

# Inclusive Digital Transformation

## The DPI Approach and Beyond

### Agenda

**Date:** 10 January 2025

**Venue:** The Leela Palace  
23, HAL Old Airport Rd, HAL 2nd Stage,  
Kodihalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560008

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Time	Session	Speakers
08:45 - 09:15	<b>Registration</b>	
09:15 - 09:30	<b>Introduction</b> Welcoming participants and setting the context for the day's discussions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anita Gurumurthy   IT for Change</li> <li>Rakshita Swamy   Social Accountability Forum for Action and Research</li> </ul>
09:30 - 10:30	<b>From rhetoric to reality: Examining the Indian DPI story</b> What does it mean for digital infrastructure to be truly public? How has the India DPI story delivered on the vision of publicness?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nikhil Dey   Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan</li> <li>Mansi Kedia   Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (Virtual)</li> <li>Amber Sinha   Tech Policy Press</li> <li>Nandini Chami   IT for Change</li> </ul>
10:30 - 10:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
10:45 - 12:00	<b>Back to basics: People's tech infrastructure</b> What are the building blocks of people-centered digital innovation? What design norms and public governance frameworks are key to democratizing the benefits of DPIs for inclusive societies and fairer economies?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tanuj Bhojwani   Independent</li> <li>Deepika Mogilishetty   EkStep Foundation</li> <li>Debanand Misra   Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi</li> <li>Anjula Gurtoo   Indian Institute of Science</li> <li>Harsh Nisar   National Highways Authority of India</li> </ul>
12:00 - 13:00	<b>PPPs in DPI ecosystems – A stocktaking</b> PPPs are seen as magic bullets in the DPI discourse. What is the score card for inclusive innovation in PPP's? How do they pan out in welfare delivery? What alternative architectures are necessary to build DPI ecosystems for the common good? How can we center people-public partnerships in DPI ecosystems?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alok Prasanna Kumar   Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy</li> <li>Amrita Sengupta   Centre for Internet and Society</li> <li>Chatar Singh   Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan</li> </ul>
13:00 - 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	

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14:00 - 14:45	<p><b>The five trillion economy and farmers' dividends: Will the two meet?</b></p> <p>In India's policy discourse, AgriStack is being projected by some as a fix for the crisis of agricultural productivity. Is technology a distraction or can it be mobilised to address deeper socio-structural factors for transforming livelihoods?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chintan Donda   Wadhvani AI</li> <li>• Sadhana Sanjay   IT for Change</li> <li>• Namita Singh   Digital Green</li> </ul>
14:45 - 15:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
15:15 - 16:00	<p><b>Health for all: Can the digital deliver?</b></p> <p>The digitalization of healthcare presents new challenges for bioethics. What next for the right to health?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Akshay S Dinesh   Action for Equity</li> <li>• Pallavi Bedi   Centre for Internet and Society</li> <li>• Ramya Chandrashekhar   Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (Virtual)</li> </ul>
16:15 - 17:45	<p><b>A digital public infrastructure for the people: A roadmap</b></p> <p>Inclusive digital transformation needs more than a techno-blueprint of DPIs. It must also be rooted in the ethos of participatory democracy. How can we design a governance framework for DPIs to catalyze innovation that is accountable, equitable, and inclusive? How can the conception and roll-out of DPIs center the interests of the poor and the historically oppressed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abhishek Singh   Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (Virtual)</li> <li>• Shankar Singh   Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan</li> <li>• Aditi Surie   Indian Institute for Human Settlements</li> <li>• Unnikrishnan P.V.   Kerala Development and Innovation Strategic Council (Virtual)</li> </ul> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Julia Powles   University of Western Australia</li> <li>• Laurent Le Danois   Delegation of the European Union to India &amp; Bhutan</li> <li>• Luke Coates   Australian Government, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</li> </ul> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anita Gurusurthy   IT for Change</li> </ul>
17:45 - 19:00	<b>High Tea</b>	



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