

Approaches:

- Evidence-based policy advocacy
- Conduct research and documentation of evidence
- Network & strengthen stakeholder collaboration
- Capacity building & training activities

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Networking for freedom online & offline:

Protecting freedom of information, expression and association on the Internet in India, Malaysia and Pakistan



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Advocacy for Change through Technology

About the project

New and emerging issues are affecting online freedom in Pakistan, India and Malaysia which need strategic and immediate response. APC in collaboration with other civil society organisations is conducting research, monitoring, advocacy, training, capacity building and awareness generating campaigns. The aim is to capacitate local institutions to make use of the existing mechanisms such as the Universal Periodic Review of United Nation's Human Rights Council towards Internet rights advocacy.

The project's role is to simultaneously raise awareness & strengthen understanding of Internet rights, monitor violations, develop new forms of resistance & accountability, and advocate at national, regional and global levels.



Who are we targeting?



Primary target groups:

Human rights defenders (organisations and individuals from civil society, human rights organisations, women rights groups, democracy groups and LGBT rights groups) in the three countries.



Secondary target groups:

The media, policy makers, regulators, Internet service providers, lawyers and members of the judiciary, regional & global human rights mechanisms such as Special Mandate Holders as well as international human rights and Internet rights groups.



Ordinary citizens:

Whose lives can be improved through access to information, being able to associate freely with others and express their views and concerns on the Internet, with a view to strengthen rights in general.

Aims of the project:

- Protecting and promoting human rights on the Internet as a pre-condition for democracy and the exercise of civil and political rights.
- Strengthening understanding among target groups about how restrictions of human rights on the Internet are implemented (including the rights to freedom of expression, privacy, and freedom of assembly).
- Highlighting the ways in which Internet rights are being threatened at technical and regulatory levels by both, states and corporations, and what techniques they can use to communicate more securely and safely online.
- Enabling human rights defenders with knowledge, tools and support to respond to rights violations and advocate for long term protection of human rights on the Internet.
- Enable and support multi-stakeholder networks that can respond to threats to human rights and build a stronger human rights culture on the Internet in all the three countries.

