



India IGF (IIGF-2022) Workshop

Part 1 - Lead Organizer

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Organization / Affiliation (Please state "Individual" if appropriate)	Youth IGF India
Designation	Steering Committee Member
Economy of Residence	India
Primary Stakeholder Group	Youth / Students

Part 2 - Workshop

Primary Theme	Reaching the unreached
Secondary Theme (if any)	Multistakeholderism
Session Title	Youth empowerment amidst digital transformations: Opportunities and challenges
Session Format	Panel Discussion

Description of Session Formats **Birds of a Feather (BoF)** – An informal discussion session designed to connect the participants of shared topic of interests without a pre-planned agenda. **Panel** - Presentation and/or sharing of viewpoints by speakers on a particular topic. The number of speakers on the panel shall not be more than 4 to allow sufficient time for interaction with the attendees. **Roundtable** - Interactive dialogue involving all participants with designated moderators and not more than 2 speakers.

Specific Issues of Discussion

India is all set to preside over the G20 summit for 2023. Home to 560 million internet subscribers, second only to China, India has been balancing between promoting welfare policies for the second largest population and the aspirations to become a 5 trillion-dollar economy by 2024, thus presenting a unique set of challenges for a developing nation. This is an opportunity for Indians, and certainly pumps the aspiration of the youth. Indian youth constitute the largest demographic of Internet users and as per UNFPA projections, India will continue to have one of the youngest populations in the world till 2030.

Being the next generation of internet users, youth need to be a part of the governance of the internet and hold center stage during decision-making processes. Therefore, with youth as a key stakeholder, this session intends to shed light on how the digital ecosystem can be made more youth-inclusive and participatory in the decision-making processes amidst digital transformations. With this backdrop, we shall attempt to understand the opportunities and challenges for youth from the lenses of interdisciplinary speakers coming from technical, socio-political, and business backgrounds.

Describe the Relevance of Your Session to Theme

Reaching the unreached covers youth

Youth as the next generation of internet users need to be a part of the governance for the internet and hold center stage during decision-making processes. Being the next generation of internet users, youth need to be a part of the governance of the internet and hold center stage during decision-making processes. While the scope to contribute to a digital economy is present, it is juxtaposed with challenges around digital skills, access to the internet, device affordability, and cybersecurity. All these challenges limit the empowerment that ICT can provide them.

Methodology / Agenda

Purnima (5 minutes): Setting context for the discussion, introductions

Shivam (6 minutes): Digital transformation in India

Bhuvana (6 minutes): Reaching the unreached? Where do youth come in here?

Pranav (6 minutes): Capacity building: meaningful skill building and engagement

Ihita (2 minutes): Youth engagement in IG in India

Q/A (10 minutes): Audience

Closing remarks(3 minutes, 1 minute per speaker): What can youth expect in the next techade? What are the opportunities and the way forward!

Please provide 3 subject matter tags that best describe your session. #YouthEmpowerment #CapacityBuilding #YouthinIG

*Please specify gender e.g. agender, cis woman, cis man, female, gender-fluid, gender-neutral, male, trans woman, trans man, etc.

Moderators & Speakers Info (Please complete where possible)

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Designation	Organising Committee	Steering Committee		Author	Empowerment Program Specialist	Ex-Mozilla Fellow
Gender	Female	Female		Male	Male	Female
Economy of Residence / Country	India	India		India	India	India
Stakeholder Group	Civil Society	Youth / Students	Private Sector	Civil Society	Private Sector	Technical Community
Status of Confirmation	Confirmed	Confirmed	Invited	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed

Please explain the rationale for choosing each of the above contributors to the session.

Pranav Bhaskar Tiwari is working at Internet Society as an Empowerment Program Specialist: Fellowships. He was previously working as a Program Manager at The Dialogue, a research and public-policy think-tank.

Bhuvana Meenakshi Koteeswaran is the Founder of Women In Tech collectives, socio-tech Researcher, Mozillian, Wikimedian, and VRAR/ multidimensional space enthusiast. She is one of the recipients of the ShuttleWorth Flash Grant awards 2021. Bhuvana initiated the Women In Tech community in India to enable more voices of women who are interested in pursuing a career in tech. She is the co-founder of EmergeAbility, an initiative to make the digital world inclusive and accessible technology for NeuroDiverse communities. She has also facilitated global events like MozFest, and Hack40openGLAM.

Shivam Shankar Singh a Data Analyst. He has worked closely in Indian politics, is a LAMP Fellow, and has written a bestseller "How to win an Indian elections". He is a Schwarzman Scholar '22 and currently working on a project on information warfare.

Purnima Tiwari is Internet Governance Forum Youth Ambassador 2021. She has pursued Post graduation from the Centre for Culture Media and Governance and "Deepfakes for good" from MIT Media Lab. She has delivered a capacity building on digital literacy amongst school and college students in Chhattisgarh. She has also contributed to a recently published UNESCO report on "Multistakeholder AI development: 10 building blocks for inclusive policy design".

Ihita Gangavarapu is the co-founder of Youth IGF India, a UN IGF-recognized platform that has engaged more than 2000 youth of India in internet governance. She has been involved in IG initiatives and youth

participation in the decision-making processes for the last five years nationally as well as globally. She is a Board member at Generation Connect Visionaries Board in the International Telecommunications Union (ITU). She is a Masters student at IIIT-H, India.

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