

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME AGENDA

CONSULTATION ON “Understanding the Freedom of Expression Online and Offline”

VENUE: Young Mens Christian Association (YMCA), NEW DELHI

DATE: 10TH DECEMBER 2015

TIME: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

ORGANISED BY

Digital Empowerment Foundation (DEF)

Objectives

- Launch of the Country Research Report titled “Limited Access Restricting Expression”
- Assess and understand around freedom of information, expression and association in India online and offline in six parameters: 1) arbitrary blocking or filtering 2) criminalization of legitimate expression; 3) imposition of intermediary liability; 4) right to privacy and data protection; 5) cybercrime & cyber attacks & 6) access & disconnecting users from the internet
- Set up recommendation points around policy gaps to protect human rights online and offline on the basis of above mentioned six parameters.

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Registration
9:30 AM – 9:35 AM	Welcome & Overview of the consultation By Digital Empowerment Foundation <i>This session gives an overview of the objectives of Consultation and the expectations from the deliberations. It sets the context and background to the Consultation.</i>
9:35 AM – 9:45 AM	Launch of the Country Research Report & Keynote Address Dr. Gaurav Diwedi , Additional Secretary, Dept. of Electronics & Information Technology (DietY), Govt. of India By: Dr. Johann Hesse, Head of Cooperation, Representative of EU Delegation to India
9:45 AM – 10:00 AM	Introducing the Country Research Report titled “ Limited Access and Restricting Expression ” By: Osama Manzar, Founder and Director, Digital Empowerment Foundation <i>The session will present the summary and findings of the research report in six parameters - 1) arbitrary blocking or filtering 2) criminalization of legitimate expression; 3) imposition on intermediary liability; 4) right to privacy and data protection; 5) cybercrime & cyber attack & 6) access & disconnecting users from the internet</i>

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	<p>Working Session I: Understanding the “Freedom of Expression Online and Offline” in conversation with experts</p> <p><i>On the basis of findings, the session will further discuss on policy gaps around identified six parameters and how it is affecting freedom of expression online and offline. The session will have expert for each parameter. Each expert will have 5 minutes to discuss about the policy gaps in their parameter.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Arbitrary blocking or Filtering: By: Karuna Nundy , The Internet Democracy Project b) Criminalization of legitimate expression: By: Geeta Seshu ,The Hoot c) Imposition on intermediary liability: By: Jyoti Panday, The Centre for Internet & Society d) Right to Privacy and Data Protection: Mishi Choudhary, SFLC e) Cybercrime and cyber- attacks: By: Pavan Duggal, Advocate, Supreme court, f) Access and Disconnecting users from the Internet: By: Osama Manzar, Director, Digital Empowerment Foundation g) Human Rights and Freedom of Expression Online: By: Adv. Apar Gupta, Partner, Advani& Co. h) Moderator: Deepak Maheshwari, Founder, Editor and Publisher, MediaNama
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Networking Tea
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	<p>Working Session II: “Unboxing the Freedom of Expression Online & Offline”</p> <p><i>The participants will be further divided into six sub-groups on basis of identified six parameters. Each sub-group will have facilitator to initiate the discussion with key issues. Each sub-group will map out issues and also set-up recommendation points. Each sub-group will have 45 minutes for the discussion and 15 minutes for summing up the recommendation points.</i></p> <p><i>Facilitators at the end of the conversations, outline key insights using icons related to the following categories: stories, questions, ideas, insights, and actions.</i></p>
12:30 PM – 1:00 PM	<p>Sub-Group Presentations</p> <p>Each sub-group facilitator will briefly present the maps through sharing 2 big ideas or insights or questions or recommendation from the mind maps. Each facilitator will have 3 minutes to share their presentation</p>
1:00 PM – 1:15 PM	Concluding Remarks
1:15 PM – 2:00 PM	Networking lunch