

Date: 31st March, 2019

Venue: The Media Lab, Thimphu

Proposed Agenda

Time	Programme	Remarks
8:45 - 9:00	Check-in	Catch-up and tea/coffee
9:00 - 9:30	Recap	Revisit previous meeting minutes, recent YI
9:30 - 10:30	YI programme overview + Position Paper outline	Rigsar to lead the hour-long orientation session
10:30 - 11:30	ACTIVITY	Review the draft position papers in context of the outline
11:30 - 12:00	DISCUSSION	Respective mentors present their group's progress and feedback
12:30 - 1:30	LUNCH	
1:30 - 2:30	Way forward	Draw up a timeline to guide the next steps up until the next quarterly meeting before summer YI + YI Branding & Visibility
2:30 - 3:30	Strategic Mentorship	Session by Programme Director

1. YI Programme Overview + Position Paper Outline

- Winter YI was focused on training participants in policy research and review (a little different from academic research, which they conduct in their schools). Think whether policy makers and stakeholders are interested to hear what you have to say
- Important to incorporate multiple perspectives on an issue and not just what you think/feel is the case
- Need to know the 'history' (using a timeline) of how their interested issue has emerged and evolved; who were/are the major players and stakeholders?
- Need to propose a methodology to be able to conduct primary research (public opinion surveys, observation study, etc)
- Remind participants to collect and compile their hard evidence /facts in an organized, easy to refer back to manner.

- The participants will kick off Summer YI by presenting their Position Papers
- Mentors to help facilitate task delegation among the members. Identify the one that takes the initiative and capitalize on that leader

2. Review the Draft Position Papers & Discussion of group progress

- 4/5 groups have submitted their first write-ups. Sherubtse group haven't submitted or provided an update so, respective mentors need to follow-up and push them.
- Punakha group (on Plastic bag usage) seems to be doing the best since they have already established an early connection with National Environmental Commission and given the recent ban, it will be an interesting, current project
- Most groups have the tendency to inject their presupposition and bias into the research so, please remind them that the data should dictate their eventual policy recommendation

3. Way Forward

- Mentors need to find avenues to engage with the members in order to build trust (WeChat, Whatsapp, FB)
- Need to include Mentors more heavily during the camp so that members don't hesitate to reach out with questions and queries

Members Present:

1. Karan Bir Urao
2. Sangay Thinley
3. Wangdi Norbu
4. Ngawang Rigsar Wangchuk