



India IGF (IIGF-2022) Workshop

Part 1 - Lead Organizer

Salutation

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Organization / Affiliation (Please state "Individual" if appropriate)

ICRIER

Designation

Research Associate

Economy of Residence

India

Primary Stakeholder Group

Others

Part 2 - Workshop

Primary Theme

Public Digital Platforms

Secondary Theme (if any)

Accessibility and Diversity

Session Title

India to the World: Leading the Agenda on Inclusion through Public Digital Platforms

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 has emerged as a leader in today's public digital platform movement – with a focus on open-source, interoperable innovations alongside efforts to ensure meaningful access to these platforms. Given progress realised domestically, and international interest – today, India is focused on leveraging its homegrown digital solutions to support other countries while also deepening its diplomatic engagements.

As India takes the helm of the G20 in 2023, it is uniquely positioned to bring the public digital platform

discourse into the broader global agenda. This session will explore the following:

- o What makes India's DPI approach unique? Spotlight on use-cases (Aadhaar, UPI, CoWIN etc): What are some of the key challenges and risks faced by these platforms? How have they enabled access and inclusion?
- o Does the open nature of these technologies effectively embody the principles of transparency and accountability in their governance frameworks?
- o Public Digital Infrastructures and Platforms require interventions at different levels and across various disciplines. How can ecosystem players promote, mobilize, and track the development of these technologies domestically as well as globally?
- o How can India's experience help guide or caution other countries looking to build DPI? What more can India do to influence this discourse?

Describe the Relevance of Your Session to Theme

Across the world, we are witnessing a new and promising approach to GovTech – one that has moved from building 'siloed systems' to one that creates 'enabling ecosystems' through the use of public digital platforms such as Digital Public Goods and Digital Public Infrastructure.

India has made enormous strides on this front – it has developed and deployed a variety of technology-based architectures, that are being implemented through public private partnerships and are steadily revolutionising finance, commerce, health, education and skilling services.

Exponential developments in technology call for a fresh approach towards adapting and monitoring DPIs that uphold the values of interoperability, transparency and openness. Their governance requires collaboration across public and private sectors, with cross-disciplinary perspectives from law, policy, technology, and economics. Enabling this multi-stakeholder and multi-disciplinary approach is crucial for building systems that can bridge the digital divide and improve adoption of digital services.

The session will focus on factors that have contributed to the success of, and challenges associated with implementing such digital solutions in the Indian context. Panellists will discuss lessons India's experience holds for other countries building their digital infrastructure from scratch, and explore how India can further the global dialogue on public digital platforms.

Methodology / Agenda

This panel will reflect on the Public Digital Platforms that India has built over the years, and how a key focus on enabling access to these platforms has improved the overall efficiency of service delivery in the country, and transformed the lives of ordinary citizens. Panellists will also discuss how this unique approach of mainstreaming public digital platforms is garnering attention at the global level, with many countries looking to India for support or simply inspiration in building their own digital platforms

1. Opening Remarks by the Moderator (5 mins)
2. Introductory Remarks by each panellist (20 mins)
3. Moderated questions (20 mins)
4. Q&A (15 mins)

Please provide 3 subject matter tags that best describe your session. #DPI #DigitalPublicPlatforms #DigitalIndiatotheWorld

*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)

	Moderator (Primary)	Moderator (Backup)	Speaker 1	Speaker 2	Speaker 3	Speaker 4
Name	Dr Deepak Mishra		Dr Sarayu Natarajan	Nita Tyagi	Devendra Damle	Anaita Singh
Organization	ICRIER		Aapti Institute	eGov Foundation	Open Network for Digital Commerce	The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
Designation	Director & Chief Executive		Founder	Director Partnerships	Senior Manager, Policy	Program Officer, Digital Health
Gender	Male		Female	Female	Male	Female
Economy of Residence / Country	India		India	India	India	India
Stakeholder Group	Other		Civil Society	Other	Other	Other
Status of Confirmation	Confirmed		Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed

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

Dr Deepak Mishra is the Director and Chief Executive of the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations, a not-for-profit economic policy think tank. He was co-director of the World Development Report, 2016 on Digital Dividends and has extensive experience in economic policy.

Dr Sarayu Natarajan is the Founder of Aapti Institute, a strategic research institute that focuses on technology and society.

Nita Tyagi is Director, Partnerships at eGov Foundation where she tackles urban governance challenges through digital platforms.

Devendra Damle is Senior Manager, Policy for the Open Network For Digital Commerce (ONDC).

Anaita Singh is a Program Officer working on Digital Health with The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation supporting the mission to leverage digital to enable every individual with an equal opportunity to access healthcare and nutrition services.

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