In response to the COVID-19 'infodemic', the international community has mobilised new partnerships to prevent and counter the misuse of the Internet—from the UN "Verified" initiative to tech companies committing to promote reliable sources of information on COVID-19 at the top of search results and on their user feeds.

Addressing the coverage of terrorism in the formal news media and in social media was already challenging before the pandemic. Terrorist attacks around the world are not only designed to kill but to play into sensationalistic media strategies and audience bubbles to maximise attention. At the same time, legislative and other measures introduced in some States to counter terrorist propaganda have raised concerns of violations of freedom of expression and the media.

Some traditional media have adopted codes of conduct as part of self-regulation efforts. Large Internet companies have also stepped up their engagement and efforts to work