

Workshop on Gender Evaluation Methodology

April 27-30, 2009 Thiruvananthapuram

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) has assumed great significance in recent decades with its increased adoption in several key areas of development. Specific ICT programmes have also been initiated to bridge the digital divide and to ensure that the benefits of these technologies reach everyone.

The efficacy of these efforts are debatable, and it is not very clear, how ICTs have benefited different sections of society. Experience also indicates that women and men access, use and benefit differently from ICTs. Understanding these differences is critical to designing, evaluating and modifying ICT interventions. Sensitising women's organisations and movements on the gender dimensions of ICT development projects is indispensable for shaping women's response to issues concerning ICT policies and programmes.

Gender Evaluation Methodology

The Gender Evaluation Methodology (GEM) developed by Association for Progressive Communications Women's Networking Support Programme (APC WNSP), is increasingly being adopted in various countries to review ICT programmes. It provides a means for determining whether ICTs are really improving women's lives and gender relations as well as promoting positive change at the individual, institutional, community and broader social levels.

Workshop design

The workshop will introduce Gender Evaluation Methodology to the participants in a step by step process. The workshop design includes plenary presentations, discussions, individual and group work and activities.

Participation at the workshop

We invite your organisation to send two representatives to the workshop. The workshop will be held from April 27-30, 2009. Please confirm your participation by March 18, 2009.

Resource Persons

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Workshop Needs Assessment

A needs assessment of participants will be conducted. Participants are requested to submit their responses online at <http://feedback.space-kerala.org/index.php?sid=72797&newtest=Y&lang=en> by March 18, 2009.

Organisers

SPACE (www.space-kerala.org) has been involved in the promotion of ICT and Free and Open Source software (FOSS) solutions in various development initiatives since 2003.

Logistics

Out-station participants will be provided support for transport and accommodation. The venue of the workshop will be communicated shortly.

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