# Meeting Minutes

ICT4D Working Group, November 25, 2015

Chair: Jade Lamb, Pact

Organizations Attending:

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| Activity | Follow up |
| 1. Open Layers 3, Will Francis from MIMU
* [Open Layers](http://openlayers.org/) is a site for making interactive maps that you can embed in a website
* Special features include a javascript library, working without an internet connection, and integration with Geoserver and QGIS
* [Leaflet](http://leafletjs.com/) and [GoogleMaps API](https://developers.google.com/maps/?hl=en) are other options with similar end results (interactive maps you can embed)
* Demo of how this works, see slides for example code
* Can use a [QGIS](http://www.qgis.org/en/site/) [plugin](https://plugins.qgis.org/plugins/openlayers_plugin/) to make this even easier
* No plugin for ArcGIS; tend to be more plugins for Q because Q is open source
* Update on education mapper tool/data collection: collection mainly went well, though main challenge was that some education staff did not have a good computer/map using background
* [Geonode](http://geonode.themimu.info/) overview: able to see available datasets, metadata and interactive maps
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| 1. I-Myanmar Citizen App, Zwe Nay Naung from Centre for Youth and Social Harmony
* CYSH’s Phase I was made up of campaigns and workshops aimed at engaging youth
* Wanted to create an app to give people information about Myanmar; as the campaigns gain steam, want more information to be available to youth and apps are a good way to reach them
* This app is currently in beta, as of last week
* App has information about States/Divisions (such as population), Myanmar history, information about political parties, government contacts, the constitution, a game with a “citizenship test”
* Major function of app will be to act as a platform between MPs and citizens. CYSH will upload popular issues discussed in the Hluttaw in one area of the app.
* Users will be able to vote on whether they agree/disagree with simple stances on popular issues and see the aggregate results of voting
* Registration available but not mandatory; useful if people want to share the results of their citizenship tests via facebook
* App is only available for Android currently
* Information in app was developed by staff trainers who have on-ground knowledge of what content would be relevant to youth
* Partnered with BIT to make app
* Feedback so far on app has been to make the app look different (too generic currently), not to have comment space
* Will try to link MPs to app by introducing it to them after the app is released
* Tried to stay away from controversy in choosing historical events
* Feedback from field suggested that ethnic minorities identify more with their ethnic groups and less as a Myanmar citizen
* Results from ethnic minorities cam especially from Mandalay, Mawlamyine and Yangon; minorities felt most neglected in Mawlamine and were most likely to be tolerant and integrated in Yangon
* When asked what kind of Myanmar they wanted to see in the next 10 years, youth commonly answered that they wanted to see Myanmar become like Singapore or the US
* App size is 12.2 MB. There is one video currently; CYSH will add more but the videos will be through streaming and so not add much to the app download size.
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| 1. Findings from a month of comment analysis using Locarere, Michael Zlatarich, US State Department
* Purpose of the study was to look for correlations between patterns of hate speech in social media and actual acts of discrimination or violence
* At the October meeting, Michael gave an overview of the tool Locarere, which can be found in the [minutes](http://www.themimu.info/sites/themimu.info/files/documents/Mtg_Minutes_ICT4DWG_29Oct2015.docx)
* Locarere is an app that grabs comments from social media accounts. Using a Facebook Developer account, you can get access to the Facebook API, which Locarere takes advantage of.
* The study identified accounts known to perpetuate hate speech, identified by embassy staff. This was about 50-100 accounts at a given time; the number varied because many pages would be deleted and new ones were created over the course of the month.
* Used Boolean searches with basic terms associated with hate speech; also did a sentiment analysis for phrases such as “Get out,” “I hate”
* Looked at posts and replies from these accounts over the course of a month
* Embassy staff monitor news reports daily for incidents of hate crimes or violence. However, this activity was suspended during the elections, so there is not a ready data source for incidents of violence during several days around the elections.
* Some preliminary analysis was presented during the meeting, but the analysis is in draft and given its sensitive nature is not included in the minutes. Please contact Michael directly if you are interested in his findings.
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| 1. Other business/Announcements
* Upcoming Meeting: January 27, 2016—No December Meeting
* MCRB distributing hardcopies of finalized ICT SWIA
 | Let Jade know if you have a proposed presentation for an upcoming meeting |

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