



# MYANMAR DIGITAL RIGHTS FORUM

## 18-19 January 2019

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

9:00-10:45 pm	<b>OPENING REMARKS</b> Keynote speeches from U Soe Thein (Permanent Secretary, MOTC), HE Staffan Herrström (Ambassador of Sweden), Swe Win (Myanmar Now), and Paul Bernal (UEA Law School)			
10:45-11:00am	TEA BREAK			
	<b>Freedom of Expression</b>	<b>Privacy</b>	<b>Access</b>	<b>Digital Safety</b>
11:00-12:30 pm	[Thumbs up] or [Thumbs down]? A review of free speech online in 2018	Developing E-Government in Myanmar: What are the Building Blocks of Building Trust?	Women and the Internet : Promises and Perils	How the internet works
12:30 - 2:00 pm	LUNCH			
2:00 - 3:30 pm	International ratings explained: Min Jeong Kim (UNESCO), La Ring (Freedom House)  Participant survey: "Rating digital rights, 2019"			
3:30 - 4:00 pm	TEA BREAK			
4:00 - 5:30 pm	"Shut up girl, it's too sensitive!"	Strengthening Cyber Security and Fighting Cyber Crime: getting the principles and the framework right	Promoting Media Literacy Education in Myanmar	Communication Security
6:00-8:00pm	<b>EVENING RECEPTION</b> (Burma Bistro, hosted by HE Staffan Herrström, Ambassador of Sweden)			

9:00 - 9:30am	<b>DAY 2 REMARKS</b> Keynote speech from Clément Nyaletsossi Voule, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Rights to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and of Association			
9:30-10:30am	OPEN SESSIONS (see signboard inside Phandeeyar for list of options)			
10:30-11:00am	TEA BREAK			
11:00-11:45am	Is Facebook's content moderation working?	Data Protection: balancing convenience, privacy and security	Enabling the Disabled through Digital Solutions	Social Media Security



11:45 - 12:30pm			Community Networks: a potential solution to bridge 'last mile'?	
12:30-1:30pm	LUNCH			
1:30-2:30pm	The role of media self regulatory body in digital age	Using online information to hold government and companies to account	OPEN SESSIONS (see signboard inside Phandeeyar for list of options)	
2:30-3:00pm	TEA BREAK			
3:00-4:00	SETTING UP THE PRIORITIES			
4:00-4:30	SUMMARISING CLOSING/ Closing Speech by Ko Nay Phone Latt (Yangon Region Hluttaw MP)			

## INTRODUCTION

Myanmar has come online at an unprecedented speed over the past 4 years. As Myanmar continues to experience a digital leapfrog and connectivity revolution, have the right policies and practices been put in place to protect people's rights on the internet? Myanmar Digital Rights Forum will bring together 150 representatives from civil society, the media, the tech industry, private sector (including Facebook) and the government in developing joint priorities for 2019.

## FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

### **[Thumbs up] or [Thumbs down]? A review of free speech online**

*A review of what has happened to freedom of expression online in Myanmar since 2018.*

Facilitator: Aung Myo Min (Equality Myanmar)

Speakers: Aung Khant (Athan)

Thae Ko (Protecting Committee for Myanmar Journalists)

Thuzar (MWJS, Myanmar Press Council)

Dr Thida Tin (Ministry of Information)

### **"Shut up girl, it's too sensitive!"**

*What happens to those who speak out about "sensitive" issues online? What backlash do they face? And from whom? What risks do women face if they talk about sexual and reproductive rights? What happens when you raise LGBT rights?*



Facilitator: Billy Kan Myat (Thingaha)

Speakers: David Aye Myat (aka Yaya, National Transgender People Alliance of Myanmar)

Khin Su Mon (Rainfall gender study)

Kyi Pyar (NLD)

Thilaga Sulathireh (ASEAN SOGIE Caucus)

Yin Yadanar Thein (Free Expression Myanmar - FEM)

### **Is Facebook's content moderation working?**

*Nine months after Myanmar CSOs wrote to Mark Zuckerberg raising concerns about content moderation, what has changed? What positive steps have been taken and what negative ones? What should happen next?*

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

Speakers: Rafael Frankel (Facebook)

Myat Thu (Myanmar Tech Accountability Network)

Thet Swe Win (Synergy)

U Shwe Win (Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture)

Marzuki Darusman (UN FFM Chair, via video)

## **PRIVACY**

### **Developing E-Government in Myanmar: What are the Building Blocks of Building Trust?**

*Will laws protecting privacy and data will be in place before the e-governance systems are active and how this can be done? What requirements should be put in place to ensure that personally identifiable information is protected and anonymized as appropriate in e-government systems? Would and should there be any independent oversight to ensure that data is being used in an appropriate and ethical way? Will Myanmar citizens use the system if these protections are not in place? What lessons can be drawn from other countries?*

Facilitator: Vicky Bowman (Director, Myanmar Center for Responsible Business)

Speakers: Daw Nwe Ni Soe Yin (Director, Ministry of Transport and Communications)

U Set Shwe (Deputy Director, Ministry of Labor, Immigration and Population)

Raman Jit Singh Chima (Asia Policy Director, Access Now)

U Thar Htet (Managing Director, Zwenexsys.Ltd)

U Michael Lwin (Managing Director, Koe Koe Tech)

### **Strengthening Cyber Security and Fighting Cyber Crime: getting the principles and the framework right**

*Is Myanmar on the path of developing a cyber security framework that prioritises protecting and defending individuals and their human rights, devices, and networks as the core objectives? Cyber security and cyber crime require two distinct approaches. Cyber crime laws are about deterring and punishing crimes involving computers but must also be consistent with the Myanmar's*



*international obligations to protect human rights. In Myanmar which way are we going? What are the optimal solutions?*

Facilitator: Margaret Wachenfeld (Senior Research Fellow, IHRB/MCRB)

Speakers: U Ye Naing Moe (Director, National Cyber Security Center, MOTC)

May-Ann Lim (Managing Director, Technology Research Project Corporate)

U Ye Thura Thet (Principal Analyst and Founder, Kernellix)

Sunil Abraham (Executive Director, Center for Internet and Society)

Lennon Chang (Senior Lecturer, Monash University and founder of cyberbaykin)

Trinh Nguyen (Co-founder & Director, Horizontal)

### **Data Protection: balancing convenience, privacy and security**

Myanmar lacks a data protection framework, including for 'lawful interception' of communication. But local and international businesses are collecting, storing, transferring across borders, and using and potentially selling an ever-increasing amount of our private data, collected from apps, social media usage, telecoms, and that will only increase with the shift to e-government and e-commerce, as well as the potential for increased use of facial recognition technology, and tracking users. Should Myanmar ICT users be concerned about this, and if so, what should they be concerned about? What can Myanmar learn from developments elsewhere? How – if at all - are Myanmar app developers and service providers addressing the question of privacy? What does cloud storage mean for Myanmar? What should a legal and policy framework for data protection look like?

Facilitator: Margaret Wachenfeld (Senior Research Fellow, IHRB/MCRB)

Speakers: U Yan Naung Soe (Assistant Director, National Cyber Security Center, MOTC)

Francisco Vera Hott (Advocacy Officer, Privacy International)

Christopher Peirce (Chief Legal and Regulatory Officer, Ooredoo)

Brad Jones (Chief Executive Officer, Wave Money)

Cheekay Cinco (Specialist in ICT for Non-profit organizations)

### **Using online information to hold government and companies to account**

*What government and corporate information is already available online to enable the public, including the media, to hold government, elected representatives and the private sector to account? What legal obligations are there to disclose, and are they being met? What additional information can be found? How can this most effectively be used?*

Facilitator: Win Min (MCRB)

Speakers: U Aung Myo Thant, Deputy Director, Information and Public Relations

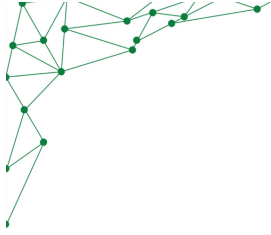
Department, Ministry of Information

U Han Zaw (Secretary, PEN Myanmar)

Ko Htin Kyaw Aye (Founder, Ananda Data)

Vicky Bowman (Director, Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business)

Daw Nwe Zin Win (Executive Director, Pyi Gyi Khin)



## ACCESS

### **Women and the Internet: Promises and Perils**

*Women are 28% less likely than man to own a mobile phone in Myanmar. Having access to the internet can bring up more opportunities for Women, but how can we bridge the digital gender gap? What other factors and challenges are women facing for access to the Internet? What policies are in place or missing for encouraging a safe and secure online spaces for women?*

Facilitator: Dhyta

Speakers: Ma Khin Lay (Triangle Women Network)

Gayani Hurulle (LIRNEasia)

Ari Katz (IREX)

Htaike Htaike Aung (MIDO)

### **Promoting Media Literacy Education in Myanmar**

*Myanmar is one of the country that leapfrogged in term of internet and mobile usage. However, according to nationally representative surveys, less than 20 percent of the users have Digital skills for which are crucial for navigating in this time of proliferation of "fake news". What are the problems and how can we overcome that?*

Facilitator: Tin Zar (Internews)

Speakers: Phyu Phyu Thi (MIDO)

Myint Kyaw (Myanmar Journalist Network)

Daw Thida Tin (Ministry of Information)

Dr. Zin Mar Kyaw (Department of Journalism, National Management Degree College)

Naing Naing Aye (UNESCO)

### **Enabling the Disabled through Digital Solutions**

*According to the national census, there are more than 4% of people living with different disabilities. Usage of digital technologies, mobile phones and the Internet could open up more opportunities for PWDs. However, is Myanmar promoting more policies for enabling the disabled? What needs to be done more? Enabling the disabled: the role of ICTs in the lives of persons with disabilities in Myanmar (Report by LIRNEasia, MIDO and MILI)*

Facilitator: Nay Lin Soe (MILI)

Speakers: Ye Win (iSchool Myanmar)

Aye Thinzar Maung (MILI)

Sai Kyi Zin Soe



## **Community Networks : A Potential Solution to bridge 'last mile'?**

*The Government and the Telecom Companies says we are already 90% connected. But is that true? Who are still unconnected? How they can help connect the unconnected? What are the potential opportunities and constraints in future?*

Ritu (Digital Empowerment Foundation)

## **DIGITAL SAFETY**

### **How the internet works**

*This is the prior session for the participants to explore how the internet works: who are the key players who can have access to when you send an email or browse, where the vulnerabilities are, what can we do to mitigate.*

### **Communication Security**

*In this session, the trainer and the participants will explore the communication they are using and how safe it is, what are the things they should take into consideration when they use applications/ tools. Will spend a lot of time around secure messaging apps, browser sec, VPN.*

### **Social Media Security**

*In this session, the trainer and the participants will explore how to social media safely*

## **OPEN SESSIONS**

Do you have something you want to share? In addition to our exciting lineup of speakers, we will have slots for you to share your experience and expertise with fellow participants. For example, current proposals include:

- Legal restrictions on digital content in Myanmar law
- Universal Design Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) to Ensure Accessibility in Financial Services for People with Disabilities
- Social media and elections
- Environment, Awareness and Impacts Monitoring/Mitigation/Information sharing by online Tech for Non-Tech
- Next Billion Network