



Tech for Democracy

#LetsTalkDigital: No civic space without digital space!



**Monday November 8
14:00 - 16:00 (GMT)**

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ABOUT THE DAY OF ACTION

How is digitalisation affecting the future of protest, mobilisation and civil society actions around the globe?

In this interactive session, part of the **Tech for Democracy Days of Action**, we look at ways of creating a digital enabling environment to strengthen the voice of an active, positive and solutions-oriented civil society. **From online learning for indigenous youth in Guatemala, to progressive digital policies in Taiwan or safe spaces for online activism in the Mauritius**, we will hear directly from activists and civil society organisations who are redefining the way we approach digitalisation.

Together with participants, we will collect stories and experiences as part of the **#Let's Talk Digital campaign**. The campaign is based on the findings of the **"Towards an enabling digital environment for civil society"** by **Forus** and **TechSoup**, which advocates for an inclusive, human-rights-based and democratic form of digitalisation that will empower and enable rather than restrict and repress.

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AGENDA



PART 1

What does an enabling digital environment look like?

Moderator: Arturo Cortés Barbabosa, Forus

Speakers:

- **Deirdre de Burca**, Forus Advocacy Co-ordinator - The role of global networks in promoting a Digital Enabling Environment for Civil Society
- **Janne Winther**, Acter, Partnership & Research Lead - tech start-up, Denmark - designing and building software for an enabling global digital environment - focus on privacy and digital literacy.

Q & A : 15 mins

PART 2

Stories from the ground, digitalisation experiences of civil society

Moderator: Bibbi Abruzzini, Forus

Speakers:

- **Jorge Colorado Comparini**, CONGCOOP, Guatemala – Virtual education for indigenous youth
- **Jay Hung**, Chairperson TaiwanAID – Progressive digital environment
- **'Gbenga Sesan**, Executie Director of Paradigm Initiative - Pan-African digital inclusion and digital rights
- **Hanna Pishchyk**, Digital Grassroots - Digital citizenship in local communities

Q & A : 15 mins

PART 3

Reflecting on digitalisation: activists take the floor

Moderator: Deidre de Burca, Forus

Speakers:

- **Bibbi Abruzzini**, Forus campaigns coordinator - storytelling and the [Let's Talk Digital campaign](#)
- **Tanya Lallmon**, social justice activist in the Mauritius - Digital activism and safe spaces
- **Judit Lantai**, European youth Forum - Youth civic spaces and digital rights

Collective jamboard: What are your ideas for a more enabling digital environment for all? 10 mins