

## [Call for project proposals to UNESCO's International Programme for the Development of Communication \(IPDC\)](#)

The IPDC is the only multilateral forum in the UN system designed to mobilize the international community to promote media development in developing countries.

Every year, IPDC supports an extensive range of media development projects in developing countries worldwide and Palestine has regularly benefitted from IPDC support. The projects are submitted by local media organizations seeking to expand opportunities for free, independent and pluralistic media.

The call for project proposals to be financed by the IPDC in 2017 is now open. You are kindly invited to submit before 4 July 2016 a summary of the project that you wish to propose to: [h.tannous@unesco.org](mailto:h.tannous@unesco.org)

You will find below an overview of current IPDC priorities and budget ceilings. All IPDC projects must contribute to at least one of the priorities listed below.

### **IPDC Priorities:**

- Supporting media pluralism (particularly community media) and independence (improving self-regulation and professional standards)
- Promoting the safety of journalists
- Countering hate speech in media and social media, promoting conflict-sensitive journalism practice and/or promoting cross-cultural/cross-religious dialogue among journalists
- Supporting law reform that fosters media independence
- Conducting media assessments and research based on UNESCO's Media Development Indicators (MDIs), Gender Sensitive Indicators for the Media (GSIM), Journalists' Safety Indicators (JSI) or Media Viability Indicators (VMI).
- Capacity building for journalists and media managers, including improving journalism education (using UNESCO's Model Curricula for Journalism Education).

### **Budget:**

A minimum of US\$ 10,000 and a maximum of US\$ 35,000

Summaries should be 1-page long, and only require the following basic information:

- Title
- Total cost of project
- Amount requested from IPDC
- Beneficiary body
- Immediate objective
- Planned activities
- Description of target group
- Men-women ratio
- Budget breakdown

If you prefer to have direct access to the online submission form, please contact Hala Tannous ([h.tannous@unesco.org](mailto:h.tannous@unesco.org)) at the UNESCO Ramallah Office to register you. You will then receive an invitation to fill in the application form. Please make sure to **select Ramallah Office as implementing office**. Also kindly note that the same person who enters the summary will need to enter the full project submission at a later stage (with the same log in).

After submitting your project summaries, you will receive feedback from the IPDC Secretariat. Submitters will be invited to pursue the **full application** process or will be provided with comments for reformulation or withdrawal.

Once the summaries are validated, the deadline for the submission of complete application forms will be **30 September 2016**.