

Internet Inclusion: Advancing Solutions (IIAS) India

15 September 2016

Delhi, India

Shangri La Hotel

19, Ashoka Road, Connaught Place, New Delhi, Delhi 110001, India

8:00-9:30

Registration and Breakfast

9:30-9:45

Welcoming Remarks

Deepak Maheshwari, *IIAS India Program Chair; Director, Government Affairs, India and ASEAN, Symantec*

Karen McCabe, *Senior Director, Technology Policy and International Affairs, IEEE*

9:45-10:30

Morning Keynote Addresses

JS Deepak, *Secretary, Department of Telecommunications, Government of India*

Richard R Verma, *US Ambassador to India, US Embassy*

10:30-11:10

Lightning Talk Experts Panel

This dynamic panel of experts will provide information and insight on the current internet landscape in India as part of India's digital development agenda. Through a collection of impactful lightning talks, speakers will highlight projects and initiatives that are underway or being planned to provide meaningful access to the internet.

Panelists

Deepak Maheshwari, *moderator*

Javed Abidi, *Honorary Director, National Center for Promotion of Employment of Disabled People*

Sarbani Banerjee Belur, *Professor and Senior Project Research Scientist, IIT Bombay*

Parag Kar, *Vice President, Government Affairs, India and South Asia, Qualcomm*

Raja Manohar, *General Manager, RailTel*

Rajat Mukarji, *Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, IDEA*

Mahabir Punn, *Team Leader, Nepal Wireless, Nepal*

11:10-11:30

Coffee Break

11:30-12:30

World Café

In a World Café session, all participants collectively explore opportunities for closing the gaps in internet connectivity access, adoption, and use. Through a series of questions and dynamic interaction, participants will discuss what is working well, where are there gaps, and what are the barriers or constraints—and opportunities—for accelerating and completing the rollout of internet access for social and economic impact in India.

Via the use of Appreciative Inquiry, the discussions will address a future envisioned state of internet connectivity in India and will be framed in the themes of:

- *Technology and Infrastructure*
- *Policy and Regulation*
- *Funding/Investment*
- *Cross-sector and discipline coordination*

Discussions will also address the dynamic of private/public partnerships and address coordination of efforts and data gathering and measuring so the progress being made can be determine and evaluated.

12:30-12:50

World Café Report-Outs

World Café table rapporteurs will provide report-outs of discussions—framed in the context of consolidating and deepening understanding of the gaps, barriers, constraints, and opportunities—and developing initial suggestions about how to accelerate universal connectivity and digital inclusion in India.

12:50-1:50

Lunch

1:20-1:30

Luncheon Speaker

Parry Aftab, Founder Cybersafety India

1:50-2:50

Experts Roundtable

Using the World Café as a launch point, at this moderated interactive roundtable lead discussants will address challenges and barriers—such as infrastructure, funding, end user affordability, data gaps, gender, awareness, and capacity and skills—to internet access, adoption, and use in India.

Lead Discussants

Leslie D'Monte, moderator; Technology Editor, HT Media Ltd. (Mint)

Lalitesh Katragadda, Co-founder, India Google; Founder, Google Map Maker

Osama Manzar, Founder and Chief Executive, DEF

Shashank Ojha, Senior e-Government Specialist with the Transport and ICT Global Practice, World Bank

Deepa Prahalad, Author and Innovation/Design Strategy Consultant

S K Sharma, Deputy Director General, Telecom Engineering Centre

Arun Sukumar, Cyber Security and Internet Governance Initiative, Observer Research Foundation (ORF)

2:50-3:10

Experts Roundtable Report-Out

The Experts Roundtable rapporteur will provide a report-out of key points and common themes that will serve as feeder into the road-mapping segment, as well as facilitate a question-and-answer session among participants.

3:10-3:30

Coffee Break

3:30-3:50

IEEE Whitepaper on “Options and Challenges in Providing Universal Access”

This session will provide an update on an outcome of the IEEE Experts in Technology and Policy (ETAP) Forum held in Delhi in March 2016—a white paper on “Options and Challenges in Providing Universal Access.”

Prasad Mantri, *Principal Engineer, Oracle*

3:50-4:20

Afternoon Keynote Addresses

Remarks from prominent officials and leaders on Digital India and the impact of internet inclusion in India.

Invited speaker

Aruna Sundarajan, *Secretary, DeitY*

4:20-5:15

Road-Mapping Session

This facilitated interactive working session will be dedicated to crowdsourcing among the participants a path forward for digital inclusion and connecting the unconnected in India.

Session Moderator

Deepa Prahalad, *Board Member, Arogya World*

5:15-5:30

Event Summary and Concluding Remarks

Deepak Maheshwari, Karen McCabe