

BEYOND DEPENDENCY

Rethinking Support for Public Interest Media

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DW Akademie and Fondation Hironnelle warmly invite you to the 2025 fome Symposium and the 2025 CDAC Network Public Forum. The integrated events are taking place on December 9-10, 2025, at Deutsche Welle's headquarters in Bonn.

Over two days, Deutsche Welle will become a dynamic meeting place for actors from the media development and humanitarian sectors. This year's fome Symposium and CDAC Public Forum – organized by DW Akademie and Fondation Hironnelle – will take place as integrated events, transforming the venue into a vibrant space for exchange and collaboration. The gathering will bring together media development experts, humanitarian practitioners, journalists, activists, media managers, academics and representatives from government, civil society, and philanthropic organizations.

Together, we will explore the urgent challenges facing both sectors: shrinking resources, digitalization and automation are reshaping how people in fragile and crisis-affected contexts access, share and trust information. However, one constant remains: the need to listen to and engage with affected communities.

The theme of this year's fome symposium "Beyond Dependency: Rethinking Support for Public Interest Media" invites a critical examination of traditional funding models and explores innovative approaches to strengthening media support globally. As we mark 20 years of fome, the event will spotlight initiatives with impact, that empower communities through independent and credible journalism. The symposium will explore how media developers and humanitarians can better collaborate to reinforce local information ecosystems.

What to expect:

- Engaging discussions on **diverse revenue models for public interest media** and funding strategies in the context of shifting global power dynamics
- Deep dives into the latest **evidence** on **mobilizing private capital, safeguarding editorial independence**, funding and the overall **state of media development**
- Behind-the-scenes insights into **advocacy coalitions** working to promote media viability and defend journalists' rights
- Interactive sessions showcasing inspiring approaches and **synergies between media developers and humanitarian actors**
- Explorations of **alternative models for financing crisis communication** and building trust in the new age of information disorder



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For detailed information about the program and the latest updates, please visit the [fome website](#).

Join us for two days of in-depth, interactive, and inspiring conversations at the fome Symposium 2025 and CDAC Public Forum 2025!

[Register now!](#)

Conference fee: Free of charge

Note: Tickets are limited. Don't wait too long to secure your spot!

Venue: [Deutsche Welle, Kurt-Schumacher-Straße 3, 53113 Bonn](#)

We look forward to seeing you in Bonn!