

**Closed door session of the Partnership for Information and Democracy  
at the Yerevan Dialogue 2025**

**14:00 – 15:30, 27 May 2025  
Seven Visions Dvin Hotel  
White Hall**

**Introduction:**

This closed door session is part of the newly launched workstream on [Strengthening information integrity on climate change and other environmental issues](#), co-chaired by the governments of Armenia and Brazil. It provides a space to discuss the key issues that the workstream shall address, particularly in view of the forthcoming COP30 hosted by Brazil in 2025 and the COP 17 hosted in 2026 by Armenia.

**Participants:**

The session will gather representatives of the States of the Partnership, from ministries, regulatory authorities, as well as experts and members of the Forum on Information and Democracy's civil society coalition.

**Objective:**

- Present Armenia's ambition on information integrity for the COP 17
- Present Brazil's ambition for the COP30 and the links to the [Global Initiative for Information Integrity on Climate Change](#)
- Highlight challenges of the information space for environmental protection, notably biodiversity but also climate change
- Identify key issues to be addressed in the workstream in preparation of COP30 and COP17



## Agenda

14:00-14:20	<p><b>Introductory Remarks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>H.E. Robert Abisoghomonian</b>, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Armenia</li> <li>- <b>H.E. Fabio Vaz Pitaluga</b>, Ambassador of Brazil to Armenia</li> <li>- <b>Katharina Zuegel</b>, Policy Director, Forum on Information and Democracy</li> </ul>
14:20-14:50	<p><b>Key insights</b> into challenges of the information space for environmental protection and biodiversity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Andrew Heffernan</b>, Rapporteur &amp; Climate Associate, Information Integrity Lab, Adjunct Professor, University of Ottawa &amp; Carleton University</li> <li>- <b>Erik Grigoryan</b>, CEO at Environment Group, Special Envoy of Armenia on Debt for Climate Negotiations</li> <li>- <b>Laxman Datt Pant</b>, Executive Director, Media Action Nepal</li> <li>- <b>Armine Petrosyan</b>, National Information Officer, United Nations</li> </ul>
14:50-15:20	<p><b>Open discussion</b> with representatives of the States on priorities for COP17 and COP30 moderated by <b>Katharina Zuegel</b>.</p>
15:20-15:30	<p><b>Concluding remarks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Anush Harutyunyan</b>, Head of Information and Digital Diplomacy Division, MFA Armenia</li> <li>- <b>Camille Grenier</b>, Executive Director, Forum on Information and Democracy</li> </ul>

