MYANMAR DIGITAL RIGHTS FORUM
Protecting Your Rights on the Internet

#digitalrightsMM

14 - 15 December 2016, Phandeeyar: Myanmar Innovation Lab
OVERALL OBJECTIVE:
Create an invigorated Digital Rights Movement

96 Participants
Local and international civil society, media, tech industry and government

27 Speakers
Digital Rights Movements in India, Philippines and Myanmar

Sunil Abraham  
The Centre for Internet and Society

Nica Dumlao  
Engage Media

Nay Phone Latt  
Member of Parliament

Htaike Htaike Aung  
MIDO
Unpacking the issues
THE PROBLEMATIC CASE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS LAW

Protecting Freedom of Expression

Maung Saung Kha
Independent Youth for Change

Zar Chi Oo
PEN Myanmar

Nay Phone Latt
Member of Parliament

Preventing Surveillance and Content Restrictions

Htaike Htaike Aung
Myanmar ICT Development Organization

Wai Phyo
Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business

Raman Jit Singh Chima
ACCESS
UPCOMING BILLS AND INITIATIVES

**Addressing Hate Speech Through Policy**

- **Zar Li Aye**
  International Commission of Jurists

- **Seerat Khan**
  Digital Rights Foundation

**Right to Information Law**

- **Aye Kyaw**
  Open Myanmar Initiative

- **Johan Hallenborg**
  Minister Counsellor and Head of Section Office, Embassy of Sweden

- **Ma Thida**
  PEN Myanmar
UPCOMING BILLS AND INITIATIVES (CONTINUED)

Protecting Our Right to Privacy

Wai Phyo
Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business

Sarah Toner
United Nations Human Rights Office

Digital ID for Myanmar

Vicky Bowman
Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business

Myo Zin
Omidyar

Sunil Abraham
The Centre for Internet and Society

Thaung Su Nyein
Myanmar Computer Federation
ONLINE HARASSMENT OF VULNERABLE GROUPS

Harassment Against Journalists and Activists on Social Media

U Sein Win
Myanmar Journalism Institute

Alyaa Azhar
Malaysiakini

Aye Thada Hla
Gender Equality Network

Preventing Online Abuse Against Vulnerable Groups

May Sabe Phyuo
Gender Equality Network

Hla Hla Ye
Legal Clinic Myanmar

Seerat Khan
Digital Rights Foundation
ENGAGING WITH POLICY REFORM

**Lobbying and Commenting on Laws**
- Raman Jit Singh Chima
  ACCESS

**Building Public Support Around Policy Reform**
- Nica Dumlao
  Engage Media

- Than Tun Aung
  Director of Post and Telegraph Department, Ministry of Transport and Communication

- Seerat Khan
  Digital Rights Foundation

- Ma Thida
  PEN Myanmar
UPDATE ON ADVOCACY FOR ACCESS

Helani Galpaya
LIRNE Asia

Dipendra Manocha
World Blind Union/Daisy Consortium

Shadrach Basheerhamad
A4AI (Alliance for Affordable Internet)
Taking action
1. Action Plan for Engaging Facebook on Hate Speech

- Send recommendations to Facebook on how to improve their community standards and their application in Myanmar

PEN Myanmar, SMILE, iPACE, MustardSeed Myanmar, Rainbow Network, Access, Omidyar, Union Attorney General’s Office

- Issue public statement to call on parliament to delay adoption of privacy and security protection law and call for public consultation

Myanmar Center for Responsible Business, MIDO, PEN Myanmar, Maung Saung Kha, Rainbow Network, Kernellix, New Wave Tech, Shar Yamone, Sweden Embassy, Access, Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House)
3. Action Plan for 66(D) Reform

- Share findings of the documentation of 66D arrests
- Organize mass awareness event calling for reform

Maung Saung Kha, Myanmar Center for Responsible Business, Burmese News International, Sweden Embassy, Malaysiakini
4. Action Plan for Addressing Cyber Bullying of Women + LGBT

- Compile information about the support available to women and LGBT groups facing harassment online.

- Set up hotline to disseminate information and provide first line of support to the victims.

MIDO, Rainbow Network, Kachin Women Peace Network, SMILE, Association of Disabled Women Affairs, Myanmar Center for Responsible Business, Phandeeyar, Community Center Mandalay, iPACE, Engage Media, Digital Rights Foundation,
5. Action Plan for Open Data Basics

- Organize activities to raise awareness about open data
- Coordinate among groups working on open data and RTI advocacy efforts

PEN Myanmar, Phandeeyar, Bago MATA, Kernellix, Southern Shan State Network, Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House), Sweden Embassy
6. Action Plan for Building the Capacity of Youth on Digital Rights

- Develop accessible digital rights resources
- Develop digital rights curriculum for youth

MIDO, SMILE, Colorful Girls, Phan Tee Eain, Community Center Mandalay, Southern Shan State Network, iPACE, Myanmar Computer Professional Association, Heinrich Boell Foundation, Union Attorney General’s Office
7. Action Plan for tackling Hate Speech

- Promote interfaith dialogue
- Engage key influencers in condemning hate speech
- Develop curriculum to teach youths about tolerance
The results
Outcome 1 - Increased awareness around Digital Rights issues in Myanmar

- **96** key stakeholders briefed on existing challenges related to digital rights in Myanmar.
- Awareness around digital rights issues further promoted through extensive **media coverage** (press & broadcast).
- **#DigitalRightsMmm** top trending on Twitter.
Outcome 2 - Concrete actions taken to address digital rights challenges

- 7 action plans developed during MDRF

- Since MDRF (as of 31 of January 2017):
  - 15 December 2016: Joint Statement issued by 19 organisations to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to call for meaningful public consultation on the Privacy and Security Law and delay its adoption
    https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B-9gpHn6cfEcUVBFXzIMdTRWelk?usp=sharing
Outcome 2 -
Concrete actions taken to address digital rights challenges (Continued)

○ 20 December 2016: Follow-up meeting of civil society to outline concerns and provide suggestions for improvement to Facebook
https://docs.google.com/a/phandeeyar.org/document/d/12N3FVJEDEZBFbirQ7pScIf-E24BTO3B9WomxYPfI/edit?usp=sharing

○ 22 January 2017: Public awareness event held to call for a reform of the 66(D) act from the Telecommunications Law
Public awareness to reform 66(D) act from Telecommunication Law
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### Media Coverage: Broadcast Coverage

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<td>Kamayut Media</td>
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Attendance list

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