

# RightsCon Privacy Policy

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This website, <https://www.rightscon.org> (the “Site”) is operated by Access Now (“We” or “Us”) ([www.accessnow.org](http://www.accessnow.org)). We work hard to protect your privacy. We’re users too, and we treat your privacy as we do our own. We wrote this privacy policy to let you know how we treat your personal information and the ways we work to keep it safe and private.

We strongly believe that you have the right to control the use of your personal information and that your privacy must be respected. Our broader policy is to collect less information rather than more. We take industry standard security measures to protect personal information under our control from loss, misuse, and alteration, but like with every website there are risks associated with uploading your information online.

In this policy, "Access Now" refers to Access Now staff, board members, cooperating attorneys, interns, volunteers, and consultants, all of whom are bound by law or contract to keep information they receive as part of their assistance to Access Now confidential.

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## COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

When you are on the Site and are asked for personal information, you are sharing that information with Access Now alone, unless stated otherwise. Access Now collects information regarding website visitors,



including IP address, browser and domain information, and information volunteered by you, such as your email address. We may also track visitor usage patterns on our website, including website hits.

When you submit information on our site using third party forms, like the registration form powered by EventBrite or the Google Forms to propose program sessions, data may be collected by those vendors and processed subject to their terms of service.

## **USE OF INFORMATION**

Access Now does not sell, rent, or lease your personal data under any circumstances.

Access Now uses the information you provide to us to enable us to send you communications such as Conference program updates, ticketing information, and other relevant Conference information.

## **DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION**

Any subpoena or attempts by government agencies or private sector organizations to gain access to any information that you give us will be vigorously challenged.

In the unlikely event that we are required by law to disclose the information that you have submitted, we will attempt to provide you with notice (unless we are prohibited from doing so) that a request for your information has been made in order to give you an opportunity to object to the disclosure. We will attempt to provide this notice by email, if you have given us an email address or by phone if you have provided us with that information.

In addition, we will independently object to requests for access to information about users of our site that we believe to be improper.

## **COOKIES**

We use cookies for a limited number of purposes. A "cookie" is a tiny element of data that our site can send to your browser, which may then be stored on your hard drive. If you are concerned about your privacy and the use of cookie technology you may set your web browser to notify you when you receive a cookie. You may also set your browser to refuse the cookies our site attempts to send you. However, if you choose to reject cookies from Access Now, some functions on the website may be limited.

## **THIRD PARTY SERVICE PROVIDERS**



Access Now uses third-party service providers for some services on the Site. While we are in communication with our third-party service providers, who share our commitment to privacy and security, users should remember we don't have ultimate control over their policies. And while we own and have control over the information contained on contracted accounts (including personal information you provide), each third-party provider has its own privacy policy that is linked below.

Program Submission Form Using Google Forms: <https://www.google.com/intl/en/policies/privacy/>

Webhosting by Greenhost.net: <https://greenhost.net/about-us/ommitted/>

Conference Ticketing and Registration by Eventbrite: <http://www.eventbrite.com/privacypolicy/>

## LINKS TO OTHER WEBSITES

Access Now may provide links to third-party websites, and other websites may provide links to our Site. Third-party websites operate according to their own terms of use and privacy policies. Access Now has no control over such third-party websites and does not own any data contained therein, and therefore does not endorse and is not responsible or liable for any content, advertising, products or other materials on or available from such websites.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Access Now uses social media and social networking services to advance our work. These applications require the use of third-party service providers.

For example, the Twitter account we use is administered by Twitter, in accordance with [Twitter's Privacy Policy](#). We integrated our Twitter account onto our website through the use of a plug-in. This results in our comments, and the comments of others that we redirect, being published temporarily on our website, and links to [our feed on Twitter's site](#). These posts also include the publishing of links to "URL Shortening" services that convert long URLs into shorter URLs that direct users to other websites.

If you click on a shortened-URL, it will most likely redirect you eventually to a third-party website that contains a file or document relating to the Tweet, and the third-party website will have its own privacy practices that may include trying to place a cookie and/or web-bug on your computer, collecting your IP address, and other forms of tracking. The Twitter feed may include the usernames of other Twitter users, particularly when we respond to questions and/or "retweet." Apart from this information appearing on our website temporarily, we do not process this information beyond the Twitter-environment.

The RightsCon Facebook page is administered by Facebook and is accessible by Facebook users who already have consented to [Facebook's Privacy Policy](#). The page is managed by Access Now staff members. We do not store information on our followers nor process any information beyond Facebook.

## **CHILDREN**

Access Now does not solicit personally identifying information from children. Visitors who are under 13 years of age should ask their parent or legal guardian for assistance when using our site and should not submit any personally identifying information to the Site.

## **STAFF**

All Access Now staff members with access to data are bound by confidentiality obligations and may be subject to discipline, including termination and criminal prosecution, if they fail to meet these obligations.

## **SECURITY**

Access Now employs industry standard security measures to protect the loss, misuse, and alteration of the information under our control. Information submitted through our session submission form or any other action forms is encrypted through a Secured Socket Layer (SSL) connection, which protects the information while in transit.

The RightsCon.org website is secured using Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS), which utilizes a SSL certificate. HTTPS provides a secure channel over which data can be transferred from your computer to the web servers that host the Site. Please note, however, that several pages on the Site contain mixed content (including Twitter feeds and YouTube videos) that is not necessarily secured by HTTPS.

Although we make every effort to store information collected by Access Now in the securest of operating environments, no organization or website can guarantee complete security. Therefore, if you believe that you may be at risk by putting your name or other personally identifying information to a form on the Site, we would encourage you to consider the implications before doing so.

## **UPDATING OR REMOVING YOUR INFORMATION**

You may choose to correct, update, or delete the information you have submitted to us by sending an email requesting changes to [conference \[at\] accessnow.org](mailto:conference@accessnow.org).

## **CHANGES TO THIS PRIVACY POLICY**

This Privacy Policy may change from time to time. However, any revised privacy policy will be consistent with Access Now's mission.



We will post any Privacy Policy changes on this page and, if the changes are significant, we will provide a more prominent notice (including, for certain changes, an email notification announcing and explaining said changes to our Privacy Policy).

## **REVISIONS**

This is our original privacy policy, published on January 09, 2014.

## **QUESTIONS**

In an effort to create the most secure website possible, we welcome your feedback and input on our Privacy Policy. If you have any questions about this Privacy Policy, please contact us at [conference \[at\] accessnow.org](mailto:conference@accessnow.org).