

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

Workshop 9: Skills workshop : Getting around the Internet Filters in Restrictive Media Systems

MYCEANE, LEVEL 1, English, Russian

Workshop Title: Circumventing Internet Censorship

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

Workshop description:

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

How does internet censorship work, and how can you circumvent it.

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

70 countries implement some form of government-mandated censorship, usually by blacklisting certain domains, sites, web pages, or keywords. Technologies exist which make circumventing that censorship relatively easy, but there is a great deal of confusion about how to get and use them.

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

a) How to get circumvention tools

b) How to use circumvention tools

c) How to help others get and use circumvention tools

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

- Enable participants to have completely unfettered internet access despite living and working a situation where the government is trying to prevent the availability of some content or online activity
- Share knowledge and experience about how to propagate to others information about the availability and use of circumvention tools—as an activity which can be considered an element of the freedom of expression support activist's toolbox.

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