



# AGENDA

Community Network Xchange (CNX) aims to develop a platform for community network providers to work collaboratively for developing policy briefs, organising trainings, building capacity and sharing their experiences and learnings.

20 SEPTEMBER 2017

SANSKRITI KENDRA  
NEW DELHI

TIME: 0930-1730

0900 - 0930

## Registration

0930 - 1030

## Welcome

Community network providers and other stakeholders will be introduced to each other. They will set into context the current scenario of community network operators in Asia Pacific. Each participant will get 2 minutes to talk about their organisation and its work.

**Anchors:** Rajnesh Singh, ISOC and Osama Manzar, DEF

1030 - 1100

## Tea

1100 - 1230

## **SESSION I: Learnings from Experience: Sustainable Business Models Around Community Networks**

The session will showcase presentations by 4 community network providers who will share their experiences of adopting a sustainable approach. Each of the following presenters will have 10 minutes to present:

1. Vineet Mathur, Airjaldi
2. Sarbani Banerjee, Gram, IIT Mumbai
3. Nicolas Pace, Altermundi
4. Shahid Ahmad & Ritu Srivastava, DEF

Following their presentations, the session will allow discussions on the present day challenges in transforming community networks to sustainable business models. Participants will try to identify 5-10 major challenges in the areas of:

- a) Social viability
- b) Economic viability



1230 - 1300

**Anchor:** Rajnesh Singh, ISOC

**SESSION II (A): Understanding Challenges around Making Community Networks Sustainable**

This session will break out into 4 groups in two categories.

**(i) Social Viability (ii) Economic Viability**

Each category will have two groups and each group will try to find solutions for social or economic viability challenges identified in Session I; and suggest practical ways to make sustainable community models.

Each group will have 30 minutes for the discussion, followed by lunch.

**Anchor:** Carlos Rey Moreno, APC

1300 - 1400

**Lunch**

1400 - 1500

**SESSION II (B)** All groups will continue their discussion after lunch, focusing on the challenges faced and making 5 major recommendation points each.

1500 - 1530

**Tea**

1530 - 1700

**SESSION III: Forming a Consortium of Community Networks for Scalability and Sustainability**

The session will explore how a consortium can be formed to work together and contribute towards raising social funds in three key areas – policy & regulation, technical & infrastructure, and creating barefoot engineers to strengthen community wireless networks.

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1700 - 1730

**Way Forward**

Anchors will bring CNX 2017 to a close by reiterating major points raised through the day and discussing the way forward.

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