



Report on Project Country Partners Meeting with Policy Makers

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Project Country Partners Meeting with Policy Makers

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Abstract

This report outlines a meeting held with Bangladesh CPIs' meeting with policy makers.

Meeting Highlights

The Bangladesh Country Partner Institutions - BRAC University and D.Net - held two meetings, one with the Bangladesh Election Commission to brief them on Bangla collation issues, and another with the ICT taskforce to brief them on the larger localization issues. Both of these meetings were follow-ups of previous meetings reported in the last phase. The following table summarizes the various meetings held, and the following section lists the key issues discussed in these meetings.

<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Organizer</i>	<i>Date and Location</i>
ICT policy and localization	Chief Advisor's ICT Task Force	January 14, 2008
Collation and other local language issues in developing large databases in Bangla	Election Commission	February 5, 2008

ICT Policy

BRAC University met with members of the ICT Taskforce to discuss various localization related issues, in the context of the upcoming revision of the national ICT policy. The primary agenda was to brief the committee where PAN Localization may assist in the upcoming revisions of the ICT policy, where localization is one component.

Collation and other local language issues

The Election Commission is the in the process of creating the largest database ever in Bangla - the voter list - for which it requires that the collation be consistent. This meeting was to look at the localization related problems in creating this database. The PAN team briefed the participants in the status of collation, and volunteered their services to help the Election Commission in using this collation sequence in MySQL.