

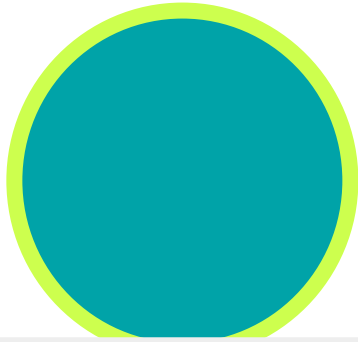
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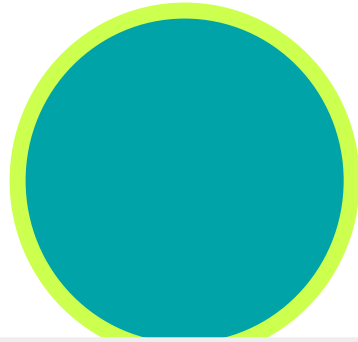
S1: Fireside Chat

Scene setting: human rights, digital identity & DPI



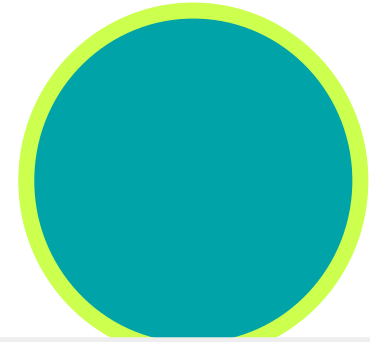
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COALITION FACTS

We are a transnational community of civil society organizations, researchers, and advocates dedicated to protecting equity, justice, and human rights in digital identity systems.



70+

Members in an open membership, volunteer-led coalition

55+

Members are based and working in global majority countries, at community, national or regional levels

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Founding goals
1/knowledge **exchange**
2/trustworthy **information** in real-time
3/opportunities for **collaboration**
4/facilitate collective **advocacy**

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Innovation & Technology



Tecnología
& Derechos
Humanos
**TEC
DIC**



R3D

Red en Defensa
de los Derechos Digitales



NATIONALITY FOR ALL

Advancing the right to a nationality in the Asia-Pacific region

NAMATI



INITIATIVE FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RIGHTS



HAKI NA SHERIA

**EPICENTER
.WORKS**
for digital rights



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Tecnología como libertad



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Vision & purpose



Our **VISION** is a powerful coalition that will move together, provide solidarity and support, and engage in collective action on digital identity and human rights.

FOUNDING GOALS

1. Develop a **consistent platform for research, knowledge sharing and learning** about digital identity and human rights.
2. Provide an **accessible source of information on country-level and international developments**, as well as various forms of technical input and/or advice for members.
3. Create **opportunities for collaboration** amongst ourselves and with key stakeholders at all levels
4. Facilitate a **sustained sense of momentum behind collective advocacy** and amplify the work of coalition members.

OUR COMMON POSITION

Core concerns



Evidence of negative impact

Mandatory digital ID requirements negatively impact human rights and human life, particularly for those who are marginalized or vulnerable

No mandatory use

Public institutions should not require mandatory use of elements of the digital ID system to access public services or privately provided public services.

No mandatory enrollment

Public institutions should not require mandatory enrollment in a digital ID system.

A need for alternatives

In contexts where digital ID systems already exist or are in development, the state has an obligation to guarantee that equal, adequate, and accessible alternatives are available.



What is the biggest risk of mandatory digital ID in your context right now?

Who is most likely to be excluded if digital ID becomes mandatory where you work?

Which safeguard matters most: legal protections, technical design, or independent oversight?

Have you seen digital ID improve access to services or restrict it? Share one concrete example

What should civil society prioritize first: resisting harmful systems or shaping better ones?

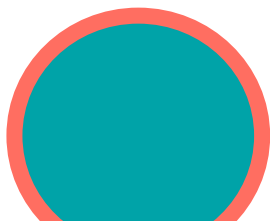


S2: Mandatory Identity: The Risks

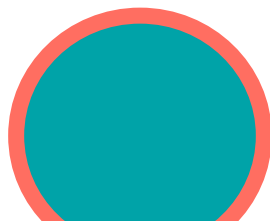
Multidisciplinary panel



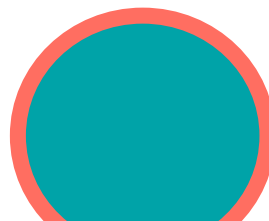
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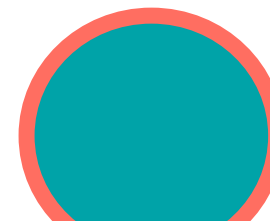
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1. Fragile States

2. Alternative ID

3. Expiration &
Conditionality

S3: Working Breakout Session & Report Back



**What concrete steps
have been taken in
contexts you know to
address exclusion
faced by this persona?**

THANK YOU!



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