



MEANINGFUL ACCESS WITH COMMUNITY NETWORKS

Online Conference



November 20 - December 4

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TOPIC 2 for the Day							
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NOTE

- Please find attached the daily schedule of the conference.
- Each day the sessions will run in total for 2.5 hours.
- The session host, moderator, and speakers are requested to be available 30 minutes prior to each session for testing and setup.
- The last day of the conference (4th December) will run for 2 hours.
- All moderators are requested to keep to the session timelines.
- There will be no presentation or slides. We request you to strictly keep to the time.

DETAILED SCHEDULE

Day 1: 20th NOVEMBER (FRIDAY)

UTC	Delhi	Bangkok	Islamabad	Singapore	Suva	Sydney	
530	1100						Host and Logistics Team connects for testing and setup. Speakers and Panellists connect. Test audio/video. Session Backdrop is active.
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<p>Topic 1: Community Network Models & Best Practices: There are several community network models in practice across the world, and the Asia-Pacific is no different. This session will explore the different models and conditions under which community networks operate, along with the technology used. It will also highlight some best practices and learnings.</p> <p>Session Moderator: Rajnesh Singh (Australia) Session Speakers: Senthilkumar M (India), Gustaff Harriman Iskandar (Indonesia), Ritu Srivastava (India), Peter Bloom (Mexico)</p>							
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<p>Topic 2: Access during the pandemic: Saving Democracy, Citizenship & Education: Internet access has become vital and an uncompromisable necessity, during the pandemic due to restrictions on movement and social distancing requirements. However, at the same time, some governments appear to be using this greater dependence on Internet-based applications and services as an opportunity to promote authoritarianism and control. This session will discuss the complexities - as well as the necessity - of open access for citizen rights and sustaining democracy.</p> <p>Session Moderator: Osama Manzar (India) Session Speakers: Svetlana Zans (Myanmar), Talant Sultanov (Kyrgyzstan), Ananda Gautam (Nepal)</p>							
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Day 2: 23 NOVEMBER (MONDAY)

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Topic 3: Policy & Regulation for Mass Adoption of Community Networks: Even though community networks have successfully been in practice as an alternative method to connect communities to the Internet, they have not become a viable alternative in many countries. This session will look into what kinds of policy, regulatory, advocacy, and design effort is required to facilitate greater adoption of community networks and help fast-track access for the unconnected in countries and regions all over the world.

Session Moderator: Sarah Farooqui (India)

Session Speakers: Carlos Rey-Moreno (Spain), Achia Nila (Bangladesh), John Jack (Vanuatu), Teddy Woodhouse (United Kingdom)

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Topic 4: Community Networks as a Model to fight Misinformation & #Fakenews: Community networks are 'closed' networks, with the intrinsic design to have trust-based community wide network. Therefore, they have a high value of trust-based information sharing, and they avoid misinformation and fake news. This session is designed to discuss how community networks can be leveraged effectively and be the ideal model to overcome the pandemic of misinformation and fake news. This session will have two modes of knowledge sharing, through a round-table discussion and an open mike, where best practices and case studies will be shared.

Session Moderator: Osama Manzar (India)

Session Speaker: Waqas Hassan (Pakistan), Lisa Garcia (Philippines), Heru Tjatur (Indonesia)

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Day 3: 26 NOVEMBER (THURSDAY)

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Topic 5: #Gender Sensitive Community Networking: Various studies and reports have shown that there is a significant gender divide in digital spaces, and many elements around the use of the Internet are male-dominated. This is sometimes exacerbated in rural areas. Community networks can provide an opportunity to bring about gender equity. This session will discuss the efforts that have been successful in providing gender equity through community networks and how that can be used to redress gender issues in the wider community.

Session Moderator: Anju Mangal (Fiji)

Session Speaker: Shalini A (India), Maureen Hilyard (Cook Islands), Sarbani Belur (India), Yumna Pandey (South Africa)

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Topic 6: #Content, Context and Community for Community Networks: Community networks are designed to serve the community's needs and are often built by the community themselves. The relevance of community networks is in the fact that they have the ability to far better contextualize local content, local content consumption and production through the involvement of the local community. This session is designed to highlight some of the best practices in how communities are using community networks to create localized content for their local communities and suited to their local context.

Session Moderator: Udit Chaturvedi (India)

Session Speakers: Ramprasad V (India), Michael Suantak (Myanmar), Maureen Hernandez (Venezuela)

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Day 4: 30 NOVEMBER (MONDAY)

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<p>Topic 7: Community #Radio & Broadcasting with Community Networks: Community radio networks excel in producing local content with local context. They are also usually developed, managed, and produced by the community, for the community. Community radio operators also know the best ways in which to broadcast content and reach out to the larger community. As such, they are well-placed to evolve into community network operators as they also have technical knowledge about radio transmission and radio mast design. This session is designed to explore how community radio operators can transform into community (Internet) network operators and provide greater value to their local communities.</p> <p>Session Moderator: Osama Manzar (India) Session Speakers: Laila Ndagire (Uganda), Venu Arora (India), Bazlur Rahman (Bangladesh)</p>							
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<p>Topic 8: #Training & Cadre Development for Community Networks: As Internet access and provision becomes further localized with communities in remote areas getting connected, there is a need to develop local capacity for developing, managing, maintaining and sustaining the network. It is important to create local cadres that know local content, have the local context, and are able to play a part in locally developed community networks. This session will explore the ways in which this type of capacity building can be facilitated.</p> <p>Session Moderator: Naveed Haq (Pakistan) Session Speakers: John Dada (Nigeria), Sylvia Cadena (Australia), Ritu Srivastava (India)</p>							
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Day 5: 2nd DECEMBER (WEDNESDAY)

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Topic 9: #Partnerships & Collaborations for Community Networks: Community networks while considered to be affordable and participative in terms of local participation, also require the involvement of multiple stakeholders for success. These range from community organising to financial assistance and donor backing to technological assistance and so on. This session is designed to understand how different stakeholders can come together to make community networks successful and will look into ways to enhance collaborative efforts and partnership across different stakeholders.

Session Moderator: Jane Coffin (United States)

Session Speakers: Anju Mangal (Fiji), Leandro Navarro (Spain), Sarbani Belur (India)

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Topic 10: #Connecting #Indigenous Communities: Generally speaking, tribal, aboriginal, and indigenous communities tend to live in rural and remote areas, away from industries and cities. More often than not, they are the last populations to be digitally connected. These communities are also culturally rich with their own linguistic and social practices, and norms. While they require digital connectivity and access to the Internet just like anyone in an urban area, it is important that community networks practice sensitivity and inclusion without violating and polluting the community's social norms and practices. This session is designed to understand and discuss the ways in which community networks can better serve indigenous communities.

Session Moderator: Maureen Hilyard (Cook Islands)

Session Speaker: Emani Lui (New Zealand), Nasir Hashmi (India), Mark Buell (Canada)

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Day 6: 4th DECEMBER

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600	1130	1300	1100	1400	1800	1700	Introduction and key takeaway from each session of the 5 days of the conference. (10 + 2 minutes per session (10 + 20 minutes)
<p>The Roundtable</p> <p>This discussion will review the proceedings and discussions of each session of CNX 2020, consider the way forward, and wrap up the conference.</p> <p>Moderator: Rajnesh Singh</p> <p>Speakers: Mahabir Pun, Onno W.Purbo, Atsuko Okuda, Grace Mirandilla-Santos and Osama Manzar</p>							
630	1200	1330	1130	1430	1830	1730	Round table discussion begins, with an introduction and points from each speaker.
705	1235	1405	1205	1505	1905	1805	Conclusion and wrap up discussion of the Roundtable and CNX 2020.
730	1300	1410	1210	1510	1930	1810	End of session

SPEAKERS, MODERATORS & SESSION HOSTS

Achia Nila (Bangladesh): Achia is Founder and CEO of Women In Digital (WIDBD), a Social Enterprise that has created programmers to help women advance by providing access to a Digital Platform.

Ananda Gautam (Nepal): Mr. Gautam is a very active youth from Nepal working in the field of Internet Governance around Asia Pacific. He is very passionate about community networks for access and empowerment, data-driven policymaking and emerging technologies like AI. He is also Internet Society Youth Ambassador for IGF 2020 and founder of Internet Governance Watch Project.

Anju Mangal (Fiji): Anju is A4AI's Asia Regional Coordinator. Her work focuses on strengthening A4AI national coalitions and support stakeholder collaborations to advance our shared goal of affordable access across Asia. Anju is passionate about Women and ICT and Cyber safety for women and girls. She was a founding member of the Pacific Women and ICT.

Atsuko Okuda (Thailand): Atsuko is the Regional Director, International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok, Thailand. Ms. Atsuko Okuda was appointed as the Regional Director in April 2020. Prior to the new assignment, she was the Chief of the ICT and Development Section of the ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), in Bangkok, Thailand from 2015 to 2020. At ESCAP, she promoted the development of regional broadband connectivity and inclusive broadband through the implementation of the Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway (AP-IS) initiative.

Bazlur Rahman (Bangladesh): CEO and founder of Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication, Bangladesh. BNNRC represents the community electronic media sector to Government, Industry, Regulatory Bodies, Media, Academia and Development Partners from 2000.

Carlos Rey-Moreno (Spain): Carlos is a telecommunications engineer with a background on development studies. He has been involved in rural connectivity projects in underserved areas for more than ten years. He is Co-lead Local Networks, Policy and Strategy, Association for Progressive Communications.

Emani Lui (New Zealand): Emani Lui is the owner of MakaNet, the first Pacific owned Internet Service Provider in New Zealand. He is a tech entrepreneur with roots in the Pacific where he co-founded and developed the first Free WiFi country in the world in the late 1990s.

Gustaff Harriman Iskandar (Indonesia): Gustaff graduated in 1999 from Fine Arts Department, Bandung Institute of Technology. Starting from 1999 until 2000, he runs Poros Art Management and actively wrote, organize, and participated in some visual art exhibitions. By the end of 2001, he co-founded Bandung Center for New Media Arts together with Reina Wulansari, R. E. Hartanto and T. Reza Ismail, and strongly engage with the development of media art & multidisciplinary artistic practice in Indonesia.

Heru Tjatur (Indonesia): Heru is a self learned IT Professional, who started from Web Development Consultant. He is particularly interested in Internet Business Process and Web Interactivity & User Experience. He is a farmer-in-training.

Jane Coffin (United States): Jane is Senior Vice President, Internet Growth, Internet Society. She is responsible for the Internet Society's Internet Growth project teams which are focused on Community Networks, Internet Exchange Points (IXPs) & interconnection, peering, and community development, and a new critical project on measuring the health of the Internet. Her work also focuses on access and development strategy, where she and other ISOC colleagues and partners focus on coordination of collaborative strategies for expanding Internet infrastructure, access, and related capacities in emerging economies with partners.

John Dada (Nigeria): John is the Director and Founder of Fantsuam Foundation. Under his watch, Fantsuam Foundation has done groundbreaking work in growing Nigeria's rural knowledge economy Nigeria, and this is having significant impact in BayanLoco, Kafanchan and the surrounding villages.

John Jack (Vanuatu): John is the Deputy Chief Information Officer OGCI, Vanuatu Government Vanuatu.

Laila Ndagire (Uganda): Developmental journalist, producer and presenter who uses the power of the microphone to positively impact people's lives. Works at MAMA FM, a Community Radio Station in Uganda.

Leandro Navarro (Spain): Leandro has a PhD in telecommunications and works as associate professor at UPC.EDU. He serves as co-chair of the Internet Research Task Force (IRTF) working group GAIA: Global Access to the Internet for All, and as Chair of the Board of Directors member of the Association for Progressive Communications.

Lisa Garcia (Philippines): Lisa Garcia is the Executive Director of the Foundation for Media Alternatives, or FMA, an NGO that advances human rights perspectives in policy advocacy around the internet, its governance, communities and resources in the Philippines.

Mahabir Pun (Nepal): Mahabir Pun is a Nepalese teacher, social entrepreneur and an activist known for his extensive work in applying wireless technologies to develop remote areas of the Himalayas, also known as the Nepal Wireless Networking Project. He is a widely known figure in Nepal, and his work has been recognized by the Ashoka Foundation, the Ramon Magsaysay Foundation, University of Nebraska, and Global Ideas Bank. He led the initiative to register a non-profit named "Rashtriya Abiskar Kendra" in 2012, widely termed as National Innovation Centre.

Mark Buell (United States): Mark Buell is the Regional Bureau Director, North America. In this role, Mark oversees the Internet Society's engagement activities in Canada and the United States.

Mary Grace Mirandilla-Santos (Philippines): Mary Grace Mirandilla-Santos is an independent researcher on telecommunications and information and communications technology (ICT) policy, with a special focus on the Internet's impact on development and

society. Since 2005, she's been analysing broadband policy and regulation, competition, and solutions to universal ICT access.

Maureen Hernandez (Venezuela): Maureen is a Systems Engineer, and an enthusiast about spectrum sharing, and efficient spectrum use enabling policies.

Maureen Hilyard (Cook Islands): Maureen Hilyard is a Development Consultant and has recently worked on policy related to the Environment, the Public Service and ICT. She leads an NGO, the Cook Islands Internet Action Group. She is a former Board Chair of PICISOC; the current Chair of the At-Large Advisory Committee of ICANN; the Chair of the Board of Directors of DotAsia; the co-Chair of the Global IGF Dynamic Coalition of Small Island Developing States in the Internet Economy; and is a member of the Public Interest Registry Advisory Council. While her background is Education, she also has a Bachelor of Business and a Master of Management.

Michael Suantak (Myanmar): Michael Suantak (Pum Suan Hang) is a civic-minded social innovator and entrepreneur in Myanmar. He is the founder of ASORCOM and one of the Myanmar digital Tarzans from the jungle of Chin State, located in the northwest of Myanmar close to India and Bangladesh. His primary initiative was building a community wireless network as an alternative communication platform, connecting more than 20 jungle villages over the hills in Chin State, where there are no proper roads or internet and mobile coverage. Before that, he was one of the founding members of the Burma Information Technology (BIT) team in 2002 and organisational manager in New Delhi, India.

Nasir Hashmi (India): Nasir is a Community Network Implementor.

Naveed Haq (Pakistan): Naveed is the Regional Director for Infrastructure and Connectivity at the Internet Society, leading technical, policy and advocacy work in Internet access, infrastructure and community development domains. He is an experienced ICT practitioner, with more than 17 years of experience working with governments, telecommunication operators, development partners, service providers, and civil society organisations.

Onno W.Purbo (Indonesia): Onno W. Purbo is Indonesia's Internet Liberator. Onno W. Purbo, a copy left, open source believer, educator and ICT evangelist, holds a Ph.D in Electrical Engineering from University of Waterloo, Canada. He has published 50+ books, including Free ICT eBooks for high schools in 2008. He led the first Internet connection at Institute of Technology in Bandung, from 1993 to 2000, and used it to build the first Indonesian educational network.

Osama Manzar (India): Osama is Founder and Director of Digital Empowerment Foundation. He is a social entrepreneur, author, columnist, impact speaker, angel investor and mentor. He sits on several government and policy committees in India and on international organisations, working in the areas of internet, access, and digital inclusion.

Peter Bloom (Mexico): Since 2009 Peter has been coordinating Rhizomatica, an organization he started to promote new communication technologies and that helped start the first community owned and managed cell phone network in the Americas in 2013. Peter is both an Ashoka and Shuttleworth Foundation fellow since 2014.

Ramprasad Venkatesha (India): Ramprasad is a development pursuer working on ICT initiatives at BAIF Development Research Foundation (BAIF).

Rajnish Singh (Australia): Rajnish is Regional Vice President for the Asia-Pacific at the Internet Society. In this role he works with a broad range of stakeholders including governments, civil society, academia, the private sector, the technical community and influencers in the Asia-Pacific region to promote technologies, policies, and best practices to keep the Internet open, globally connected, secure and trusted for the benefit of people all across the world.

Ritu Srivastava (India): Ritu is Chair, IEEE Working Group - Internet Grades of service in Rural areas (India). She has over 10 years of rich professional experience in ICT development, managing programmes and projects at different stake-levels of competency. She has been actively entailed with Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) from the last 8 years. Her area of interest, activity and research is in Information Communication and Technology (ICT) at the grassroots level, internet governance, environmental issues, community development, open spectrum policy issues, etc.

Sarah Farooqui (India): Sarah manages Research and Advocacy at Digital Empowerment Foundation. She has previously worked in policy think tanks, NGOs, and news publications, and has written extensively on policy, politics, and society. She holds a Master of Public Policy from University of Oxford, where she was a Chevening Scholar, and an honours degree in Literature from St Stephen's College, Delhi University.

Sarbani Belur (India): Sarbani is the Asia-regional coordinator, community networks project, senior research scientist, IIT Bombay, and Gram Marg Rural Broadband representative for the community networks learning grant.

Senthilkumar M (India): Senthilkumar is the Co-founder and CEO Geomeo Informatics. He has a great passion for innovating through technology to solve real-life problems. He worked in fields like wireless network, defence, maternal healthcare, and safety solutions and filed nearly 10 patents for the same.

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