

Proposal Form for Network Sessions and Workshops

If you want to present a specific project (activity, research, advocacy strategy, etc.), have an opportunity to present your work or want to become more directly involved in the networking sessions, please send us your ideas by filling out this form and returning it to henze@mediagfmd.org.

You can propose ideas for the network sessions and/or for the workshops. This is not a requirement, but any ideas you may have are welcome and we will try to accommodate as many as we can.

1. NETWORKING SESSIONS – December 8, 16:30-18:30

Becoming involved in the networking sessions does not require that much preparation on your part. We would ask you to make a very short presentation (not more than 3 minutes). The participants will be divided into small groups and will go from one person to the next, listen to their short pitch, ask questions and discuss the idea briefly, each session lasting not more than 8 minutes. We will have many groups, so that you will make your short presentation several times to different people throughout the networking sessions.

If you are interested, have a look at the three themes and choose one theme (the three themes are running parallel so that you can choose **ONLY ONE** theme). Fill in the information on your idea under the relevant theme heading.

1. Would Like to Meet – Speed Dating for Project Ideas

In this session, people present new, different, innovative, successful project ideas to share experience and look for possible partners.

My Project Idea (describe the main points of your project idea in no more than two sentences):

Language: Please Underline the languages you speak. I can make my presentation in English, French, Spanish, Russian, Arabic.

My Name:

My Organisation:

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Country:

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2. Impossible Dreams?

In this session, people present ideas on advocacy for media development, projects, research, etc. that you always wanted to do but never got around to.

My Dream (describe the main points of your project dream in no more than two sentences):

Language: Please Underline the languages you speak. I can make my presentation in English, French, Spanish, Russian, Arabic.

My Name:

My Organisation:

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3. My most successful failures

In this session, people present projects/initiatives that did not work out but taught them a lot for the future.

My Successful Failure (describe the main points of your idea in no more than two sentences):

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My Name:

My Organisation:

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2. WORKSHOPS

If you want to coordinate and moderate a workshop, you need to prepare a short paper outlining the main points you want to raise in the workshop, give some background on the issue you want to discuss and identify three key questions that you want the workshop to try to answer. You can do this by filling out the questions on the next page.

Many of you have already made some suggestions. PLEASE HAVE A LOOK AT THE ATTACHED PROGRAMME AND WORKSHOP SIGN-UP FORM. If a subject you want to raise has already been proposed, you can either suggest to become a co-coordinator or simply sign up to the workshop as a delegate.

If you want to suggest a new workshop, please fill out this form and send it back to henze@mediagfmd.org NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 31.

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Workshop Title: Media development in closed media systems

Workshop Coordinator: Albana Shala, Press Now and Roby Alampay, SEAPA

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Language: (Please mark one) *English, French, Spanish, Russian, Arabic*

Workshop description:

1. What are the main points you want to raise in the workshop?

The workshop will focus on effective means to give people access to objective, reliable and impartial news and information within closed media systems, i.e. in countries where there are no (editorially speaking) independent media, as well as ways to involve journalists living inside the respective closed societies in such media programs. Particular attention will be paid to the question to what extent it is possible to separate independent journalism from political activism under such conditions.

2. Give some background information to the issue you want to raise.

Press Now has been supporting media outlets in different closed media systems, including the Persian broadcaster Radio Zamaneh and the Radio Darfur Network. SEAPA has supported media in Burma.

Leon Willems, program manager of Radio Darfur Network, and Kamran Ashtary, Director of Communication and Development of Radio Zamaneh and Roby Alampay from SEAPA will be speakers during the workshop.

3. List three key questions you want the workshop to address.

a) How to secure and support independent journalism in closed media systems

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b) Can independent media development be distinguished from supporting political activism?

c) How to secure safety of journalists living in closed media systems.

4. What would be the main desired outcome of the workshop?

New ideas and proposals

Lessons learned

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