MYANMAR DIGITAL RIGHTS FORUM

18-19 January 2018

Phandeeyar, 10th floor, Royal River View Condo, 628/636 Merchant Road

9:00-11:00am	Opening Remarks Keynote				
11:00-11:30am	TEA BREAK				
	Freedom of Expression	Privacy	Access	Beyond Myanmar	
11:30-12:30pm	Too much freedom? The law	Guaranteeing User Privacy Legal Framework	Bridging the Digital Divide	AIM 2020 - ASEAN ICT Masterplan	
12:30-1:30pm	LUNCH				
1:30-2:30pm	Too much freedom? The practice	Guaranteeing user privacy Whose Responsibility?	Digital Revolution: Leaving no one behind	Feminist Principles of the Internet - A Global Initiative	
2:30-3:00pm	TEA BREAK				
3:00-5:30 pm	Rating Digital Rights				
6:00-8:00pm	EVENING RECEPTION Hosted by HE Staffan Herrström, Ambassador of Sweden - Burma Bistro				

9:00-10:30am	The Human Side of the Story - Digital Victims				
10:30-11:00am	TEA BREAK				
11:00-12:00pm	The final frontier: Balancing new digital rights	Data Revolution: Opportunities and Challenges	Internet Governance: A Collective Endeavour	Initiatives to Combat Violence Online	
12:00-1:00pm	LUNCH				
1:00-2:30pm	Open Sessions				
2:30-3:00pm	TEA BREAK				
3:00-5:00pm	2018 - The Road Ahead				
5:00-5:30 pm	Closing				

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Myanmar has come online at an unprecedented speed over the past 4 years.

With growing internet connectivity have come new challenges: How can we guarantee Human Rights online?

How do basic Human Rights, such as Freedom of Expression, Right to Privacy or Equality of Access apply in the Internet era?

Myanmar Digital Rights Forum will take stock of Myanmar's Digital Rights situation and engage stakeholders from the Government, Civil Society, Media and Tech Industry (including Facebook, Google and Microsoft) in developing joint priorities for 2018.

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

In 2016, digital expression has been undermined by criminal prosecutions, self-censorship and intolerance. The Forum will reflect on both legal and 'on the ground' developments.

Too much freedom? The law (Panel)

Panelists will discuss ongoing legal reforms of relevance to online expression.

Facilitator: Yin Yadanar Thein, Free Expression Myanmar (FEM)

Monywa Aung Shin, NLD Ma Thida, Info Digest Min Jeong Kim, UNESCO Thein Than Oo, lawyer

Too much freedom? The practice (Panel)

Panelists will reflect on challenges to freedom of online expression "on the ground".

Facilitator: Yin Yadanar Thein, Free Expression Myanmar (FEM)

Lut Latt Soe, People's Age Myat Thu, Burma Monitor

Yingcheep, iLaw Thailand (Thailand)

The final frontier: Balancing new digital rights (Workshop)

The digital revolution has democratised free expression but also opened a number of political, social and cultural questions. Workshop participants will explore cutting-edge debates which have gained in prominence or are likely to emerge soon in Myanmar:

- Right to anonymity/encryption vs. Right to justice
- Right to protest (direct action hacking) vs. Right to property
- Right to access public spaces vs. Rights of intermediaries
- Right to share vs. Right to copyright
- Right to offend vs. Right to dignity
- Right to opinion vs. Right to non-discrimination



PRIVACY

2017 has been marked by the adoption of a Citizens' Privacy and Security Protection Law and early discussions around cybercrime legislation. The Forum will reflect on trends related to user privacy.

Guaranteeing User Privacy: The Legal Framework (Panel)

Panelists will discuss ongoing legal reforms and reflect on remaining gaps and opportunities.

Facilitator: Vicky Bowman, Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business (MCRB)

Nay Phone Latt, Member of Yangon Regional Parliament

Min Thu, Telenor Myanmar

Wai Phyo Myint, Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business (MCRB)

Nayanatara Ranganathan, Internet Democracy (India)

Guaranteeing user privacy: Whose Responsibility? (Panel)

Panelists will reflect on various stakeholders' responsibility to guarantee internet users' right to Privacy.

Facilitator: Wai Phyo Myint, Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business (MCRB)

Ye Thura Thet, Kernellix

Chris Nolan, former US-ICT Council for Myanmar

Ei Myat Noe Khin, Phandeeyar

Data Revolution: Opportunity and Challenges (Panel)

Panelists will review the trend towards growing availability of user data through both Government and private companies and reflect on privacy implications.

Facilitator: Michael Suantak, BIT

U Thaung Tin, former Deputy Minister of MOTC

Desarack Teso, Microsoft Myo Zin, Omidyar Network Joao Dutra, Phandeeyar

ACCESS

Millions of new users have come online through 2017. But where are we when it comes to access and inclusion? The Forum will explore current gaps and opportunities.

Bridging the Digital Divide (Panel)

With over 51 million active sim cards, Myanmar counts more sim card than people but does this mean that everyone is connected? The panelists will reflect on the state of progress and remaining gaps in access.

Facilitator: Htaike Htaike Aung, MIDO

Helani Galpaya, LIRNEasia

Zar Chi Oo, Researcher on behalf of IMS Fojo

Michael Suantak, Chin Community Network

Yatanar Htun, MIDO



Digital Revolution: Leaving No One Behind (Panel)

Not everyone has equal access to information. Panelists will discuss the next phase in access advocacy, looking at the needs of persons with disabilities and content availability in ethnic languages.

Facilitator: Helani Galpaya, LIRNEasia

Ye Win, iSchool

Smita Vanniyar, Point of View (India)

Ravi Chhabra, Unicode Migration Team

INTERNET GOVERNANCE: WORKING TOGETHER

Protecting people's rights on the Internet is a challenging task. The Forum will reflect on how the expertise of Civil Society, the Tech Industry and the Media can best be leveraged to support the government to develop rights-respecting legislations.

Internet Governance: A Collective Endeavour

Panelists will look back on the 2017 Telecommunications Law amendment process and reflect on how Civil Society, the Media and the Tech Industry can best support parliamentarians and the government in their legislative role.

Facilitator: Zar Chi Oo, member of the Coalition on the Amendment of the Telecommunications Law U Ye Htut, MP of Amyotha Hluttaw

Maung Saungkha, Research team for section 66(d)

Darli Thae Ko, Protection Committee for Myanmar Journalists

BEYOND MYANMAR

This track will look at ongoing regional and global initiatives and explore how to link these to local initiatives, taking into consideration Myanmar's local context.

AIM 2020 - ASEAN ICT Masterplan (Discussion)

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) adopted its second joint <u>ASEAN ICT</u> <u>Masterplan (AIM)</u> in 2015 to scale ICT collaboration across the region. The plan has been criticized by Digital Rights advocates across ASEAN for its lack of involvement of civil society.

In this session, we will review AIM 2020 and explore how we could do more at the local and regional level to guarantee a rights-respecting implementation of this plan.

Facilitator: Nica Dumlao, EngageMedia (Philippines)

Feminist Principles of the Internet: A Global Initiative (Discussion)

Gender and Sexual Rights Advocates have developed a set of <u>principles</u>, offering a new lens on critical Digital Rights issues. In this session, we will review the principles and discuss how these apply to the different issues being faced by women and LGBTs in Myanmar. Relevant link: Facilitator: Nica Dumlao, EngageMedia (Philippines)

A number of initiatives are being piloted to combat violence online. In this session, we will hear from relevant initiatives from Myanmar and the region.

Facilitator: Htaike Htaike Aung, MIDO Smita Vanniyar, Point of View, (India) Hyra Basit, Digital Rights Foundation (Pakistan)

Tin Zar Aung, Internews - sharing some online GBV and media perspective

Aung Myo Min, Equality Myanmar - from legislation perspective - currently drafting POVAW law

HUMAN STORIES - DIGITAL VICTIMS

What is it like to have your rights challenged online? In this session, we will hear from victims of online harassment as well as from individuals charged under provision 66d of the Telecommunications Law.

OPEN SESSIONS

Do you have something you want to share?

In addition to our exciting lineup of speakers, we will have 2 rounds of Open Sessions (45 min slots) for you to share your experience and expertise with fellow participants.















