Introduction to Digital Rights and Platform Regulation

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The growth of digital communication technologies, especially social media, has revolutionised the landscape for freedom of expression. The increased ease of communicating and accessing information has many benefits but also has led to its share of challenges, including the growth of harmful online content, such as hate speech and disinformation. This workshop provides an introduction to international freedom of expression standards on digital rights, focusing on standards for regulating online speech and emerging practices for regulating digital platforms. It is intended for lawyers who work at the national level and who wish to enhance their understanding of international law standards in these areas, including with a view to bringing national rules more fully into line with international human rights.

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Agenda

08:30 – 08:45	Introductions and Welcome • Toby Mendel, Executive Director, CLD • [Possibly a UNESCO representative]
08:45 – 09:00	Introduction to Digital Rights • Raphael Vagliano, Legal Officer, CLD
09:00 – 09:15	Digital Rights Litigation in Colombia: A Practitioner's Perspective • Ana Bejarano, Co-Director, El Veinte
09:15 – 09:30	Introduction to Platform Regulation • Toby Mendel, Executive Director, CLD
09:30 – 10:00	Questions/Discussion