



10TH ABU MEDIA SUMMIT ON CLIMATE ACTION & DISASTER PREVENTION

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ABU AI FORUM 2026

PARO, BHUTAN | 16–18 JUNE 2026

From Awareness to Action: Intelligent Media for Climate Resilience and a Safer Future

Programme Overview

This joint event brings together media leaders, journalists, technologists, policymakers, scientists, and humanitarian partners to explore how public-interest media and emerging technologies, particularly AI, can move societies from climate awareness to concrete action, preparedness, and prevention.

DAY 1

16 June 2026

Theme: Strengthening Public Media for Climate Resilience and Safer Communities

Time	Session
08:00 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:30	Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome remarks by Host Broadcaster• Opening address by ABU Secretary-General• Keynote Address – Government of Bhutan / Climate Authority: Media as a First Responder in a Climate-Impacted World
09:30 – 10:00	Group Photo & Networking Break
10:00 – 11:00	High-Level Plenary Session 1 Public Media at the Frontline: Why Climate Communication Must Change <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The evolving role of public media in climate resilience• From awareness campaigns to life-saving communication• Media trust, credibility, and public accountability• Speakers: ABU leadership, UN partners, senior broadcasters, stakeholders
11:00 – 12:30	Plenary Session 2 Early Warning for All: Turning Alerts into Action <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Media’s role in multi-hazard early warning systems• Reaching last-mile and vulnerable communities• Language, accessibility, and inclusive messaging• Case studies: floods, heatwaves, landslides, cyclones
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Media Saving Lives: Lessons from the Asia-Pacific <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Best practices from broadcasters during recent disasters• Institutionalising Disaster Preparedness & Response Plans (DPRP)• Editorial preparedness, coordination, and newsroom protocols
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:30	Climate & Emergency Reporting Under Pressure <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safety, ethics, and field reporting during disasters• Building trust in an era of climate misinformation• Community and indigenous knowledge in climate communication, including local voices, languages, and traditional wisdom
17:30 – 17:45	Day 1 Wrap-up <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Key takeaways and reflections

DAY 2

17 June 2026

Theme: Intelligent Media – AI for Resilient Broadcasting and Emergency Response

Time	Session
09:15 – 09:30	Recap of Day 1 & Introduction to Day 2
09:30 – 11:00	Plenary Session 1 AI in Broadcasting: Opportunities, Risks, and Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Automation vs editorial judgment• Trust, transparency, and audience perception• Public media values in the age of algorithms
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 12:30	Plenary Session 2 AI for Natural Hazards and Emergency Coverage <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AI-assisted forecasting and data interpretation• Real-time content production during crises• AI in multilingual and accessibility services during emergencies
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Technical & Editorial Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AI for Newsrooms: verification, deepfake detection, and synthetic media• AI tools for fact-checking and disinformation response• AI for Emergency Operations: workflow resilience when infrastructure is disrupted• AI-supported archiving, content retrieval, and continuity• Ethics, Governance & Regulation: implementing AI principles in broadcasting organisations• Safeguarding data, sources, and public trust
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:15	Special Session From Dialogue to Commitment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Building an Intelligent Media Ecosystem for Climate Resilience and DRR• Aligning policy, technology, and editorial leadership• Integrating DRR and MIL into broadcasting policies• Partnerships with science, humanitarian, and tech sectors
17:15 – 17:30	Day 2 Wrap-up <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2026 CADP & AI Forum Call for Action• Takeaways and closing remarks by Host & ABU
19:00 – 21:20	2026 ABU T4P MEDIA AWARDS GALA

DAY 3

18 June 2026

CULTURAL PROGRAMME | EXCURSION

A dedicated cultural and excursion programme for participants.