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Mapping Digital Media in India: Public Consultation Organised by maraa, Alternative Law Forum and Centre for Internet and Society, Bangalore

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Bangalore International Centre, TERI office, 4th Main Road,
Domlur II Stage, Bangalore - 560071

The digitalization of media has fundamentally affected both the way media industry functions as well as the way citizens receive, share and produce media. Digitized media has implications on diversity of views, opinions and ideas, access to information and our right to free speech and expression.

The Alternative Law Forum, Maraa and Centre for Internet and Society are happy to announce a one-day public consultation on Mapping Digital Media in India. The public consultation will take place on 27th of October at Bangalore International Centre in Domlur from 10 AM to 4 PM. This consultation will focus specifically on digital media with respect to policies, laws & regulators, activism and journalism.

The consultation is a direct follow-up of a report on Mapping Digital Media in India supported by Open Society Foundation. A copy of the report is available at <http://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/reports/mapping-digital-media-india>. The report was anchored by Prof. Vibodh Parathasarathi, an associate professor at Centre for Culture, Media & Governance at Jamia Millia Islamia University, and all three organizations mentioned above have contributed closely to the report.

The consultation will feature speakers from media industry, law, academia, activism and journalism. Some of the confirmed speakers include Lawrence Liang and Mathew John (media lawyers from Alternative Law Forum and Jindal Global Law School respectively), Geeta Seshu from the Free Speech Hub, Subhash Rai (Associate Editor of New Indian Express, Chennai), Arjun Venkatraman (CG-Net Swara) and Meera K (Citizen Matters).

The consultation is open to members of the public and is free of charge. Seating is limited and is on a first-come-first serve basis. Kindly contact ram@maraa.in +91 98452 20282 or ajoy@cis-india.org, +919854592122 to register.