



MYANMAR DIGITAL RIGHTS FORUM

Protecting Your Rights on the Internet

#digitalrightsMM

14 - 15 December 2016, Phandeeyar: Myanmar Innovation Lab

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OVERALL OBJECTIVE: Create an invigorated Digital Rights Movement



96 Participants

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



27 Speakers

Day 1

Inspire

Unpack
Issues

Day 2

Brainstorm
action

Create
action
plans



Inspire

COMMUNITY






Digital Rights are Human Rights



Vicky Bowman

Myanmar Center
for Responsible Business





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
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Sarah Toner
United Nations
Human Rights Office

Digital ID for Myanmar



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Myo Zin
Omidyar



Sunil Abraham
The Centre for Internet
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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 Phyu
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



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



Ma Thida
PEN Myanmar

Building Public Support Around Policy Reform



Nica Dumlao
Engage Media



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UPDATE ON ADVOCACY FOR ACCESS



Helani Galpaya
LIRNE Asia



Dipendra Manocha
World Blind Union/Daisy
Consortium



Shadrach Basheerhamad
A4AI (Alliance for Affordable Internet)



A woman in a dark patterned dress stands next to a flipchart, presenting to a group of people seated in a room. The flipchart is titled 'OPEN DATA' and lists several points. In the background, there are banners for 'Phan Tech', 'Phan dee yar', and 'MYANMAR DIGITAL RIGHTS FORUM'. A large green semi-transparent box with the text 'Taking action' is overlaid on the bottom left of the image.

Taking action

Phan TECH

OPEN DATA

- 1. Myanmar, Asian Photo Rights, Sanctions/Restrictions
- Meta Data
- + Right to Information Law
- + Structure of Information
- + Myanmar Report disclosure
- + Status: Hierarchy
- Public Consultation
- Data Standardization

Phan dee yar

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TECH

A photograph of two women in a meeting. The woman on the right is speaking and gesturing with her hands. She has dark hair, wears glasses, a blue t-shirt, and a red lanyard with a badge. The woman on the left is listening, wearing a dark blue top and glasses. In the background, there is a whiteboard with handwritten notes and a yellow sticky note with the number '5' on it. The text 'year' and 'OM' are partially visible on the wall.

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



2. Action Plan for Law Reform and Law Review

- 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)

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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

A group of people are seated in a meeting room, facing towards the right. In the background, a banner for Phandeeyar is visible, featuring the text 'Phandeeyar' and 'TECHNOLOGY COMMUNITY IMPACT'. The room has wooden paneling on the walls and a water dispenser. The text '4. Action Plan for Addressing Cyber Bullying of Women + LGBT' is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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

MIDO, Phandeeyar, SMILE, Community Center Mandalay, Kachin Women Peace Network, Rainbow Network, Association of Myanmar Disabled Women Affairs, Khin Maung Cho & Associates, Sweden Embassy, Malaysiakini, Digital Rights Foundation




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).
 - **#Digitalrightsmm** top trending on Twitter.
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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/OB-9gpHn6cfEcUVBFXzIMdTRWelk?usp=sharing>
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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/12N3FVJEDEZBIFbirQ7pScIf-E24BTO3B9WomxPYPfIU/edit?usp=sharing>

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



Public awareness to reform 66(D) act from Telecommunication Law





Annex


Media Coverage: Online & Print Coverage

No.	Date	Publication	Headline	Link	Language
1.	14 December 2016	Coconuts Yangon [Online]	Myanmar Digital Rights Forum proposes a path away from 66(d)	http://yangon.coconuts.co/2016/12/14/myanmar-digital-rights-forum-proposes-path-away-66d	English
2.	14 December 2016	Eleven Myanmar [Online + Print]	Section 66(d) illogical: experts	http://www.news-eleven.com/local/29283	Myanmar
3.	15 December 2016	Eleven Myanmar [Online]	Section 66(d) illogical: experts	http://www.elevenmyanmar.com/local/7045	English
4.	16 December	The Myanmar Times [Online + Print]	Facing the challenges of ensuring digital rights	http://www.mmtimes.com/index.php/national-news/24248-facing-the-challenges-of-ensuring-digital-rights.html	English
5	21 December	Forbes Asia [Online]	Digital Rights Must Become A Top Priority In Myanmar's Connectivity Revolution	http://www.forbes.com/sites/chynes/2016/12/21/digital-rights-must-become-a-top-priority-in-myanmars-connectivity-revolution/	English
Current Total Clips = 5					



Media Coverage: Broadcast Coverage

No.	Date	Outlet	Headline	Link	Language
1.	14 December 2016	MRTV	Myanmar's Digital Rights Forum	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tn6Hg3ruISQ	Myanmar
2.	14 December 2016	DVB	66(d) limits freedom of speech: MP	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=niATqgjVvAM	Myanmar
3.	14 December 2016	7 Day TV [Online only]	More people arrested under 66(d) under the current government	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h-iTQGnNwls	Myanmar
4.	16 December 2016	Kamayut Media [Online only]	Key challenges for Digital Rights and what you need to know	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MQOtV9QiAJE	Myanmar
Current Total Clips = 4					





Attendance list

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1F07B8_HSwJwSf6b0XsjlQBZ0Hx27SMDf9RLe-n236oU/edit?usp=sharing

