

Media as conveners of dialogue

The UNDP Human Development Report 2023/2024 emphasizes the need to reimagine cooperation in a world with deepening divisions.

Building common ground isn't easy.

Misunderstandings and mismatched expectations often stand in the way.

But media can play a vital role by delivering accurate information, bridging perception gaps, and fostering open, inclusive dialogue.

Solutions-oriented storytelling that highlights our shared humanity can shift focus from conflict to common ground.

And a commitment to public interest, together with transparency and editorial decision-making, and a strong focus on inclusivity can strengthen trust in media.

But media can only be conveners of dialogue if press freedom is safeguarded and economic viability promoted.

Independent, high-quality media can be a powerful force for cooperation in a polarized world.