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Shaping a digital future for all:
Our voice, our data, our privacy

The internet offers great opportunities for freedom of expression, participation and transparency. For human rights defenders worldwide, it is a lifeline to share information and make their voices heard. At the same time, online-surveillance, censorship, hate speech and data abuse have risen dramatically. In many developing countries, the effects are particularly chilling. Internet shutdowns during election campaigns and political protests have increased significantly. Digital surveillance, often in the name of national security, has become a constant threat for many journalists and activists. While the Cambridge Analytica scandal has shed light on the massive misuse of personal data in Europe and the US, the impact of data harvesting in low-income countries with weak data and privacy protection is often ignored.

The half-day conference brings together human rights defenders, development experts, policy-makers and tech managers from Kenya, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Germany and the US to discuss promising approaches and challenges for inclusive digital societies: How can the right to freedom of expression and the right to privacy be protected in the light of shrinking space for civil society? What are the human rights risks of big data analytics and machine-based decision-making for citizens in the Global South? How can development cooperation maximize benefits such as better access to information, health and education and address the challenges of algorithms working as biased black boxes?

Time
14.06.2018; 16.00 – 20.00

Location
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Agenda

Time	Activity	Speakers
16:00	Greetings	Wolf-Michael Dio, Des. Director Digital Transformation and IT Solutions, GIZ
16:10	Keynotes **The global state of human rights online: Trends, challenges, success stories**	David Kaye, UN Special Rapporteur on the right to freedom of opinion and expression (tbc) Helani Galpaya, LIRNEasia, Sri Lanka
17:10	Panel **Trolls, takedowns and the spiral of silence: Freedom of expression in the social media**	Sabine Frank, Google Germany Lina Ben Mhenni, Blogger, Tunisia Lena Rohrbach, Amnesty International
18:00	Coffee Break	
18:20	Talk **Privacy and data protection**: **Putting user rights first**	Ulf Buermeyer, Gesellschaft für Freiheitsrechte Nighat Dad, Digital Rights Foundation Pakistan Constanze Kurz, netzpolitik.org Semjon Rens, Facebook Germany
19:10	Interactive presentation **Taking Control of Your Digital Life: The 8-Day Data Detox Kit**	Caroline Jane Kent, Tactical Tech Collective
19:25	Panel **Artificial intelligence for good: Strategies to open the black box of algo-rithmic decision-making**	Lorena Jaume-Palasi, Algorithm Watch Miguel Luengo-Oroz, UN Global Pulse Nanjira Sambuli, Web Foundation, Kenya
20:15	Reception	

Speakers

- Dr. Ulf Buermeyer, LL.M. (Columbia), Gesellschaft für Freiheitsrechte (GFF, Society for Civil Rights)
- Nighat Dad, Director, Digital Rights Foundation Pakistan
- Sabine Frank, Senior Policy Counsel, Google Germany
- Helani Galpaya, CEO, LIRNEasia, Sri Lanka
- Lorena Jaume-Palasí, Exec. Director, AlgorithmWatch
- David Kaye, UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and the protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, tbc

- Caroline Jane Kent, Deputy Director, Tactical Tech Collective
- Constanze Kurz, Author, netzpolitik.org, Speaker Chaos Computer Club
- Miguel Luengo-Oroz, Chief Data Scientist, UN Global Pulse
- Lina Ben Mhenni, Blogger, Tunisia
- Semjon Rens, Public Policy Manager, Facebook Germany
- Lena Rohrbach, Expert on Human Rights in the Digital Age, Amnesty International
- Nanjira Sambuli, Digital Equality Advocacy Manager, Web Foundation Kenya

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