

AFP CREATES MULTIMEDIA GLOBAL NEWS MANAGEMENT TEAM IN REORGANISATION

Global News Director Phil Chetwynd has announced a reorganisation of AFP's news management to strengthen coordination between its editorial departments and to create a truly multimedia team at the head of the agency.

Under the reorganisation, the global news management will now have four deputy directors whose responsibilities will include developing the agency's content offer in all formats.

Juliette Hollier-Larousse, the agency's video director, and Eric Baradat, until recently the North America photo chief, become deputy news directors. They will serve as the heads of their respective services with responsibility for strategic planning.

Hollier-Larousse will also lead the development of the agency's audio (podcast) offer while Baradat will become responsible for graphics, documentation and data in addition to photo.

Philippe Onillon, the agency's editorial careers development director, becomes deputy news director responsible for mobility and projects. Jean-Luc Bardet, who is director for France, retains his position as deputy news director.

Former AFP editor-in-chief Eric Wishart is appointed as Standards and Ethics Editor within the global news management.

"The creation of this new global news management structure will greatly strengthen synergies between the agency's editorial departments", Chetwynd said. "Bringing together the service heads within one senior management team will enhance AFP's capacity to offer integrated, multimedia production in its coverage of world events".

He added that the creation of the position of standards and ethics editor "shows AFP's commitment to maintaining the highest editorial standards in an increasingly complex media landscape".

Marielle Eudes, the agency's former photo director, is appointed director for special photo projects responsible for developing the commercialisation of AFP's photo archives.

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