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# PANEL DISCUSSION

**Press Freedom in a New Media Landscape:  
Independent Journalism and Challenges to  
China's Official Narrative on Tibet**

Hosted by International Tibetan Media Organization (ITMO)



DATE

Thursday,  
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TIME

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VENUE

National Endowment for Democracy (NED)  
1201 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20004



**WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS:** Palden Gyal, President, ITMO

## PANEL A — ENGLISH SESSION

**Press Freedom in a New Media Landscape:  
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Moderator: **Dhondup Namgyal Gonsar**, Secretary, ITMO



**Buchung Tsering** — Research and Monitoring Unit, International Campaign for Tibet (ICT)



**Dr. Warren Smith** — Author of Tibetan Nation and other works on Tibet.  
Former-RFA Journalist.



**Tethong Tenzin Namgyal** - Director, Tibetan Service, Voice of America



**Pema Dechen Gorap** — Former VOA Journalist



## PANEL B — TIBETAN SESSION

**The Current State of Tibetan Media:  
Inside Tibet and in the Global Diaspora**

Moderator: **Palden Gyal**, President, ITMO



**Pasang Yangkyi** — Former VOA Journalist



**Tsultrim Gyatso** — Office of Tibet Chinese Liaison Officer



**Tsering kyi** — VOA Journalist



**Lobsang Gelek** — American Tibetan Network Journalist



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