



2025 ASEAN ICT Forum on Child Online Protection
18-19 November 2025
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

DAY 1	
	Registration & safety briefing
8:45-9:00	OPENING ‘Speaking the language’ of young people online
9:00-10:00 Plenary	Welcome remarks Accelerating Action for Child Online Protection in ASEAN Highlights of the new Regional Plan of Action on the Protection of Children from All Forms of Online Exploitation and Abuse 2026-2030 Objectives of the 2025 ASEAN ICT Forum
10:00-10:30 Plenary	Group photo session of dignitaries and delegates BREAK
10:30-11:00 Plenary	Restricting access for online protection and well-being? Rethinking restrictions through young people’s eyes. Reflections from children and young people on “social media bans” and other access restrictions
11:00-12:30 Plenary	Lessons learned in design and implementation of legislation regulating access in ASEAN and beyond Keynote Reflection panel
12:30-14:00	LUNCH

	Pillar A		Pillar B		Pillar C	
14:00-15:30 Parallel Sessions	A1. Children’s mental health in an always-on world Discussion Panel <i>Explores evidence around the impact of digital technology on children’s mental health and wellbeing, and identifies collective actions that go beyond restricting access to foster resilience, connection, and safety online</i>		B1: Online safety, wellbeing and rights for children with disability and neurodiversity Discussion Panel <i>Deepen understanding of the unique online safety, wellbeing, and rights needs of children with disabilities and neurodiverse children, and to identify inclusive approaches in technology design, policymaking, and service delivery.</i>		C1: Smart tools, tough choices. Demystifying content moderation on digital platforms (limited availability, by registration) <i>Unpack the realities of moderating user-generated content, especially CSAM, revealing the limitations of even the most sophisticated tools and highlighting the need for human judgment, ethical frameworks, and shared responsibility in creating safer digital spaces</i>	C2. Co-designing technology and apps for children with children (limited availability, by registration) <i>Explore how meaningful child participation can be embedded in the design of digital products, and to demonstrate practical approaches for co-designing technology with children that prioritizes their rights, safety, and lived experiences.</i>
15:30-16:00	BREAK					
16:00-17:30 Parallel Sessions	A2: Finding the right balance in age assurance online: Learnings from the Australia Trial Presentation/sharing + extended Q&A <i>Share insights and learning from the age assurance trial in Australia. Explore how age assurance technologies can be implemented in ways that protect children from online harm while respecting the privacy and data rights of all users, including children and individuals with varying capacities</i>		B2: Raising children in a digital world. Empowering and supporting parents and educators Discussion Panel <i>Explore the evolving challenges parents and educators face in guiding children’s digital lives, and to identify practical strategies, tools, and collaborative approaches that build adults’ capacity to support children’s safety, wellbeing, and resilience in increasingly connected environments.</i>		SESSION RE-RUN C1: Smart tools, tough choices. Demystifying content moderation on digital platforms (limited availability, by registration) <i>Unpack the realities of moderating user-generated content, especially CSAM, revealing the limitations of even the most sophisticated tools and highlighting the need for human judgment, ethical frameworks, and shared responsibility in creating safer digital spaces</i>	SESSION RE-RUN C2. Co-designing technology and apps for children with children (limited availability, by registration) <i>Explore how meaningful child participation can be embedded in the design of digital products, and to demonstrate practical approaches for co-designing technology with children that prioritizes their rights, safety, and lived experiences.</i>
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Day 2	
8:15-8:45	Morning coffee and networking
8:45-10:30 PLENARY	<p>Beyond words. How harmful online narratives are fuelling online and offline child abuse and gender-based violence</p> <p>Keynote</p> <p><i>Explore the role of negative social and gender norms and narratives (manosphere, pornography etc) across a range of online platforms (gaming, social media, chatrooms in online harms, exploitation and abuse. What does evidence tell us?</i></p> <p>Interrupting pathways to online harmful behaviour in young people</p> <p>Discussion Panel</p> <p><i>Explore the role of different sectors (schools, justice, health, child protection, tech platforms, influencers) in shaping the online narrative and interrupting pathways to online harmful behaviour and what has been achieved</i></p>
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11:00-12:30 Parallel Sessions	<p>A3. What’s new and what’s next in global and regional tech regulation?</p> <p>Discussion Panel</p> <p><i>Provide an overview of emerging regulatory trends and their implications for child protection and digital rights, while identifying entry points for regional cooperation, policy influence, and multisector engagement.</i></p>		<p>B3-1: Planning a regional response to harmful sexual behaviour in children and adolescents</p> <p>Round table</p> <p><i>Identify practical and coordinated next steps for ASEAN to prevent and respond to harmful sexual behaviour among children and adolescents, building on insights from research and practice shared in earlier sessions</i></p>	<p>B3-2: Caring for carers: Supporting health and wellbeing of frontline workers</p> <p>Round table</p> <p><i>Raise awareness of the psychological impact of frontline justice and child protection work and to identify concrete measures that organisations and systems can adopt to support the long-term health, safety, and effectiveness of their staff.</i></p>	<p>C3. Talking to the machines. Rethinking children’s rights and online safety in the age of AI assistants</p> <p>Format TBD</p> <p><i>Examine the growing role of chatbots and conversational AI in children’s digital lives. Discuss opportunities, risks and design principles that ensure these tools are safe, age-appropriate, and aligned with children’s rights.</i></p>
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13:45-15:15 Parallel Sessions	A4: Building actionable and impactful industry standards for child safety in ASEAN Workshop <i>Examine current gaps and opportunities in industry-led efforts to protect children online in ASEAN, and to identify practical, context-specific standards—such as codes of conduct, safety-by-design principles, and accountability mechanisms</i>	B4. Promoting and facilitating identification and disclosure by victims across different types of OCSEA Discussion Panel <i>Examine the challenges posed by different types of national and transnational OCSEA in reaching victims nationally and transnationally. Identify practical, cross-sector (including justice, welfare, immigration, private sector) and cross border strategies to create safer, more responsive mechanisms and environments that support victims to seek help and access support.</i>	C4. Ensuring rights and protection in and through digital transformation of education Format TBD <i>Assess the risks and regulatory gaps in the use of EdTech platforms, and to explore how governments, education systems, and developers can ensure these tools are effective, safe, inclusive, and accountable to children’s rights</i>
15:15-15:30	Coffee/return to plenary		
15:30-16:45	Moving From Paper to Action for the next Regional Plan of Action <i>Sector, country and private sector discussion on most urgent national actions for child online protection</i>		
16:45-17:30 Plenary	CLOSING		