



Phnom Penh Internet Forum (PPIF) 2025

Topic: "Together, let's promote Cambodia's digital future with inclusivity and a foundation of respect for human rights."

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Location: Himawari Hotel Apartments, Phnom Penh ([Google Maps](#))

1. Digital context in Cambodia

With the rapid global advancement of digital technology, Cambodia is also required to develop its own digital sector. To keep pace with these developments, the Royal Government of Cambodia introduced the Digital Economy and Society Policy Framework 2022–2035, which envisions leveraging digital technology to drive economic growth, enhance effective governance, and empower citizens to access and utilize digital tools. This framework is built upon three strategic pillars: 1; Digital Citizens focusing on strengthening digital skills and access for the population. 2; Digital Government is aiming to improve public service delivery through digital tools and technologies. 3; Digital Businesses promote innovation and competitiveness in the private sector. Despite this ambitious vision, Cambodia still faces numerous challenges.

According to the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, only about 30% of Cambodia's population possesses basic digital literacy, with a significant gap among rural communities especially women and marginalized groups. Without foundational digital skills, many citizens are unable to fully participate in the digital economy or protect themselves from online threats, even as internet penetration continues to rise. The cost of accessing high-speed internet remains unaffordable, which hinders equitable digital participation. To mitigate risks from internet use and threats to personal data, the Cambodian government is drafting several key digital laws, including: The Law on Cybercrime, the Law on Cybersecurity, The Law on Personal Data Protection and the Law on Digital Government. These laws aim to enhance security and trust in digital systems. However, civil society organizations working on digital rights, along with international observers, have raised concerns about the potential for excessive government control, particularly regarding freedom of expression, privacy, and access to information. These concerns highlight the risk of infringing on fundamental rights as outlined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations. While technology is rapidly advancing, the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in sectors such as healthcare, agriculture, education, and others also presents risks. These risks stem from the low level of ethical standards in the use of technology. They include Online harassment, especially targeting journalists, female activists, the spread of misinformation and fake news generated by AI and Online scams targeting digitally illiterate citizens.

These issues are exacerbated by the lack of digital education for the public and limited legal enforcement against offenders. To address these challenges, collaboration among key stakeholders is essential, including: The government, Civil society, The private sector, and international development partners.

This is why the Phnom Penh Internet Forum (PPIF) plays an important role in facilitating open dialogue, sharing best practices, and promoting the development of digital policies grounded in fundamental human rights.

2. What is the Phnom Penh Internet Forum (PPIF)?

The Phnom Penh Internet Forum (PPIF) is an annual multi-stakeholder platform initiated by the Digital Rights Working Group (DRWG) to promote digital rights and internet freedom in Cambodia. It brings together participants from civil society, government, the private sector, experts, and international partners to share knowledge and experiences, discuss challenges and opportunities, and engage in dialogue on policies related to digital rights.

3. The common goals of PPIF

PPIF aims to promote and protect digital rights and internet freedom in Cambodia through dialogue, debate, and the sharing of experiences and lessons learned from practice, using a multi-stakeholder approach.

4. Purpose:

1. Raise awareness about legal frameworks related to AI and cybercrime.
2. Create a platform for sharing knowledge on digital rights, internet freedom, misinformation, and AI.

3. Provide opportunities for participants to engage directly with stakeholders to influence policy and regulations related to digital rights.

5. Expected results:

1. Participants will gain a clearer understanding of the progress and key contents of legal frameworks related to digital rights.
2. Participants will acquire new knowledge on how to exercise digital rights and internet freedom effectively and safely.
3. Participants will engage directly with relevant stakeholders to discuss policies and regulations related to digital rights.

6. Agenda:

Time	Tentative Agenda	Facilitator/Speaker
08:00 - 08:30	Welcome and Registration	Member DRWG
Introduction to the Forum and National Anthem		
08:30 - 08:40	Welcome remarks by: Ms. SIN Putheary , Executive Director of CCC and Representing DRWG	MC: Ms. NOP Linda
08:40 - 08:50	Opening remarks by: H.E CHEA Vandeth, Minister of Ministry of Post and Telecommunication and Secretaries of State	
08:50 - 10:00	Presentation on "The Legal Framework Related to AI" Questions and Answers	Representative of MPTC
10:00 - 10:20	Coffee break and Group Photo	
10:20 - 12:00	Panel Discussion: "Using and Managing AI Technology to Advance Cambodia's Development" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative from Ministry of Post and Telecommunication (MPTC) • Young Entrepreneurs Association of Cambodia (YEAC) • Open Development Cambodia (ODC) • Mr. NGETH Moses 	Moderator: 1. Representative of Women's Media Centre of Cambodia (WMC) 2. Mr. Chanroern
12:00 - 01:30	Lunch break	
01:30 - 02:00	Presentation on: Promoting career and employment prospects for youth in a digital context.	Representative of the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training
02:00 - 03:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thematic Workshops: Round 1</u></p> <p>Room 1: (livestream)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Topic: "Introduction to AI and how to use it responsibly and safely." • Speaker: Cambodia Academy of Digital Technology (CADT) • Responsible: UNESCO Cambodia <p>Room 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Topic: <i>(TBC)</i> • Speaker: <i>(TBC)</i> • Responsible: Cambodian Center for Independent Media (CCIM) 	

	<p><u>Room 3:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Topic: “Youth share experiences on risks related to cybercrime and internet freedom” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker: <i>(TBC)</i> • Responsible: Conserve Indigenous Peoples Languages Organization (CIPL) 	
03:00 - 03:15	Coffee break	
03:15 - 04:15	<p><u>Thematic Workshops: Round 2</u></p> <p><u>Room 1:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Topic: “Technology Facilitate Gender Base Violation (TFGBV)” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker: <i>(TBC)</i> • Responsible: Open Development Cambodia (ODC) <p><u>Room 2:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Topic: “Promoting Internet Connectivity to Remote Areas” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker: <i>(TBC)</i> • Responsible: Advocacy and Policy Institute (API) <p><u>Room 3:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Topic: “Fact checking” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker: <i>(TBC)</i> • Responsible: CamboJA 	
04:15 - 04:50	Presentation of the discussion results of each room (5 minutes/person)	Facilitator for each room
04:50 - 05:00	Closing remarks by: Ms. SAWADA Chankrisna , Executive Director of WMC and Representing DRWG	DRWG representative