

**TUESDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2008 (14.30pm – 16.00pm)**

**Workshop 6: Working in closed Media Systems : Case studies from Burma, Iran, Tibet, Sudan**

**NAOUSSA, LEVEL 1, English**

**Workshop Title: Media development in closed media systems**

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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

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

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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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