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HOW TO ENGAGE IN BROADBAND POLICY
AND REGULATORY PROCESSES

A four-day residential course in all official languages offered by LIRNE*asia* in partnership with Sarvodaya Fusion with the support of the Ford Foundation

25th September- 28th September 2015 at Club Palm Bay, Marawila

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the course is to produce discerning and knowledgeable consumers of research who are able to engage in broadband policy and regulatory processes.

At the end of the course attendees will:

– Be able to find and assess relevant research & evidence

– Be able to summarize the research in a coherent and comprehensive manner

– Have an understanding of broadband policy and regulatory processes in Sri Lanka

Draft syllabus and information on previous courses in this series taught in India and Nepal are at http://lirneasia.net/capacity-building/ford-broadband-policy-course/

WHO MAY APPLY

We will be selecting 20-25 participants (including junior – mid level officers of government and regulatory agencies, university students, lecturers, academics, telecenter operators and media personnel). This course is of topical value in light of imminent changes in Sri Lanka's laws and policies pertaining to broadband. Simultaneous interpretation facilities will be available. Ability to access and use the Internet for learning assignments is a precondition.

FACULTY

Professor Rohan Samarajiva, PhD, Former Director General of Telecommunications of Sri Lanka, P. Vigneswara Ilavarasan, PhD, Associate Professor, Dept. of Management Studies, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, Helani Galpaya, CEO of LIRNE*asia* & Abu Saeed Khan, Senior Policy Fellow of LIRNEasia from Bangladesh.

FUNDING

- Travel allowance to cover costs from home to hotel and back.
- Shared accommodation at Club Palm Bay Marawila and meals (4 days and 4 nights). Arrival on evening of 24th September 2015 and departure 28th September 2015.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Application form is online and can be accessed at

http://goo.gl/forms/13EiWu2aVF

The submission deadline is **07th August 2015**. Acceptance will be notified by email on or before **14th August 2015**, with instructions on travel arrangements.

REVIEW CRITERIA

1. Content of application
2. Evidence of interest in, and commitment to, policy-relevant research
3. Gender, discipline, relevant experience and regional representation to ensure diversity

LIRNE*asia* **(**www.lirneasia.net**) is a regional ICT policy and regulation think tank, active across the Asia Pacific.** In partnership with Ford Foundation, LIRNE*asia* is working on a project on 'Facilitating and enriching policy discourse on improving broadband access by the poor'. The objective of the study is to inform and engage decision makers and stakeholders in Asia (Regulatory officials, government officers, executives from operators, academics and civil-society leaders) about good practices on licensing policy, spectrum management, as well as other regulatory aspects affecting broadband access by the poor.

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