

Safety of Female Journalists Online

We are pleased to invite you to an event on the Safety of Female Journalists Online (SOFJO), which the Office of the OSCE RFoM is organizing on **10 September 2021, 9.15am** (UZT/GMT+5) in the margins of the 2021 Central Asia Media Conference.

Registration: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_F2fOdfz2TZGf7II4LUmkGw
SOFJO documentary *A Dark Place*: <https://vimeo.com/368494318> (password: CAMC2021)

At this year's Central Asia Media Conference, the RFoM Office will present the Russian version of the #SOFJO Resource Guide. Online harassment and abuse against women journalists has become a major hazard to the profession with a variety of negative effects for societies. Just because of their gender, women journalists face an additional layer of risk, next to the attacks that all journalists are increasingly experiencing. Nowhere do we see this form of harassment and abuse more starkly than in the online sphere. The #SOFJO Resource Guide provides a series of proposed actions for ten key stakeholder groups to address gender-based online abuse of female journalists. The Guide identifies a concrete way forward, and provides a list of useful resources and examples of existing measures and good practices.

The side event will provide a platform to present the Resource Guide's proposed actions and to discuss relevant approaches by State actors to tackle the challenges women journalists are facing online in the specific context of Central Asia. At the event, a woman journalist, a journalist trainer and a human right activist will report on the implications that gender-based online abuse has on the freedom of expression and the quality of our democracies, including from an intersectional perspective. They will discuss ways forward by elaborating upon a selection of the actions that are proposed to OSCE participating States in the #SOFJO Resource Guide.

The event aims to identify persisting gaps in the implementation of freedom of expression commitments pertaining to the online safety of women journalists to inform future initiatives in the region, and invite to action on how to support women journalists online, and prevent further abuse.

The side event will be open to all registered participants of the Central Asia Media Conference. Please find the Resource Guide here: <https://www.osce.org/fom/sofjo>. For any questions, please contact Julia.Haas@osce.org.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the side event on the online safety of women journalists!



"A threat to everyone
needs action from
everyone"

#SOFJO Resource Guide