



Stakeholder's capacity in Benin to engage for internet freedom increased through a multi-stakeholder forum for internet freedom organized by Ghanaian partner MFWA (see more on pg. 5)

The Global Internet Freedom Program

Hosting workshops, speaking on panels and coordinating with other civil society groups and policy makers – these are just some of the activities partners did at the global IGF in November to strengthen the visibility of global South voices in discussions.

At the national level, advocacy work continued on bills and legislation that pose challenges to human rights. For example, ICT Watch led a successful campaign that garnered public attention and solicited a direct response from the government regarding the revision of the EIT law (see page 5).

It was a very busy quarter for the Brazilian partner in this regard as they organized four trainings that introduced new voices to digital rights and informed them of the cross-cutting implications for internet freedom of developments in the technical and policy fields (see page 3). In the highly conservative province of Aceh, Indonesia, ICT Watch held a 2-day workshop with human rights activists to raise their awareness of internet freedoms (see page 3) complemented by engagement with local leaders in the province (see page 5).

QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS

Visibility of global South voices increased through active engagement at the IGF

Global South priorities and perspectives were shared through interventions in 12 sessions as expert panelists. 5 workshops organized by partners framed discussions and set the agenda at the global level (see page 2).

Raised awareness of internet freedom violations in West Africa through first edition of the Internet Rights Monitoring tool

In Ghana, the publication and dissemination of the 1st West African Internet Rights Monitoring tool gave human rights defenders a new tool to advocate for rights-respecting policy online.

WSIS outcome document includes civil society input developed through a joint civil society submission on the zero draft

Text put forward by civil society in a submission on the zero-draft was clearly reflected in iterations of the draft outcome document and the final outcome document. For example, text on cultural rights, diverse local content and surveillance matched exact wording from the joint civil society submission on the zero draft (see page 2).

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Objective 1: To strengthen policy advocacy for Internet freedom in target countries in the global south, as well as in key international forums

This quarter all partners had a busy and successful IGF, informing stakeholders of global South priorities through workshops and interventions as expert panelists, as well as face-to-face meetings. Other highlights include Bytes for All's preparations for the Human Rights Council's UPR and MFWA's launch of an Internet Rights Monitoring Tool.



In Pakistan...

Bytes for All continued to focus advocacy work on the UPR process in the run-up to Pakistan's upcoming mid-term review at the Human Rights Council's 31st session in March. The draft input document for the UPR mid-term report was completed and is ready to present at consultations with civil society. Feedback from these consultations will be incorporated in the UPR report finalized for presentation at a side event for Pakistan's mid-term review in March 2016.

In Argentina...

At the global IGF, CELE co-hosted the panel "[Can Internet rights and Access goals be reconciled?](#)", where they discussed access in the context of human rights and network neutrality. Eduardo Bertoni also engaged in activities of the Freedom Online Coalition's working group on Privacy and Transparency Online to increased awareness among Latin American Countries regarding the FOC's work and vice versa.

Eduardo was invited as a speaker for the [IGF main session on net neutrality](#), where he presented the zero-rating debate in Latin America and outlined the two key arguments brought up against zero-rating - access and net neutrality.

With the presidential elections in November, CELE published an op-ed to '[Una agenda para la libertad de expresion](#)' highlighting opportunities for the new government to protect freedom of expression online and set the agenda on digital rights.

In Ghana...

This quarter saw the release of the first edition of the [West Africa Internet Rights Monitoring](#)

Report. The report provides a unique resource documenting violations of human rights online in 16 countries in the sub-region, and acts as an advocacy tool for human rights defenders. Some of the highlights of the first report include:

- The majority of the countries in West Africa do not as yet have specific online related laws in place that govern or regulate online activities and there are occasional incidents of violations in this edition of the report.
- Potential areas of legislation with implications for human rights online. For example, in the 1st edition, the report highlights introduction of bills in two countries that mandate SIM registration: by alerting HRD to these developments the report also acts as a catalyst for concerted action.

In Brazil...

With the 2015 IGF taking place on home soil, Coding Rights was able to use the event to connect national and international engagement with civil society groups and policy makers. Highlights included:

- Joana Varon representing civil society [with a speech at the Opening Ceremony](#), in which she affirmed the principles of net neutrality, privacy, openness and accessibility and called for a stronger consideration of human rights in the WSIS+10 Review process.
- Coding Rights organizing a meeting of LatAm civil society representatives and Joseph Cannataci, the newly appointed UNSR on the Right to Privacy, to feed into his activity plan for 2016 and present priorities within the region.

- Coding Rights contributing to the publication and launch of '[Latin American in a Glimpse](#)', coordinated by Derechos Digitales, to inform a global audience of digital rights developments in the region.
- Civil society organizations in Brazil meeting with representatives of the Brazilian government to discuss strategies and challenges. Coding Rights was commissioned to produce a policy briefing on Cybersecurity, to strengthen arguments against privacy threats in current legislative debates.

In Chile...

Derechos' engagement at this year's IGF was driven by shaping the agenda to strengthen policy advocacy for Internet freedom on issues that are of relevance to the Latin American region. Holding sessions with strong global South representation, where Derechos hosted its own roundtable sessions for the first time.

- Organizing two popular round tables discussions, the first on [political dissent & online anonymity in developing countries](#), the second – which attracted 130 participants – on [Zero-rating and neutrality policies in developing countries](#). Derechos also participated in a number of other sessions, including "[Tech-related gender violence x Freedom of Expression](#)", [Freedom of Expression online](#), and the IGF side event, [DiscoTech](#)

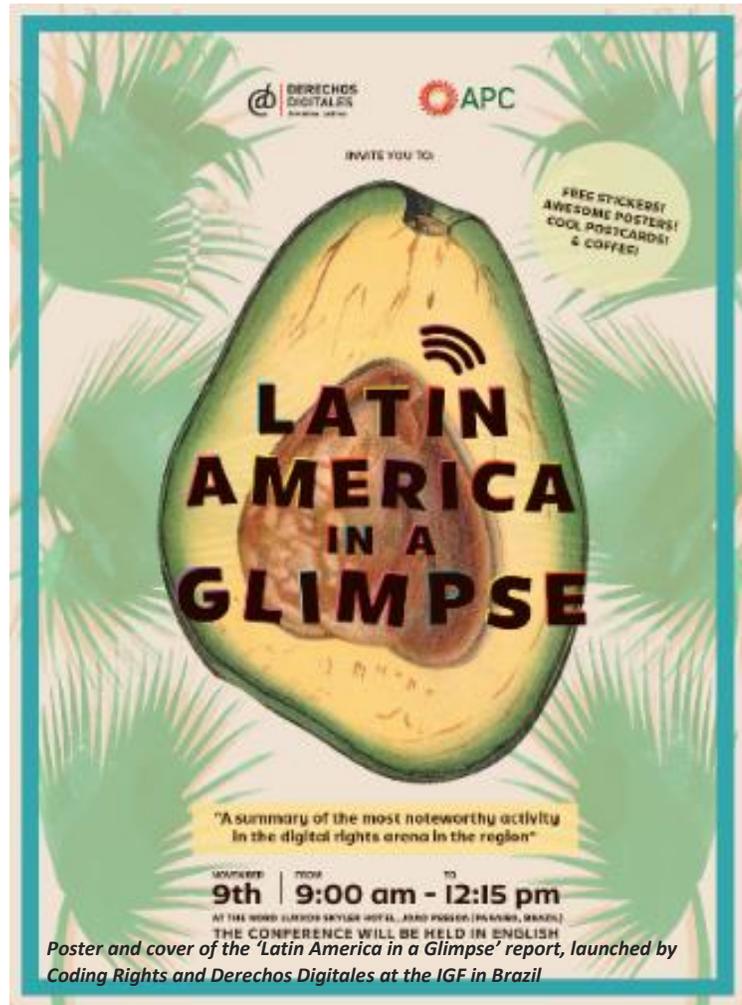
Derechos continued to attend public committee hearings. These included a session of the Public Transport committee that would create a database of public transport 'fare dodgers'. Derechos raised data protection and privacy concerns on the bill which were taken into account by the committee, who will now

call for additional sessions to address these matters.

In Indonesia...

ICT Watch were active with international level advocacy work at the IGF, which included:

- Facilitating a multi-stakeholder roundtable discussion in October in preparation for the IGF. This allowed for common points of agreement to be outlined and a coordinated approach to engagement at the IGF. ICT Watch also participated in a roundtable prior to the IGF hosted by the MCIT where they informed the drafting of the Indonesian governments formal position on key issues
- Organizing a workshop for the first time at the IGF, "[Child Online Protection through Multistakeholder Engagement](#)". This was also the first time that a government representative from the MCIT was present as a panelist at an IGF.
- Making an [intervention at the WSIS+10 main session](#) at the IGF. They also briefed the government on their intervention at the same main session
- Attending the global WSIS+10 civil society coordination meeting co-organized by Global Partners in October which resulted in a joint civil society submission into the Review process



Objective 2: To increase the capacity of wider civil society in the global south to understand and influence relevant policies in support of Internet freedom at the national, regional and global levels

Civil society capacity to engage for internet freedom was strengthened this quarter through activities including policy papers, training workshops, and hands-on training on privacy tools.

In Argentina...

Three comprehensive research briefs are currently being developed to support informed advocacy for human rights:

- Following up from a first version in 2014, CELE is working on a compilation of policy articles that were published throughout 2015. A first installment of this publication, compiled in the first project year, has already been a successful tool to empower civil society organizations and increase their knowledge and effective participation in internet policy debates
- An assessment of the government initiative "Argentina Conectada" – a number of government initiatives to increase broadband connectivity in Argentina. The plans were meant to be implemented between 2010-2015, and CELE will conduct an assessment to identify which goals were accomplished, which weren't, and why.
- Work also continued on a report on the controversial Criminal Code bill. The report will serve as a resource for advocacy work directed at the legislative commissions involved and focuses on one specific aspect: how the project addresses the crime of 'grooming'.

In Brazil...

As in previous quarters, the Brazilian partner carried out digital training workshops to build the capacity of civil society groups. Coding Rights' training methodology is continuously evolving and improving in an effort to convey a fundamental understanding of the internet's technical infrastructure alongside its implications for digital rights and practical avenues for advocacy and policy engagement.

- Joana Varon gave a training at a capacity building workshop in the run-up to the IGF, hosted by CGI.br and focused on privacy and Internet governance



Explaining how it all works: A Coding Rights training

processes, encouraging new voices to join IGF debates.

- At the Emergencia festival, hosted by the Ministry of Culture in December, Joana joined a panel on 'the Internet as a public space' to discuss challenges of digital rights and Internet centralization with grassroots organizations not yet engaged with digital rights.
- Following up from a previous training with investigative journalists and activists last year, Coding Rights co-organized two similar digital security workshops in Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo, focusing on privacy, surveillance, data and investigative journalism for advocacy.

A new edition of the regional Antivigilância Newsletter was for the second time published in [Portuguese](#) and [Spanish](#). It provides policy analysis and information on advocacy opportunities to over 1350 subscribers:

Different authors contributed to this issue:

- **Brazil:** Background article on the "Spy Bill" (Plespião), which threatens to undermine core Internet principles established through the Marco Civil, and the coalition of Latin American organizations fighting against this bill.
- **Regional:** An infographic on the negotiations of malware company Hacking Team with LatAm countries, and an article on the Peruvian 'Stalker Law' that allows authorities warrantless access

to geolocation data, and significantly increases data retentions requirements.

- **Technology-focused articles** included an analysis of opportunities and risks in the usage of biometrics, and an article about Surveillance in Android Systems' technical information on keyrings for passwords and trackers.

In Indonesia...

ICT Watch's activities this quarter at the national level raised awareness of internet freedom issues, built the capacity of human rights defenders and widened the network of human rights groups:

- In Aceh province, they held a 2-day workshop with around 20 human rights activists to raise their awareness of internet freedoms, online rights, and build their capacity to engage in internet-freedom related advocacy
- They carried out a training session with the civil society group 'Migrant Care', on internet freedoms and using the internet safely and securely for human rights. The work with Migrant Care has two aims: increasing migrant groups' awareness of online rights and advocacy and engaging Migrant Care's broad coalition and network of human rights groups

ICT Watch supported awareness-raising of Indonesian internet freedom issues through:

- The Netizen factsheet provides a broad overview of Indonesian internet policy and internet freedom-related issues. This quarter more than 500 copies in English were distributed at the IGF while the Bahasa edition was downloaded more than 165 times
- Insights into defamation law cases and lessons learned were shared with lawyers and academics at a provincial university (Mataram) to build their capacity and to strengthen national ties with networks working on legal advocacy

In Ghana...

The Ghanaian partner was invited to be part of the planning committee which successfully organized [Ghana's second IGF in October](#) (the first was held in 2010 and had since struggled to get off the ground). The multi-stakeholder event included representatives from government, industry, civil society and academia. Highlights included:

- Panel discussions which focused on cybersecurity; local content, applications and services and how to make the internet relevant to people to Ghana; government open initiatives; and the safety and security online of young people online
- MFWA organized two panel sessions on – "Youth IGF" and "An Open and Safe Internet" – which offered the opportunity to highlight the organization's work on internet freedom and the youth forums
- The success and interest in the issues addressed has meant that the committee

has begun work on the second edition for 2016

In Chile...

To inform policy debates and underpin its own advocacy work, Derechos continued working on research papers and published blog posts on relevant national and regional policy issues.

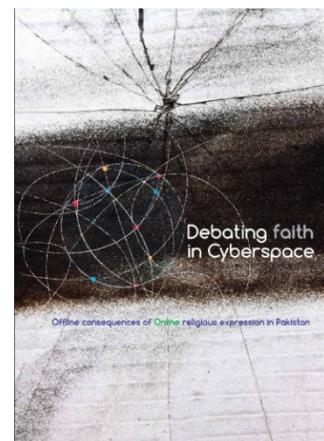
- Derechos began a new research paper on online protection of privacy and anonymity to serve as a regional advocacy resource for civil society laying out how anonymity can be protected in the online environment.
- Work continued on the publication on Internet policy issues in Mexico, planned to be presented in March 2016, which is coordinated and edited by Derechos.
- On the margins of the IGF, Derechos launched their public campaign '[Internet es Nuestra](#)' and the second installment of the publication 'Latin America in a Glimpse 2015'.
- To inform the public debate and offer alternative viewpoints in fundamental discussions, Derechos continued to publish opinion pieces and analyses on its website, discussing events in [Panama](#), [Mexico](#), and the wider [Latin American region](#).

In Pakistan...

Bytes for All presented their new report "[Debating Faith in Cyberspace](#)" at the IGF, linking in with the regional event co-organized under this project on religious freedoms and

freedom of expression in Jakarta last June. Outcomes included:

- The issues discussed in the report "[Debating Faith in Cyberspace](#)", and which documents the situation in Pakistan, reaching a global audience as part of the workshop organized by the partner, titled "[Blasphemy policies: Consequences for the digital world](#)"
- Research from a targeted mapping of the legislative frameworks of 9 countries in Asia and their implications for freedom of expression and religious belief were presented
- The debate with 6 panel experts, including Bytes for All, showcased how freedom of expression online manifests in different regions with similar religious contexts and the legislative frameworks that can be used to tackle resulting violations of human rights



Objective 3. To foster and strengthen civil society coordination and collaboration on advocacy for Internet freedom.

In Brazil...

In parallel to the Antivigilância Newsletter, the Antivigilância Webportal and Mailing list remain core tools for responding to current privacy rights developments in Brazil and encouraging advocacy coordination.

- The Antivigilância Webportal registered 4052 visitors and over 7000 individual page views in the past quarter. [The most recent publication](#) analyses the security of different chat applications in light of Brazil's recent blockage of the app WhatsApp.
- The Antivigilância mailing list continues to grow and gained 104 new subscribers this quarter. It remains the only mailing

list in Brazil that addresses privacy rights from both the technical and political perspective.

In Chile...

TPP remained a key advocacy focus this quarter, with intergovernmental negotiations coming to an end and the trade agreement currently awaiting signature by the Chilean Congress. Derechos therefore shifted activities from preventing TPP towards influencing the implementation of the agreement's regulations and working with other regional organizations who will undergo the same negotiation process.

- Consistent effort made to strengthen national advocacy coordination,

including a meeting with the conservative think tank 'Instituto de Estudios de la Sociedad' to identify areas of mutual concern, such as provisions that harm access to medicines.

- At the global level, Claudio Ruiz was part of the organizing committee and participated and led sessions at the Global Congress 2015 in Bangalore. He also gave a presentation at the BestBits meeting on the margins of the IGF to gather global support for their TPP engagement and ultimately form a global civil society alliance for such trade agreements. With Peru and Mexico soon entering similar trade negotiations,

knowledge sharing across civil society is crucial at this point.

In Indonesia...

- ICT Watch [coordinated a successful campaign with more than 40 civil society and media representatives](#) to bring attention to the EIT law and secrecy surrounding progress on its revision, garnering mainstream press coverage. Based on the discussions with the government which followed it, the draft law will likely be forwarded to the legislative for revision in the coming year. Securing revisions to the EIT law has been a central part of advocacy efforts under this program
- In Aceh province, they facilitated a discussion with more than 170 members of the local community - including local leaders. As a province subject to Sharia Law, this marks the beginning of advocacy for a multistakeholder approach in a highly conservative political environment

In Pakistan...

As part of its preparations for the mid-term review of Pakistan's UPR at the Human Rights Council's 31st session in March, a wide group of informants were identified and invited to one of three regional consultations. Three consultations in cities spanning three regions were organized to ensure wide outreach and input into the report.

The campaign, 'Access is my right', informs the national public about internet freedom – an area currently poorly understood by the public. This quarter, Bytes developed a public outreach campaign with a focus on encryption and its relation to freedom of expression, privacy and personal security, with four fun and engaging cartoons created.

In Ghana

Drawing on a format previously used in Ghana and Liberia, and using a mapping of issues and stakeholders produced in partnership with OSF, MFWA brought national stakeholders in Benin together to raise awareness about internet freedom. As the third forum of its kind held in the West Africa region, it was set up by MFWA to address the general lack of

awareness on internet freedom issues.



Outcomes included:

- 45 stakeholders - including a member of the National Assembly, the High Authority of Audio Visual Communication, civil society groups, academia and industry - informed about the main issues and stakeholders as they relate to internet policy and challenges to internet freedom
- 23 participants formed a multi-stakeholder coalition to promote internet freedom in the country
- [The African Declaration](#) was introduced as a tool for internet freedom advocacy to a new audience

NEXT TIME... (Activities for Q7, January – March 2016)

Argentina:

- Attending congressional meetings and providing oral and written interventions
- Developing the second volume of "Internet and Human Rights" publication
- Hosting a strategic meeting with civil society actors
- Working on analysis report – an assessment of governmental initiatives to guarantee internet access
- Attending the global IGF

Brazil:

- Producing Civil Society Briefing for the Parliamentary Inquire Commission on Cybercrime
- Coordination with Brazilian Civil Society Organizations to set strategic plan of 2016
- Participation in the Consultation for the Decree of Marco Civil if it is launched
- Attending Internet Freedom Forums (IFF) and other relevant events regarding Privacy and Cybersecurity

- Launch of the 13th Edition of Antivigilancia Newsletter
- Launch of join reports on Hacking Team in Latam and on Communication Interception laws in Brazil

Chile:

- Publication, launch and event coordination for the Mexico publication, highlighting key internet policy debates in the country

Ghana:

- Policy brief on 'Gender Dimensions of Internet Rights in Ghana'
- Roundtable with Policy Makers on policy briefs
- Meeting of the ad-hoc committee on the national cybersecurity document and strategy document
- Online Rights Advocacy training workshop for civil society organizations in West Africa
- Follow-up trip to ECOWAS for African Declaration-related advocacy

Indonesia:

- Strengthening the local community, leaders as well as CSO capacity for Internet rights and Internet governance issues
- Promoting and conducting, evidence-based policy making approached to the government (MCIT)
- Initiating communication strategy and campaign for Privacy and Data Protection related-issues

Pakistan:

- UPR national consultation in January
- Consultative workshop on PECB in February
- Participation in HRC in March
- Follow-up trainings with bloggers in the region