Session Format & Time

Online Conference
November 15, 17 & 23rd 2021

05 Min  Welcome and Introduction of first topic
30 Min  Panel discussion for speakers & moderator
10 Min  Voices of Social Change
15 Min  Question & Answer

Break (10 Min)- Video Display

05 Min  Introduction of second topic
30 Min  Panel discussion for speakers & moderator
10 Min  Voices of Social Change
15 Min  Question & Answer
5 Min  Wrap-up/Close of Day

0500 – 0715 UTC
1030-1245 IST  1200-1415 BKK  1000-1215 ISB
1300-1515 SIN  1800-2015 SUV  1600-1815 SYD
The Pandemic, Digital Dependence and the Unconnected: Challenges and Opportunities

Dr. Daniel Featherstone,
Senior Research Fellow, ARC Centre of Excellence for Automated Decision-Making and Society, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) University

Siddhartha (Sid) Shreshtha
Chief, Communication for Development, UNICEF India Country Office

Amrita Choudhury
President of Internet Society Delhi Chapter, Vice Chair Asia Pacific Regional IGF (AprIGF)

Satish Mittal
Head, Facebook Express WiFi India

Community Networks: Empowering Education and Health Care

Talant Sultanov
Co-founder of the Internet Society-Kyrgyzstan

Dr. Lalitha Regi
Co-founder, Tribal Health Initiative, Sittilingi, Tamil Nadu

Sylvia Cadena
Head of Programs & Partnerships, APNIC Foundation

Meeta Sengupta
Expert on Education and Policy

Moderator
Rajnesh Singh
Regional Vice President, Asia-Pacific, Internet Society

Moderator
Osama Manzar
Founder Director, Digital Empowerment Foundation

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Synergies between Community Radio and Community Networks

Holding an interactive discourse on the synergies of Community Networks and Community Radio in association with The Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD)

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<th>Session 1 (45 minutes):</th>
<th>Why CN and CR are Twins</th>
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Discussing the impact of existing CR and CN based synergy and examples of their impact, specially on the unconnected community.

**Discussants:**
- **Prof. Vinod Pavarala**
  UNESCO Chair on Community Media, University of Hyderabad
- **AHM Bazlur Rahman**
  Chief Executive Officer, Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio & Communication
- **Nabeel Tirmazi**
  Program Manager, AIBD

**Resource Persons**

- **Ms. Philomena Gnanapragasam**
  Director, Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development

- **Rajnesh Singh**
  Regional Vice President, Asia-Pacific, Internet Society

- **Osama Manzar**
  Founder Director, Digital Empowerment Foundation

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Session 2 (20 minutes):
CR & CN Case Stories

Discussing and showcasing 2-3 case studies of CR+CN in terms of their modus operandi and execution on the ground - The examples would be: Barefoot College in Tilonia where the entire campus is WiFi and they have Community Radio and they both work in tandem.

- DREAM project of APC and DEF: Where content and training material developed on misinformation and through the use of Chatbot and Community radio outreach took place at the time of Covid19 (Presentation of a report by APC and DEF team)

- How Meo Community in Haryana in the district of Nuh using Community Networks to connect themselves and also use Mewat Community radio to reach out to villagers (Shown though a film)

Session 3 (45 minutes):
The How and Future of CN and CR Collaboration

Discussing the How and Future of CN and CR. Explaining how CR and CN complement each other, how they can operate together, how they leverage each other, and what are the building blocks of working in synergy and how they should work in the future to ensure maximum reach of last mile internet connectivity.

Discussants:

Naveed Haq
Regional Director, Infrastructure and Connectivity, Internet Society

Hezekiel Dlamini
Programme Specialist and Chief of Section - Communication and Information, UNESCO India Office

Osama Manzar
Founder Director, Digital Empowerment Foundation

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Community Networks: Media, Misinformation and Misuse

Philomena Gnanapragasam
Director, Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development

Pratik Sinha
Co-founder, AltNews

Sarbani Banerjee Belur
Asia Regional Coordinator, Community Networks, APC

Anju Mangal
Head of Asia-Pacific Region, Alliance for Affordable Internet

Moderator
Anita Gurumurthi
Executive Director, IT for change

Rural Changemakers and Innovators: Community Networks as a Catalyst for Digital Transformation

Harish Pillay
Head, OSPO APAC, Red Hat Asia Pacific

Siope Vakataki ‘Ofa
Economic Affairs Officer, ICT and Development Section, UN ESCAP

Jane Coffin
Senior Vice President, Internet Growth, Internet Society

Satyam Darmora
CEO & Founder, i2e1

Moderator
Dr Syed S Kazi
Director, Council for Social & Digital Development

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