

Introduced what the Southeast Asia Collaborative Policy Coalition (SEA CPN) is all about

- SEA CPN is a newly formed network of civil society organizations in Southeast Asia that aims to promote internet freedom in the region by engaging and having dialogues with ICT companies (tech companies, ISPs, telcos).
- It hopes to develop the capacities of its member CSOs to engage targeted actors and ensure representation of Southeast Asia CSOs in consultations and dialogues
- It was established to respond to the common issues in the region that includes mass surveillance, disinformation, online censorship, influence operations, attacks on human rights defenders, and online gender-based violence, among others
- Members include Southeast Asia Freedom of Expression Network (SAFEnet), Foundation for Media Alternatives (FMA), ICT Watch, Human Rights Online – Philippines, DAKILA, Public Virtue Research Institute, Purple Code Collective, Manushya Foundation, Free Expression Myanmar, Thai Netizen Network, Out of the Box, and Open Net Korea
- Invited people present at DRAPAC to check out the newly formed organization and join

On experience working with platforms:

- Related how in 2014, we would run after platform representatives in events to engage with them on issues. In our case it was about issues relating with women and technology-related violence
- These days, it is easier to engage with tech companies since some of them have established offices in different countries. It also works to your benefit if you know someone working in the company because that makes it easy to contact them; one also gets to be invited for consultations and forums organized by tech companies. For example, Meta has an office in the Philippines, and they always invite our organization to their events and consultations. Unfortunately, these are activities mostly conducted in the capital and NGOs based in the provinces are unable to access them
- When it comes to global policies however, it is still headquarters that make the decision.