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FROM A SOUTH ASIAN
PERSPECTIVE”

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PROGRAMME

Day 1: November 9

08:30 - 09:00  Registration

09:00 - 10:30  Opening Ceremonies

Welcome Remarks

Vijay Menon
AMIC

Michael Traber
WACC

Radhika Coomaraswamy
ICES

Inaugural Address

Godfrey Gunatilake
Vice-Chairman
Marga Institute

Keynote Paper

Communication Ethics from a South Asian Perspective

Nikhil Chațkavartty
Editor
Mainstream

Overview

Regi Siriwadana
Editor
ICES
10:30 - 11:00  Tea Break

11:00 - 13:00  Communication Ethics and Media Practitioners

Chairperson: M J Akbar

Lucien Rajakarunanayake
Editor
Thomson Lanka (Pvt) Ltd
Sri Lanka

Communication Ethics and Media Institutions

Zakariyya Sajid
Director-General
Press Institute of Pakistan

Discussion

13:00 - 14:00  Lunch

14:00 - 15:30  Environmental and Cultural Factors Affecting Media Ethics

Chairperson: Zakariyya Sajid

Tawhidul Anwar
Director-General
Press Institute of Bangladesh

G. D. Shrestha
Editor
The Commoner
Nepal

Discussion

15:30 - 16:00  Tea Break
16:00 - 17:30  The Influence of Policies and Government on Ethical Media Practice

Chairperson: G. D. Shrestha

Razia Bhatti
Newslne Publication (Pvt) Ltd
Pakistan

M J Akbar
Editor
Asian Age
India

Discussion

Day II: November 10

09:00 - 10:30  Ethical Standards: The Role of Press Councils and Journalists Unions

Chairperson: A. Sivanesaselvan

Mervyn de Silva
Editor
Lanka Guardian
Sri Lanka

Javed Jabbar
President
South Asian Media Association

Discussion

10:30 - 11:00  Tea Break

11:00 - 12:30  The Communication Environment and the Teaching of Media Ethics
Chairperson: Manik de Silva

Gokul Pokhrel
Secretary
Nepal Press Institute

Prof Dissanayake
University of Colombo
Sri Lanka

Discussion

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 17:30 Working Groups:

1. Towards a New Framework for Teaching Communication Ethics

   Chairperson: Michael Traber

   (Develop outline, content and approaches to teaching communication ethics in tertiary institutions and media training centres)

2. Towards a New Ethics for the Media Professions

   Chairperson: Regi Siriwardena

   (Develop structure, content and contexts for communication ethics for people in media professions)

Day III: November 11

09:00 - 10:30 Presentation of Working Group Reports

10:30 - 11:00 Tea Break

11:00 - 12:30 Finalization of Recommendations
Day IV: November 12

(SEMINAR FOR SRI LANKA JOURNALISTS / MEDIA PERSONS)

09:00 - 10:30 Opening Session
Welcome Remarks
Keynote Address:
The Need for a New Communication Ethics
Ajit Samaranayake
Editor
The Island
Sri Lanka
Open Discussion

10:00 - 10:30 Tea Break

10:30 - 12:45 Presentation & Discussion of Workshop Reports & Recommendations
Chairperson: Ajit Samaranayake
A New Framework for Teaching Communication Ethics
An Action Plan on Communication Ethics for Media Practitioners

12:45 - 13:00 Closing Ceremonies

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch