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Communities
For

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Every Right is Behind
Digital Access 📶

📅 15th & 16th Nov 2024

📍 T-Hub, Hyderabad





9:00 AM — Registration for the 8th Edition of CNX-APAC

10:00 AM — Introduction and Welcome Address

Sujit Jagirdar, CEO, T-Hub, Hyderabad | Osama Manzar Founder-Director, DEF

10:15 AM — Inaugural Plenary Session of CNX & DCS

Imagining a Just Future: Intersections of Access, Rights, and AI



Shri Jayesh Ranjan, Special Chief Secretary, ITE&C and Industries & Commerce Departments of Govt of Telangana.

Rajnesh Singh, CEO, APNIC Foundation

Sonia Jorge, Founder and Executive Director, GDIP

Rakshita Swamy, Founder and Director, Social Accountability Forum for Action and Research (SAFAR)

Sawmya Kidambi, Director & CEO, The Barefoot College, Tilonia



Moderator: Pankaj Pachauri, Founder & Editor-in-Chief, GoNews

11:30 AM — High Tea



12:00 PM — **Session I: Community Networks and Citizen Rights through Data Literacy and AI Awareness**



Aakansha Natani, Assistant Professor in Political Science, Human Science Research Group (HSRG), IIIT Hyderabad

Dave Dawson, Senior Communications Coordinator APNIC

Shrikant Sinha, CEO, TASK

Roshan Nair, Digital Development Advisor, USAID

Siddhartha Melampati, Directing Council - General



Moderator: Amitabh Kumar, Founder, Social & Media Matters

15th Nov
Day 01

12:45 PM



Session 2: Social and Economic Impact of Community Networks

Rajashree Joshi, Program Director, BAIF

Rabiraj Khadka, Hello World, Nepal

Diana Jean Santos, Davao Medical School Foundation– Philippines

Dr. Sripath Roy Koganti, SwechaAP



Moderator: Gomer Padong, Supervising Program and Development Cooperation Specialist, ISEA

1:30 PM

Lunch



2:30 PM



Session 3: Challenges in Community-Led Connectivity Initiatives–Voice from the Ground

Nitesh Bharadwaj, Aadiwasi Janjaguti

Ken Streutker, CEO, The MakerBox

Vie Reyes, Philippines Coffee Alliance (Online)

Shivam, Uttarakhand Wireless Aid Community Network

Dr. Nem Khan Dim, Executive Director, Techno Valley (Online)

Bharat, Totopara Internet Connectivity



Moderator: Talant Sultanov, Global Digital Inclusion Partnership



15th Nov
Day 01

3:15 PM

Report Launch

An Exploratory Study of Adoption and Usage of Technology by Rural Women for Entrepreneurship and Empowerment



Dr. Sarbani Banerjee Belur, Senior Project Executive Officer,
Secretariat Head IIT, Bombay

Rajashree Joshi, Program Director, BAIF

Ritu Srivastava, Program Manager, IEEE
and Director, Jadeite Solutions



Moderator: Dr. Suruchi Kumari, Digital Empowerment Foundation

3:45 PM

Building (Digital) Commons: Community in Energy Transition.

By Swaniti Global and Digital Empowerment Foundation



Shri Jayesh Ranjan, Special Chief Secretary, ITE&C
and Industries & Commerce Departments of Govt of Telangana.

Deeksha Pande, Associate Fellow-Global Climate and
Development Institute, Swaniti Global

Rishi Kishore, Fellow-Energy Transition and
Climate Policy, Swaniti Initiative



Moderator: Arpita Kanjilal, Digital Empowerment Foundation

4:30 PM

High Tea





5:00 PM



Session 4: Gender Rights and Meaningful Access among Community of Practices

Jenny, Digital Empowerment Foundation

Narangarav Adiyasure, Ulen Tyekhnologi, Mangolia

Chinmayi Arakali, IT for Change (CSO)

Sowmya Kidambi, Director & CEO,
The Barefoot College, Tilonia



Moderator: Sonia Jorge, Founder-Director,
Global Digital Inclusion Partnership

5:45 PM



Session 5: Freedom of Expression and Combating Misinformation in a data driven networked society

Prof. Vinod Pavarala, University of Hyderabad

Shruti Narula, Assistant Program Manager, DEF

Amitabh Kumar, Founder, Social & Media Matters

Aindrila Chatterjee, Assistant Professor, IMT Hyderabad



Moderator: Akanksha Ahluwalia, Manager, DEF

6:15 PM

3B on Wheel - BYTES BEYOND BANDWIDTH

By Ashhar Farhan, Founding Vice-President, LARC

7:00 PM

Cultural Performance

8:00 PM

Dinner



16th Nov
Day 02

9:00 AM — Registration for the 8th Edition of CNX-APAC

10:00 AM — **Digital by Design in Indian Legislation**
Implications for Meaningful Connectivity for Persons with Disabilities

By Broadband India Forum and Digital Empowerment Foundation



Mira Swaminathan, Director, Policy Advocacy and Communication

Sameer Nair, Operations Head, Youth4Jobs Foundation

Sooraj Kumar, Founder & Director, Prajaahita Foundation

R. Chander, Samarth SoochnaPreneur, DEF



Moderator: Arpita Kanjilal, Digital Empowerment Foundation

10:45 AM — **Session 6: Promoting Cultural and Linguistic Diversity through CNs**



Prof. Kanchan K.Malik, University of Hyderabad

Ashhar Farhan, Founding Vice-President, LARC

Bikash Khatri, Program Director, Nepal Internet Foundation

Ritu Srivastava, Program Manager, IEEE
and Director, Jadeite Solutions



Moderator: Sarbani Banerjee Belur, Senior Project
Executive Officer, Secretariat Head, IIT, Bombay





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Showcasing of Internet Shutdown Game

By Avinash Kuduvalli, Technical Support and Developer, APC

1:00 PM

Lunch



2:30 PM

The Role of Public Access Facilities in Community Networks

By APC and Digital Empowerment Foundation

Carlos Rey-Moreno, Co-Manager, Strategy and Policy, APC

Immaculate, BOSCO Uganda

Dave Mugerwa, Director, International Technology and Engineering, Hello World

Melina Shyaula, Team Lead, Hello World, Nepal

Pooja, BAIF

Moderator: Mike Jensen, Internet Access Specialist



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Day 02

3:31 PM

Lightning Talk

Wi-DEF - Launching the India Round of Grants to Close the Gender Digital Divide

Sonia Jorge, GDIP



Radhika Sarin, GSMA



4:00 PM

High Tea



4:30 PM

Connected Resilience: Gendered Experiences of Meaningful Connectivity through a Global Pandemic

By Global Digital Inclusion Partnership

Jenny, Digital Empowerment Foundation



Saleema Razvi, Copenhagen Consensus



Lauren Grubbs, USAID

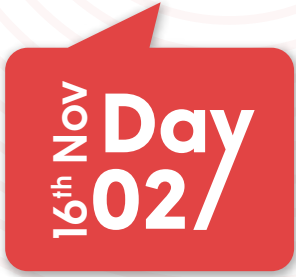


Upasana Hembram, ISOC Foundation



Nitesh Bharadwaj, Aadiwasi Janjagruti





5:15 PM

Townhall

Algorithmic Futures: Ensuring Rights, Access and Justice for Communities

By DEF and Purpose

Discussants

Osama Manzar, Digital Empowerment Foundation (DEF)

Sonia Jorge, Global Digital Inclusion Partnership (GDIP)

Rajnish Singh, Association for Progressive Communications (APC)

Mr. K Mohan Raidu, ISOC- Hyderabad Chapter

Urvashi Aneja, Digital Futures Lab (DFL)

Rakshita Swamy, Social Accountability Forum for Action and Research (SAFAR)

Pankaj Pachauri, GoNews





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