



Meaningful Access, Data & Hyper Local Communities

14 & 15 Nov T-Hub, Hyderabad

14th Nov | DAY 1

8:00 - 9:00

Registration

9:00 - 9:20

Welcome Address & Introduction

9:20 - 9:30

Opening Remarks

9:35 - 10:25

Inaugural Plenary
Digital Citizenship & Platform Accountability

Speakers:

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|  Anriette Esterhuysen |  Sonia Jorge |  Rajiv Kumar |  Vandana Vasudevan
Author of 'OTP Please! Online Buyers, Sellers & Gig Workers in South Asia', 2025 |
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10:30 - 11:00 High Tea

11:00 - 11:45

Session 1
Joint Advocacy for Regulatory Impact:
Building Ecosystems for Community Networks

Speakers:

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|  Neeti Biyani (Moderator) |  Senka Hadzic |  Anriette |  Sonia Jorge |
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11:45 - 12:30

Session 2
We the Community:
Why We Can't Own Our Own Data?

Speakers:

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|  Syed S. Kazi (Moderator) |  Gustaff |  Michael |  Setu Upadhyay |
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12:30 - 2:00 Lunch

2:00 - 2:45

Session 3
Shared Devices, Shared Spaces, Shared Languages:
Rethinking Access at the Community Level

Speakers:

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|  Ritesh Kumar
Co-founder and Director, Council for Diversity and Innovation, Co-founder and CEO of UnReal-TecE LLP |  Prof. Bornini Lahir
Assistant Professor of Linguistics, Indian Institute of Technology |
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2:45 - 3:30

Session 4
Women-Led Communities: Can We Build Equitable
Community Networks as an Alternative to Platformisation?

Speakers:

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|  Sonia Jorge (Moderator) |  Sarbari Banerjee Belur
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences |  Mahima |  Gayani Perera
Project Manager, Foundation.Ik |
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3:35 - 4:00 High Tea

5:00 - 7:30

Special Session
JUST AI Awards

15th Nov | DAY 2

9:30 - 10:00

Session 5
The Power of Local: Stories from the Field

Speakers:

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|  Akhmat Safruddin |  Heena
Lead Research and Partnerships, Video Volunteers |
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10:05 - 11:45

Session 6
Build Your Own Network: Building Local Community
Networks as Digital Public Infrastructure

Speakers:

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|  Manoj Kumar |  Michael Ginguld |
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11:00 - 12:05

Session 7
Hyperlocal Community, Networks and Meaningful Access

Speakers:

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|  Senka Hadzic (Moderator) |  Sarbari Banerjee Belur
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences |  TB Dinesh |  Ritu Srivastava
Director, Jadeite Solutions |
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12:10 - 12:55

Session 8
Community Networks in the Era of AI & Platformisation

Speakers:

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|  Siddhartha Malempati, (Moderator) |  Rajasekhar P |  Indriyatno Banyumurti
Executive Director of ICT Watch Indonesia |
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2:30 - 3:15

Session 9
Empowering Rural Changemakers:
Lessons from SoochnaPreneurs

Speakers:

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|  Abner Manzar (Moderator) |  Mansi |  Priyanka Paswan |  Jinnat |  Dulumuni |
|  Hema Prabha
SBM, DEF |  Bharat Toto
DC, DEF | | | |

3:20 - 4:05

Session 10
Community Networks as Digital Lifelines in Times of Crisis

Speakers:

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|  Syed S. Kazi, (Moderator) |  Heena |  George |  Shalini A. |
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4:05 - 4:30 High Tea

4:30 - 5:15

Concluding Plenary & Vote of Thanks
Data Governance and Accountability

Speakers:

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|  Osama Manzar |  Neeti Biyani |  Setu Upadhyay |  Rakshita Swamy |
|  Indranil Niyogi | | | |

5:15 - 5:45

Townhall: with Mr. Amandeep Singh Gill,
Under-Secretary-General & Special Envoy
for Digital and Emerging Technologies

6:00 - 7:30

DAOI Awards

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