

PRE-CONFERENCE INSTITUTE  
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LIST OF RESOURCES

**APPS, PLATFORMS, & OTHER MOBILE TOOLS**

[Behavio](#): an open source Android platform that can turn mobile phones into behavioral and environmental sensors – tracking how people use their phones, how they communicate with others, and environmental factors like sound, light and motion.

[Cowbird](#) – A storytelling tool that can be used to keep a pictorial, textual, and audio “diary” of one’s life or to communally document world events.

[CrowdVoice](#) – A user-powered service that tracks voices of protest from around the world by crowdsourcing information.

[Egypt Elections Project](#): Using Ushahidi’s live mapping software to plot the 2012 Egyptian elections.

[Informacam](#): A plug-in for ObscuraCam that allows users to inflate image and video with extra points of data (metadata), such as timestamps.

[Martus Project](#): a secure information management tool that allows you to create a searchable and encrypted database and back this data up remotely to your choice of publicly available servers.

[Mobile Commons](#): An integrated way to connect with a community via mobile devices.

[Mobile Kunji](#): Using Mobile Phones to Deliver Life-Saving Information from BBC Media Action.

[Mobile Voices \(VozMob\)](#): A platform for immigrant workers in Los Angeles to create stories about their lives and communities directly from cell phones.

[Obscuracam](#): A smart phone app that blurs faces in video and still images.

[Quest for Land](#): Photojournalist John Vink’s new iPad application containing over 700 photos documenting land grabs in Cambodia.

[Safecast](#): Using global sensor network for collecting and sharing radiation measurements to empower people with data about their environments.

[Storify](#) – An online platform that lets you curate social networks to build social stories, bringing together various forms of media scattered across the Web into a coherent narrative.

[Storyboard](#) – A collection of highlights from within the massively diverse Tumblr community selected by a team of editors.

[Storyful](#) – A news gathering platform developed and powered by journalists for journalists.

[The TOR Project](#): A network of virtual tunnels that allows people and groups to enhance their privacy and security on the Internet.

[U Stream](#): An online platform that lets users broadcast video live from a computer, mobile or iPhone.

[UNICEF's Innovate For Children](#): Using mobile phones to register births in Uganda, among other projects.

[The UpTake](#): A national citizen-driven, online video news gathering organization.

[Ushahidi's WaterTracker](#): Structured Data, Integrated Response.

[Wireless Mesh Networking](#): An alternative way to get online that does not require a centrally-located broadcast infrastructure and can put users "off the grid."

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

[AKA Kurdistan](#): Building an online national archive of the Kurdish people.

[Berkman Center for Internet and Society](#) at Harvard University.

["Countering Electronic Surveillance"](#): Watchdog Watcher's summary of a panel on information security hosted at Columbia Journalism School, including some tips from experts in the field.

[Discussing Why Weibo Matters to Journalism's Future](#): David Wertime on why China's Twitter is so important.

[Electronic Frontier Foundation's "Deeplinks"](#) Blog on information security and rights.

[Global Voices](#): An international community of bloggers who report on blogs and citizen media from around the world.

[Media Storm](#): A multimedia production studio offering training for journalists and other visual storytellers to effectively communicate cinematic narratives.

[MIPJ: International Journal of Media and Information Policy](#): A new journal exploring the nexus of media, information, international relations, and humanitarian affairs.

[PeaceTech](#): Using technology to bring people from different groups together across large distances to promote mutual understanding and trust.

[Safer Mobile's "Mobile Security Survival Guide for Journalists"](#): Helping journalists better understand the security risks inherent in working with technology.

[Security-in-a-Box](#): Digital security and privacy for human rights defenders from Front Line Defenders.

[Technosociology](#): Professor Zeynep Tufekci's blog exploring the interactions between technology and society. Her most recent post: [#Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood Teaches a Lesson in Elections in the Age of Twitter and Google Spreadsheets](#).

[WITNESS's 2011 Cameras Everywhere Report](#): Current challenges and opportunities at the intersection of human rights, video and technology.

## **RESOURCES FOR GRANTMAKERS**

The Knight Foundation's "[Journalism and Media Grant Making: 5 ways to get started](#)."

The Knight Foundation's report, written by Anne Nelson, "[Media, Information Systems and Communities: Lessons from Haiti](#)."

The Knight Foundation's [evaluation of their International Journalism Fellowships](#).

Zero Divide's report: "[Funding Mobile Strategies for Social Impact](#)."

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES MENTIONED DURING THE INSTITUTE**

[Access](#) – Founded in the wake of the 2009 Iranian protests, Access provides thought leadership and practical policy recommendations in the broader field of internet freedom, and based on that expertise mobilizes its global movement of citizens to campaign for an open and accessible internet.

Amy Starlight Lawrence's [blog post](#) summarizing the Institute.

Committee to Protect Journalists' [Journalist Security Guide](#) outlines basic preparedness for journalists in the field and provides advice on complex issues such as digital security and threat assessment for journalists of all experience levels.

Electronic Frontier Foundation's [Surveillance Self Defense Project](#).

[Global Network Initiative](#) – An initiative created by a multi-stakeholder group of companies, civil society organizations (including human rights and press freedom groups), investors and academics using a collaborative approach to protect and advance freedom of expression and privacy in the ICT sector.

["Maximizing Mobile"](#) – The World Bank's new report on the growth and evolution of applications for mobile phones, focusing on their use in agriculture, health and financial services, as well as their impact on employment and government.

Mehdi Saharkhiz's [Youtube channel](#) documenting Iran's elections and protests.

[MobileActive](#) – a global network of people using mobile technology for social impact.

["Ruggie Principles"](#) – Guiding principles on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations or other business enterprises written by Special Representative of the Secretary-General, John Ruggie.

Sascha Meinrath & Jamie Zimmerman: "[Mobile Phones Will Not Save the Poorest of the Poor.](#)" An article on the cost of cell phone-based services is hurting huge swaths of the developing world.

[Tactical Technology Collective Toolkits](#) – Each of Tactical Tech's many toolkits are compiled by a team of international experts and are then rigorously peer-reviewed by an editorial team – with the needs of not-for-profit organizations and human rights advocates prioritized at all times.

[Watching Syria's War](#) – The New York Times' attempt to provide context to online videos documenting the conflict in Syria.