

Enabling pro-poor governance  
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## Leveraging the power of ICTs

### Sessions

- Effective services delivery: Participation, anti-corruption, accountability and M&E
- Access to information session
- Solving the problems: How to use ICTs?
- E-governance

# Co operation Framework

- Create parallel cooperation among the Civil society at SAARC level and provide feedback to SAARC Summits at government level
- Issue a status paper on RTI in SAARC countries and recommend Model RTI act.
- Create Knowledge portal on e-Governance at SAARC level
- Create a common media platform for SAARC countries ( TV, RADIO or alternative media)
- Parliamentarian awareness program on RTI. Creation of issue based parliament Caucuses
- Awareness program on alternate media channels
- Ensuring continual representation from all the member countries. Having OWSA representative offices in each country to engage the civil society from the respective countries.
- Core groups in each country on e-Governance.
- Work towards building consensus from govts. Of each country to partner with OWSA in addition to other stakeholders
- Focus on solutions rather than problems
- Directors of various countries in SAARC secretariat to be involved
- OWSA can partner with SAP on e-Governance
- Active participation by academic institutions

## User Perspectives

- Survey on information needs of citizens of each country
- OWSA to identify core e-government services and provide a feedback for the respective governments
- OWSA and partners could explore country wise partnership opportunities with Transparency International for conducting corruption studies.
- Work towards free and plural media environment.
- Affordable communication through low cost connectivity, hardware and software.

## Continuation of Dialogue Post ARM

- Creation of virtual platforms for communication among various stakeholders.
- Annual meeting in each country of South Asia should be held
- ARM by rotation in each country

## Exchange of learning Practices

- Regional ARM to showcase best practices on each of the themes, Encourage innovation awards in e-Governance
- Pilot modules on e-administration may be implemented for replication. Existing Best practices may be replicated
- RTI experience of India may be shared with other countries
- Identify people working at grassroot in each country and provide them a platform to present their experiences

## Incentive provision innovative projects

- Creation of a common fund for scaling up good projects and models at SAARC level
- Supporting research in technology specific to e-governance.

Thank you!