind the stories.

It is the space to tackle our most pressing challenges while looking out for one another. You do not want to miss this one. Grab your spot and join us in Sydney!

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YOUR VOICE MATTERS - TAKE THE SURVEY

What does the future of public media look like for you? As the industry continues to evolve amid rapid technological change, increasing demands, and shifting audience expectations, the wellbeing of those at the heart of news production has never been more important. We are inviting all ABU members to participate in the Future of News Survey 2026, with a focus on mental health and newsroom resilience, two critical pillars shaping the sustainability of our industry. The results are set to be launched at GNF.

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE SURVEY](#)

THE 2026 ASIAVISION AWARDS ARE NOW OPEN FOR ENTRIES!

Every year, we celebrate the excellence of Asiavision member newsrooms. From journalists to production teams, every contribution plays an important role in delivering high-quality news to audiences across the region. The guidelines for this year's nominations can be found [here](#)

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2026 Asiavision Awards



Eligibility period:

April 1, 2025 – April 30, 2026

Nomination Deadline:

May 31, 2026

Gala Event Date:

**September 3, 2026
(Evening)**

Venue:

**Global News Forum,
Sydney, Australia****SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATIONS TODAY!**

MAR 2026 ASIAVISION AWARD WINNER: NHK JAPAN

We are thrilled to announce that the report “Giant pipe rises in Osaka,” contributed by NHK Japan, has won the Asiavision Monthly Award for March. This recognition is particularly special as it is voted on by the members of the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU). Congratulations to the team at NHK for their outstanding storytelling and high production standards. **[WATCH THE REPORT](#)**



ABU NEWS GROUP REPRESENT NEW AIB COMMITTEE

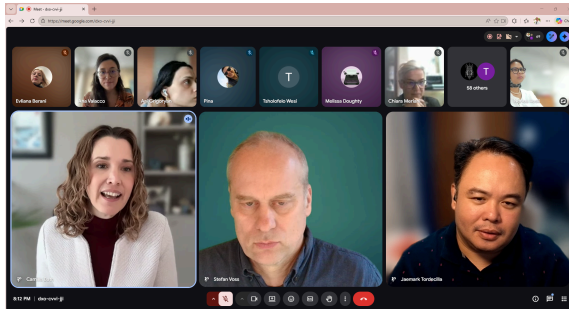
The Association for International Broadcasting (AIB) has confirmed its Executive Committee for the 2026–2028 term. Ahmet Görmez, ABU News Group Chair and Deputy Director General at TRT, joins the committee for the new term, alongside Nesryn Bouziane of the ABC and Craig Dale of CNA, Mediacorp. This strong representation from the Asiavision membership ensures that the region’s strategic priorities and digital insights remain at the forefront of the AIB’s international mission during this critical period of leadership continuity and organisational transition. **[READ MORE](#)**

FBC RADIO AVAILABLE NOW WORLDWIDE

The Fijian Broadcasting Corporation has moved all six of its radio stations to a centralised platform called SERE+ Android app making it easier to tune in. Instead of hunting for links on different apps, you

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who wants to keep the sounds of home playing throughout the day. [READ MORE](#)



AI: THE THREAT OR THE TOOL?

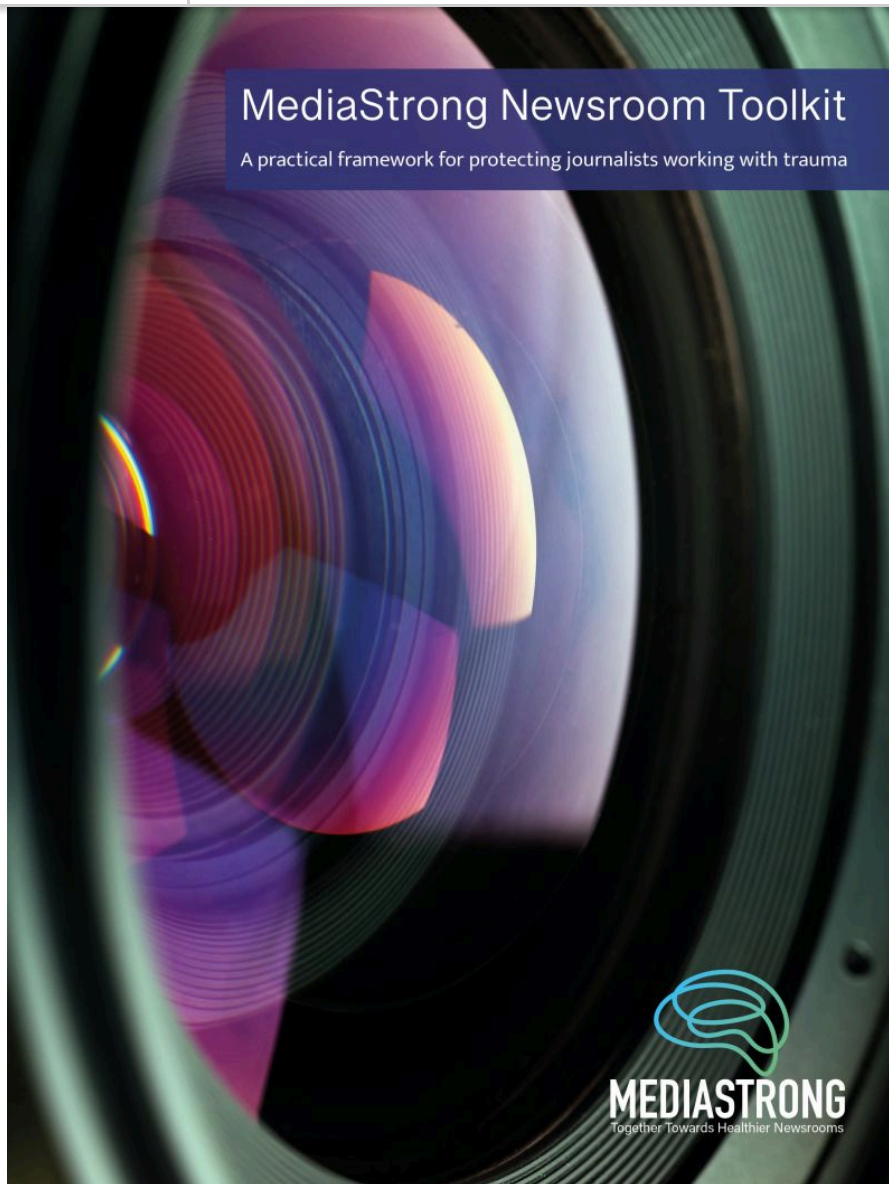
In a recent workshop by Polis LSE, we got into the real talk about building AI literacy that actually sticks. The biggest takeaway was that the AI tool you use is secondary; what matters is the prompting and understanding the "why" behind how these models function. While adoption in the Asia Pacific region remains low due to a fear of being replaced by AI. The reality? AI is here to automate the mundane, freeing us up for the high-level reporting that machines simply cannot replicate. The real threat is not the technology, but the refusal to evolve alongside it. To bridge the knowledge gap, we need to solve real problems in real time and be honest about where the tech fails. The future belongs to the journalists who are brave enough to experiment.

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Journalism is a trauma-inducing profession, with staff routinely exposed to distressing material from crime, disasters and online abuse. To address the gap in practical support, MediaStrong has launched a practical, non-clinical framework designed to help newsrooms manage psychological risk without slowing down production or requiring journalists to disclose personal experiences.

This toolkit treats trauma exposure as an occupational risk rather than a personal weakness. It draws on the biology of the threat response, explaining how the brain's amygdala and prefrontal cortex interact under pressure to affect decision-making and concentration. By explaining these biological processes, the toolkit helps normalise reactions and reduce the stigma often associated with mental health in newsroom environments.

What is inside the 40-page MediaStrong™ Toolkit?

- Practical advice for managing teams during heavy or distressing news cycles.
- Ready-to-use language for acknowledging heavy coverage and responding to staff concerns without needing to act as a therapist.
- Clear explanations of how stress affects the body and mind, including details on burnout, moral injury, and PTSD.
- Resources journalists can use independently during and after difficult assignments to support recovery.

Designed specifically for high-pressure, deadline-driven environments, this is a working document rather than a training manual or policy. It integrates quietly into daily editorial work, helping to protect storytelling quality and editorial judgment while meeting duty-of-care responsibilities.

To discuss how the toolkit can support your team, contact **Leona O'Neill** at leonaoneill@mediastrong.uk.

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