



e-Inclusion and Media for Asia's Indigenous Peoples

Indigenous Peoples continue to feature among the least-information served sections of most societies. Even as access to ICTs and media begins to spread more widely throughout Asia, Indigenous Peoples remain the least served by them. But with the opportunities available today combined with the continued marginalization of Indigenous Peoples it is high time that action is taken.

The e-Bario Knowledge Fair, held in Borneo on 6-8 December just before GK3, brought together practitioners and experts from around the world to exchange experiences and prepare an **Agenda on e-Inclusion and Media for Indigenous Peoples as a supplement to the UN Declaration**.

This panel session will present the Agenda, highlighting Indigenous Peoples rights of and opportunities for better access to information, ICTs and media to achieve enhanced levels of e-inclusion. The following questions will be discussed:

How can better access to ICTs, media and information accelerate the progress of development for Asia's Indigenous Peoples?

What constraints exist that might inhibit the wider use of information for their development? And how can they be mitigated?

Who - organisations, individuals, institutions - are willing to form partnerships to address the issues?

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Panellists

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