Internet Rights Training

Trainers

Beryl Aidi

Beryl Aidi is the communications programme advisor at the Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC), which she joined in February 2010. She has over 10 years of experience in communication in various fields, including public relations and marketing, public health and now in human rights. She leads the communications department of the KHRC through the organisation's communication strategy and managing the KHRC's ICT advocacy programme. Since 2011, when she developed an interest in ICTs for democracy and human rights, she has spearheaded internet freedom campaigns on behalf of the KHRC working primarily on legislative and policy frameworks around ICTs in Kenya. She is also focusing on access to the internet as a right, which broadly speaking enables enjoyment of informational rights, and is currently working on bridging the digital divide between the marginalised and those who are well served by ICTs.

Alan Alegre

For more than 15 years, Alan Alegre has been involved in the framing of ICT policy and internet governance discourse within a strong public interest perspective, in the Philippine, Asian and global arenas. As longtime executive director of the Foundation for Media Alternatives (FMA), he has overseen programme and project-based interventions in digital inclusion, internet freedom, open governance and gender-fair ICTs. Part of his work has been to direct various training and capacity-building initiatives of the FMA with civil society organisations and other development stakeholders including government workers. Alan is often invited as a speaker and resource person in various national and international trainings and workshops related to internet governance and digital communication rights (including privacy rights).
Roxana Bassi

Roxana Bassi is an IT and telecommunications engineer with 25 years of experience in ICT for development (ICT4D). An Argentine national, she has worked for the private, academic, NGO and public sectors and international organisations in several countries of the world. Her areas of expertise relate to supporting the development of knowledge societies and include policy development, IT infrastructure planning and large-scale deployment, e-learning and massive open online courses (MOOCs), green IT and e-waste, and IT project management, monitoring and evaluation. She has advised governments and developed projects in Afghanistan, Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, France, Ghana, India, Kenya, Rwanda, Spain, Mexico, Namibia, Tanzania and Uganda. She is currently the Global Information Society Watch (GISWatch) coordinator at the Association for Progressive Communications (APC).

Valeria Betancourt

Valeria Betancourt is a sociologist with a specialisation in Communication and Cultural Studies. Born and based in Ecuador, she is an activist in the field of ICTs for development and social justice. She is involved in ICT policy processes with the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) and has engaged proactively in enhancing participation by civil society organisations. Her current work as APC’s Communication and Information Policy Programme manager focuses on ICT policies in the context of developing countries, internet rights and internet governance. She earned a Lifetime Achievement Award from LACNIC in 2012.

Alex Comninos

Alex Comninos (MSocSci, International Relations, University of Cape Town) is a doctoral candidate at the Department of Geography, Justus Liebig University Giessen. Alex’s doctoral research focuses on the use of crisis mapping in the Middle East and North Africa. He has published research on various topics including freedom of association and peaceful assembly online, cyber security, intermediary liability, mobile banking and African political economy.

Shawna Finnegan

Based in Winnipeg, Canada, Shawna is an activist and researcher working with the Association for Progressive Communications (APC). Her work includes research and advocacy at national and global levels on internet-related human rights issues, including working with human right defenders, through Universal Periodic Review processes in diverse countries and at the United Nations Human Rights Council.
Stella Hughes

Stella Hughes has extensive experience in communication, both as a journalist and within the UN. In the field of ICT for development, Stella established UNESCO’s Community Multimedia Centre programme and spearheaded the multimedia training kit initiative (MMTK). She currently works as a trainer, writer and editor.

Jan Moolman

Jan Moolman is a feminist editor, writer, trainer and activist working at the intersection of violence against women and technology. Jan has extensive experience in the South and Southern African women’s rights sector and currently coordinates projects as part of the APC Women’s Rights Programme.

Carly Nyst

Carly Nyst is the legal director of Privacy International (PI), a London-based human rights organisation working to defend privacy and fight against unlawful surveillance across the world. Carly leads PI’s engagement with regional and international human rights mechanisms, and is responsible for PI’s organisational litigation strategy. Carly is an Australian-qualified human rights lawyer who previously acted as legal advisor to the UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, and was a visiting scholar at Colombia Law School’s Human Rights Institute.

Paz Peña

Paz Peña, a journalist with an MSc in Gender and Culture in Latin America, has been the director of communications and spokesperson at NGO Derechos Digitales since 2008. Since 2013, she has been a public leader of Creative Commons Chile and organisational liaison for the Association for Progressive Communications (APC) and IFEX ALC.

Resource Persons

Avri Doria

Avri Doria has been an itinerant researcher for over a decade. She was chair of the ICANN Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group (NCSG) Executive Committee, chair of the ICANN Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council, and a participant in the World Summit on the Information Society.
Society (WSIS). She is a participant in post-WSIS civil society, coordinator of the civil society Internet Governance Caucus (IGC) and a member of the UN Working Group on Internet Governance (WGIG). She spent five years working for the IGF Secretariat and currently is a volunteer researcher for the Association for Progressive Communications (APC) and is employed part-time as vice president of policy and governance at dotgay LLC. As a technologist she has been involved in the development of internet protocols and architectures for over 30 years, and has been a member of the faculty of the International Schools on Internet Governance from the beginning.

Joy Liddicoat

Joy Liddicoat works for the Association for Progressive Communications (APC) on internet and human rights issues. Based in New Zealand, Joy represents APC in the NonCommercial Users Constituency of ICANN and in October 2011 was elected as a councillor for a two-year term representing non-commercial stakeholders on the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council.

Jennifer Radloff

Jennifer is based in Cape Town, South Africa and has worked in APC’s Women’s Rights Programme since 2002. She currently coordinates capacity-building activities in the Women’s Rights Programme focusing on digital security and digital storytelling. She manages a project in the Republic of Congo which aims at holding governments accountable to gender-based violence through the use of ICTs. She is on the Executive Committee of the Women Human Rights Defenders International Coalition and recently edited Issue 18 of the journal Feminist Africa on “e-spaces : e-politics” (agi.ac.za/journal/feminist-africa-18-2013-e-spaces-e-politics). She has six godchildren and likes trail running and poetry.

David Souter

David Souter is founder and managing director of ICT Development Associates, which provides expertise on ICT policy and regulation, ICTs in development, and the social, economic and cultural impact of information technology and the internet. He is also visiting professor in communications management at the University of Strathclyde, Scotland, and visiting senior fellow in the Department of Media and Communications at the London School of Economics and Political Science. He is an associate of the International Institute for Sustainable Development and president of the Global Connectivity Group for Sustainable Development.