

## Topic 1: Media's Role in Covering Humanitarian Crises

The media plays a pivotal role in informing the global community about humanitarian crises, from conflicts to natural disasters. However, the way crises are reported often raises ethical and operational challenges. On one hand, media coverage can draw international attention to critical issues, mobilize aid, and hold governments accountable. On the other hand, sensationalism, misinformation, and biased reporting can distort the narrative, perpetuate stereotypes, and undermine local efforts to address the crisis. This topic explores how media outlets—both traditional and digital—navigate the tension between responsible reporting and the pressures of generating public interest. Key questions include: How can the media ensure balanced coverage in conflict zones? What is the role of social media in shaping public perception? Should media outlets have ethical guidelines when reporting on sensitive humanitarian situations? Delegates in the International Press Committee will analyze past examples of media involvement in humanitarian crises, such as the Syrian civil war and the 2020 Beirut explosion, and develop recommendations for enhancing the integrity of crisis reporting.





## Topic 2: The Ethics of Investigative Journalism in the Age of Disinformation

In a world where disinformation spreads rapidly through online platforms, investigative journalism serves as a crucial tool for uncovering truths and holding powerful institutions accountable. However, investigative journalists face numerous challenges: restricted access to information, threats to personal safety, and the ethical dilemma of balancing public interest with privacy concerns. Additionally, the rise of "fake news" and deep fakes has blurred the line between factual reporting and deliberate manipulation, creating an environment where trust in the media is at an all-time low. This topic invites delegates to examine the evolving role of investigative journalism in this era of disinformation. They will discuss the legal and ethical frameworks surrounding investigative reporting, strategies to combat disinformation, and the importance of protecting press freedom. Delegates will also explore case studies, such as the Panama Papers and investigative reports on climate change, to understand the real-world impact of journalistic investigations. By the end of the session, they will propose solutions to strengthen the role of investigative journalism in maintaining democratic accountability.

