

RightsCon Southeast Asia Background & Media Guidelines

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RightsCon is the premier summit series bringing together civil society, engineers, activists, lawyers, companies, and governments on the subject of the internet and human rights. This March, RightsCon has moved to Manila to convene civil society and key decision makers in the rapidly evolving region of Southeast Asia.

This year's event is convened by **Access**, **EngageMedia**, and local host **Foundation for Media Alternatives**. We will bring together thought leaders, highlight emerging voices, engage the technology sector, host strategy and implementation sessions, and provide opportunities to showcase new initiatives.

More than 500 people, from almost every country in Southeast Asia and dozens of other countries around the world, will be in attendance.

The RightsCon summits are dedicated to protecting the open internet and defending the digital rights of its users. Information about RightsCon sessions is available at <https://www.rightscon.org/program>, where you can download a draft of the program!

Hosts



Access is an international NGO that defends and extends the digital rights of users at risk around the world. By combining innovative policy, user engagement, and direct technical support, it fights for open and secure communications for all.



EngageMedia works at the intersection of video, technology and social change both in Southeast Asia and globally. They believe independent media and free and open technologies are fundamental to building the movements needed to challenge social injustice as well as to provide and present solutions.

Local Partner



Foundation for Media Alternatives (FMA) is a nonprofit NGO in the Philippines seeking to democratize information and communication systems and resources for citizens and communities.

Speakers can be made available upon request

Privacy, Photography & Recording Policy

RightsCon strives to present a safe space where the rights of all individuals to anonymity, privacy, and freedom from surveillance are respected. We prohibit unwanted, unauthorized, and invasive recording, monitoring, and publicity, and will actively enforce this policy. Any device that captures or streams images before consent can be granted is not allowed in the conference space. (e.g. Google Glass, Narrative Clip, etc.)

With this mind, we ask all participants, partners, and workshop organizers to abide by the following restrictions:

1

Media representatives MUST obtain explicit consent from an attendee before taking their photograph or video recording.

2

Media representatives MUST obtain clear permission before sharing ANY information — photos, videos, or quotes — that identifies anyone publicly. This includes tweets, blog posts, articles, and all tagging in social media.

3

Some attendees will wear “Photo-free” badges stating that they must not be recorded or quoted. Every attendee and media source must respect these wishes. There will also be “Photography-Free Zones” through the conference venue.

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Members of the media should identify themselves as press when approaching attendees.

If you have any questions about photography/recording, and for general press inquiries, contact Josh Levy at josh@accessnow.org.

Program

RightsCon Southeast Asia includes a mix of interactive and participant-driven sessions that were curated by a Programming Committee comprised of representatives from all stakeholders. The lineup includes more than 100 unique sessions, workshops, Tech Demos, and lightning talks. Topics include:

- ▶ **Women's Access to Justice in the Digital Age**
- ▶ **Developing Southeast Asia's Infrastructure: from Shark Attacks to Master Plans**
- ▶ **Disrupting the Surveillance Ecosystem: How Policies, Laws and Jurisdiction can Help**
- ▶ **Undo the Legal Landscape of Surveillance**
- ▶ **The Human Rights Impacts of the ICT Sector in Myanmar**
- ▶ **Advancing Legal Protections & Connecting Advocates in Southeast Asia**
- ▶ **Stakeholder Engagement in the ICT Sector**
- ▶ **ICANN & the IANA Transition**
- ▶ **Countering Hate Speech Online: Enhancing Free Speech and Civic Space Amidst the Growing Trend of Religious Fundamentalism in Asia**

And so much more

Participants

RightsCon has confirmed a diverse group of attendees and speakers, including:

Tech Attendees

Andrew McLaughlin, CEO, Digg

Andy O'Connell, Global Public Policy, Facebook

Aki Nakanishi, Legal Operations Specialist, YouTube

Chris Riley, Head of Public Policy, Mozilla

Ben Blink, Sr Public Policy Analyst, Google

Dan Bross, Senior Director of Corporate Citizenship, Microsoft

Eugene Yi, Asia Public Policy, Twitter

Khailee Ng, Managing Partner, 500 Startups. Founder, SAYS.com

Ken Carter, Counsel, CloudFlare

Jeonghye Choi, Manager, Daum Kakao

Mat Henley, Director of Security Engineering, Facebook

Nicole Karlebach, Senior Legal Counsel, Business and Human Rights, Yahoo! Inc

Nick O'Donnell, Regional Manager, Asia Pacific, Public Policy, Yahoo! Inc

Raul Cortez, Legal and Corporate Affairs, Microsoft Philippines

Rob Hallman, Sr Product & Privacy Counsel, LinkedIn

Patricia Curran, Head of Business Sustainability, Telenor Myanmar

Sue Duke, Director of Public Policy, LinkedIn

Trevor Johnston, Senior Software Engineer, Google Ideas

Voices

Ambassador Kees van Baar, Human Rights Ambassador, Netherlands

Arthit Suriyawongkul, Co-founder, Foundation for Internet and Civic Culture and a coordinator for Thai Netizen Network (TNN)

Bishakha Datta, Executive Director, Point of View; Board Member, Wikimedia Foundation

Cynthia Wong, Senior Researcher on Internet & Human Rights, Human Rights Watch

Danny O'Brien, International Director, Electronic Frontier Foundation

David Kaye, Special Rapporteur for the United Nations Human Rights Council

Donny B.U., Co-Founder, ICT Watch

Edmon Chung, CEO, DotAsia.org

Gabey Goh, Editor, Digital News Asia

Gayathry Venkiteswaran, Executive Director, Southeast Asian Press Alliance (SEAPA)

Gbenga Sesan, Executive Director, Paradigm Initiative

Gil Francis Arevalo, Communications with Communities (CwC) Officer, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs - The Philippines

Htaike Htaike Aung, Co-Founder; Myanmar ICT for Development Organization (MIDO)

J. Bob Alotta, Executive Director, Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice

Jacob Appelbaum, Independent Computer Security Researcher & Core Member of Tor Project

Jia-Rong Low, Head of Strategies and Asia Initiatives for Asia Pacific, ICANN

Kilnam Chon, EO Networking. Inc, Internet Hall of Fame Global Connector

Komala Ramachandra, South Asia Director, Accountability Counsel

Libby Liu, President, Radio Free Asia

Maria A. Ressa, CEO & Executive Director, Rappler

May-Ann Lim, Executive Director, Asia Cloud Computing Association, Managing Director, TRPC Pte Ltd, & Convenor, Young Leaders' Programme Singapore (YLP SG)

Mike Godwin, Director of Innovation Policy & General counsel, R Street Institute

Mimin Dwi Hartono, Investigator, Indonesia National Commission on Human Rights

Morgan Marquis-Boire, Director of Security, First Look Media

Naomi Fontanos, Executive Director, Gender and Development Advocates (GANDA) Filipinas

Nilantha Ilangamuwa, Asia Human Rights Commission

Nighat Dad, Executive Director, Digital Rights Pakistan

Professor Park Kyung-sin, Founding Director, Open Net, Professor, Korea University Law School

Professor Pirongrong Ramasoota, Head of the Department of Journalism and Information, at the Faculty of Communication Arts, Chulalongkorn University

Pranesh Prakash, Policy Director, Center for Internet and Society India, Brown University

Rajnish Singh, Regional Bureau Director Asia Pacific, ISOC

Rebecca MacKinnon, Director of Ranking Digital Rights Project, New America Foundation

Richard Stallman, Founder GNU Project and Free Software Foundation

Roger Dingledine, Director, Tor Project

Sherif Elsayed-Ali, Deputy Director, Global Issues, Amnesty International

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