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WHAT? As artificial intelligence reshapes how people access information, the future of independent journalism is at stake. In a world where chatbots dominate news consumption, journalism can only survive if the rules of the game change. The international series **“The Next Chapter: Journalism in the Age of AI”** addresses this challenge. Through consultations in five world regions – Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Africa – media professionals, policymakers, tech industry leaders and civil society have explored solutions to safeguard journalism in the AI era.

The Berlin event **“Breaking the news? Global perspectives on the future of journalism in the age of AI”** marks the culmination of this global dialogue. Participants will refine insights and co-create new ideas, resulting in a roadmap for the future of journalism. High-level German, European and global policymakers and experts will join the discussion.

WHEN? 28th January, 2026

WHERE? FUTURIUM Berlin, Alexanderufer 2, 10117 Berlin

Preliminary schedule

9:00am–12:30am

- 1. Entrée & Voices of The Next Chapter:** Curated walk through a gallery featuring faces, people, places, quotes and ideas for solutions on the survival of independent journalism from all regional events.
- 2. Welcome Address: Safeguarding the future viability of independent media** by Barbara Massing, Director General of DW
- 3. Policy Makers Panel: “Navigating the AI era: Lessons from the pioneers”:** Policy approaches, innovations, challenges and successes from the Global South and their relevance for German and European debates.

- 4. Lightning Talks and Audience Q&A: “Information Systems: Moving from what we have – to what we want:** Thought-provoking 5-minute-inputs on key questions, such as: What policies are needed for independent media to function as a public good? What role does the EU play in this? What’s Big Tech’s role? And what concrete actions can be taken to ensure sustainable information systems in the future?

12:30pm–2:00pm | Lunch & Networking

2:00pm–6:00pm

- 5. Thematic Sessions – Parallel Tracks:** In each track, rapporteurs present results and recommendations from the different world regions. Informal exchange in an idea-lab atmosphere.

- **Track 1: Creating Homegrown Tech**

Tech and AI innovators e.g. from Chile, Philippines, Ethiopia, Brazil and Tanzania: Challenges, alternative technical solutions, new approaches.

- **Track 2: Fighting for Information Integrity**

Global examples of campaigns and initiatives for public interest media and lessons learned: What are the key factors for successful coalition building?

- **Track 3: Shaping the Political Frameworks**

Exchange on existing policy initiatives: What public policies are needed now? Linking to M20, CTRL+J, OSCE. Formulating recommendations and ideas for an action plan.

6. Fishbowl: Is there no alternative?

Fishbowl with brief statements from the speakers, followed by a moderated transition to participants. Are there alternatives or complements to Big Tech? Is a dialogue on equal footing possible? What political and technological solutions exist?

7. Closing Remarks

6:30pm–8:30pm | Reception & Networking