A South Asia Seminar

ITfC would like to bring together feminists and gender specialists in the South Asia region for a seminar. Our emphasis will be on bringing to the table, frameworks of analysis and action that are rooted in national and sub-national experiences in the region. We will focus on the following themes.

Society and Governance - Feminist Perspectives
IT and development – myths and realities
Is 'Information Society' a cultural implant on the South?
Feminism in the information society: caught between global solidarity and local relevance
E-governance – is it an opportunity to get women into governance
Cyber-regulation – Challenges and Directions
ICTs and core issues of development
Millennium Development Goals – How are ICTs relevant?
Whither women in the information society – The scorecard on education
Health as information – where do women lie in this paradigm?
ICTs and women's livelihood activities

Women's empowerment – right to information and communication
The New Economy - IT-powered globalisation
New value chains – linking and excluding as pleases capital
Call-centre work – the opportunity and the oppression
Knowledge in the new economy: Issues of ownership and control
New economy and agendas for feminist action – do we need new strategies?
Media and Culture
Feminist perspectives on media - Narrow-banding in the age of the Internet
Local media and women's identity articulation
Cyberspace – bastion of freedom or freedom from responsibility?
ICTs – for or against cultural plurality?
ICTs, culture and gender – examining the trisection

Women, IPR and traditional knowledge
Strategies for Policy and Action
Engendering policy and practice: Lessons from grassroots initiatives in South Asia
Feminist movements in South Asia –Do ICTs portend new opportunity?
Women and ICTs – national policies in South Asia
WSIS and South Asian civil society– Geneva and beyond