

POLICY OPTIONS

What are the ways to expand space (stop shrinkage) for free media/expression/dissenting voices?

1) Canadian Government

- Use trade linkages to promote Canadian values through "Constructive Engagement." X
- Take advantage of entry points provided by APEC. eg. "Free flow of Information" should be interpreted as all kinds of information. Business can be brought into the discussion by emphasizing "transparency." ✓
- Take advantage of "unused levers." eg. Canada's linkages with the public broadcasting system and regulatory commission of Malaysia. ✓
- Offer governments alternatives to "public embarrassment." These could include proposing workable alternatives to the status quo, or flexible approaches to regulation. ✓
- Raise the public profile of these issues. Explore options, such as labelling and boycotting, that will draw attention to the rights context at the point of production. ✓
- Support educational scholarships and language exchanges. ✓
- Encourage journalists to cover non-official stories in the context of APEC, eg. child labour, worker's rights. Ensure maximum access to APEC information and meetings. Provide detailed and timely briefings to the press. ✓
- Help expand electoral processes abroad and actively protect journalists. ✓
- Expand the flow of relevant information to government officials. ✓

2) Journalists and their Organizations

- Undertake basic training programs in accuracy, responsibility and ethics. ✓
- Support the development of new technologies within partner countries as a way of keeping touch and fostering links. ✓
- Encourage and facilitate South-South linkages. ✓