Re: Questions for Wednesday October 26 Panel on Closing Civic Space

cthanassi@usaid.gov Cara Thanassi Friday, October 21, 2022 at 5:03:18 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: [redacted]@meta.com Íñigo Fernández
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Hi Iñigo,

As noted below, there will not be press at the event and the event will not be recorded, live-streamed or further distributed.

While we don't have a perfect sense of how many people will attend the panel, several hundred people have registered for the forum so it should be a healthy audience size. You can find the current list of registrants here: https://cadonorsforum.org/en/attendees/

Best,
Cara

On Fri, Oct 21, 2022 at 4:50 PM Íñigo Fernández <[redacted]@meta.com> wrote:

> Thank you for the information, Cara! I really appreciate the heads up. Also, could you please assist me with answers to the following logistical questions.
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> 1. Audience size
> 2. Would there be press at the event?
> 3. Will the event be recorded, live-streamed, or further distributed
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> Thanks in avance,
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> **Íñigo Fernández Baptista (he/him/his)**
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> **From:** Cara Thanassi <cthanassi@usaid.gov>
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> Dear Iñigo,
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> I hope this finds you well on a Friday. We look forward to seeing you in Honduras next week and very much appreciate your participation on the Voices panel.
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> Please find below the questions that we have developed.
> Michael may or may not get to all of them and others may arise, depending upon the flow of the conversation and the time available.
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> As discussed, there will also be time set aside at the end for questions from the audience. The conversation will be in Spanish and there will not be press nor will the event be streamed.
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> Please let us know if you need any additional information.

Best regards,

Cara

- Across your platforms, how does Meta address instances where state media and/or state proxies are producing or driving content that has the potential to or incites harassment and violence against those they view as oppositional - for example, civic leaders and organizations, independent media, and/or political candidates?
  Can you provide examples of harmful content that has been taken down or individuals/groups that have been de-platformed in Central America?

- En sus plataformas ¿cómo aborda Meta los casos en los cuales los medios estatales y/o los proxies están produciendo o generando contenido que potencian o pueden incitar al acoso y la violencia en contra de aquellos que ven como opositores - por ejemplo líderes de la sociedad civil, organizaciones cívicas, medios independientes y/o candidatos políticos? ¿Puede brindarnos ejemplos de contenido dañino que ha sido eliminado o de individuos/grupos que han sido retirados de la plataforma en Centroamérica?

- A recent Guardian article focused on the Brazil elections highlights the challenges that Facebook and similar platforms face in identifying and addressing disinformation. As we consider upcoming elections in Guatemala and El Salvador, can you speak to criticisms that existing company policies and associated resources are not adequate to address the problem? What more can be done?

- Un artículo reciente de The Guardian enfocado en las elecciones Brasileñas resaltó los desafíos que Facebook y plataformas similares afrontan para identificar y dirigir la desinformación. En miras de las próximas elecciones en Guatemala y El Salvador, ¿puede hablarnos sobre las críticas de políticas corporativas existentes y recursos asociados que no son adecuados para abordar el problema? ¿Qué más se puede hacer?

- How does Meta partner with civil society to counter disinformation and combat online hate? What can organizations do if they want to collaborate with Meta or simply flag offending content?

- ¿Cómo se asocia Meta con la sociedad civil para contrarrestar la desinformación y combatir la difusión de contenido de odio en línea? ¿Qué pueden hacer las organizaciones si quieren colaborar con Meta o simplemente señalar contenido ofensivo?

- What more should the U.S. government and other donors be doing to protect, defend, and promote civic space?

- ¿Qué más debería hacer el gobierno de los Estados Unidos y otros donantes para proteger, defender y promover
  espacios cívicos?

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