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FROM THE EDITOR

With the blink of an eye, we have entered June, and just like that, it is already the middle of the year. A lot has happened in the journalism space recently. The conflict in Iran, the ongoing fuel crisis, and daily AI developments continue to be the dominant talking points shaping our industry.

It was also wonderful to connect during World Press Freedom Day and hear firsthand how our members are coping. While the challenges we face are undeniable, our collective resilience remains unshaken—it is not easy, but we fight on.

Looking ahead, preparations for the upcoming Global News Forum are going great. Our agenda is shaping up to feature incredible panels on AI ethics and crisis reporting, and we can't wait to bring our global community together in the coming weeks. Stay tuned for the full speaker lineup dropping soon.

In other exciting news, nominations for the Asiavision Awards officially closed yesterday. Wow, what an incredible turnout! A massive thank you to everyone who submitted entries this year. Now, with the evaluation process underway, we have our fingers crossed for all the nominees.

Good luck!

INDUSTRY INSIGHTS



GNF INTEREST GROWS

Interest in the Global News Forum continues to accelerate, with both members and non-members confirming their participation in the event. Hosted by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation in Sydney from September 2–4, this year's forum centers on the theme "Resilient Journalism: Safeguarding Truth and Wellbeing."

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for you? As rapid technological change and shifting audience demands reshape our industry, supporting the wellbeing of those on the front lines has never been more critical. We invite all ABU members to participate in the Future of News Survey 2026. This year, we are focusing on mental health and newsroom resilience.

TAKE THE SURVEY



ASIAVISION APRIL 2026 WINNER

Congratulations to Thai PBS, winner of the April Asiavision Monthly Award for its report on Thailand's Songkran celebrations. Selected by members of ABU News, the award recognises outstanding storytelling that captured the spirit and cultural significance of one of the region's most celebrated festivals.

The award will be presented at the Global News Forum in Sydney this September.

WATCH THE AWARD-WINNING REPORT



BUILDING ON AI AND HUMAN INPUT

This article by Filipino journalist Jaemark Tordecilla is a deep dive into how he used AI coding tools to build a complex dashboard for Philippines health survey data, including maps, charts, spreadsheet extraction, and AI-generated insights. The lesson? AI can greatly expand what one journalist can build, but human judgment is still essential for accuracy, structure, design, and editorial quality.

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ABC TAKES A NEW ROUTE

ABC Radio Australia has launched a WhatsApp channel as the network experiments with new ways to connect with audiences in the Pacific. During a six-month pilot, the network will share stories in the channel highlighting ABC Radio Australia's Pacific programming and the latest regional news, interviews, music and sport. It will feature content from flagship programs.

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The EBU and the Alianza Informativa Latinoamericana ([AIL](#)), have formed a landmark content-sharing agreement that opens a new chapter in global news collaboration between Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean.

The agreement connects the EBU's Eurovision News Exchange (EVN) with AIL's network of 21 broadcasters, enabling reciprocal access to diverse, trusted and high-quality news content. For the first time, EBU Members can benefit from systematic access to news material and breaking news live signals from Latin America and the Caribbean, while AIL Members gain access to a much-enriched supply of European news coverage.

The partnership, in force from 1 May 2026, is founded on principles of parity, reciprocity and equal treatment, ensuring both organizations and their Members enjoy identical rights and obligations in the exchange of content.

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