



India IGF (IIGF-2022) Workshop

Part 1 - Lead Organizer

Salutation

Ms.

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Organization / Affiliation (Please state "Individual" if appropriate)

The Dialogue

Designation

Programme Manager, Platform Regulation

Economy of Residence

India

Primary Stakeholder Group

Civil Society

Part 2 - Workshop

Primary Theme

Fostering Digital Innovation towards economic progress

Secondary Theme (if any)

Emerging Technologies

Session Title

Policy Roadmap for the Development of Metaverse and Web 3.0

Session Format

Panel Discussion

Description of Session Formats **Birds of a Feather (BoF)** – An informal discussion session designed to connect the participants of shared topic of interests without a pre-planned agenda. **Panel** - Presentation and/or sharing of viewpoints by speakers on a particular topic. The number of speakers on the panel shall not be more than 4 to allow sufficient time for interaction with the attendees.

Roundtable - Interactive dialogue involving all participants with designated moderators and not more than 2 speakers.

Specific Issues of Discussion

The world is moving towards the next generation of the internet, also popularly known as Web 3.0. It includes the potential application of evolving technologies such as metaverse, blockchain, and artificial intelligence, amongst others. Given the deepening internet penetration in India and the thriving tech and entrepreneurship sector, the country has the potential to become the world leader in Web 3.0.

However, while this technology has immense potential for the digital economy, we cannot negate the

safety and privacy concerns that are likely to amplify with its growth. In order to develop a regulation that is both effective and sustainable for the growth of the metaverse, it is essential to understand the nuances of this technology, the magnitude of the safety concerns and also the immense potential of growth and innovation for Indian companies which makes it imperative that our laws and policies to govern this space are both effective and progressive.

Describe the Relevance of Your Session to Theme

The lack of understanding about the metaverse and the challenges and opportunities associated is a major challenge. As we move towards overhauling the existing tech policy landscape, it is essential to organise open dialogues with stakeholders to understand their concerns and perspectives to ensure progressive and sustainable regulation of the metaverse so as to enable the overall growth of the sector while keeping the interests of users and businesses in mind. This panel will provide a better understanding of the technology and the challenges that come along with it. Such discussion will not only aid the stakeholders' efforts in drawing a sustainable regulation for the ecosystem but also provide a way forward to ensure India's growth in the metaverse space.

Methodology / Agenda

The session will be interactive by engaging with audience questions as follows:

10 mins - Moderator will discuss the event flow, introduce the guest and set the context for the panel discussion.

30 mins - We panellists will get 10 mins each to share their views and perspectives.

15 mins - Moderated Q&A

5 mins - Concluding remarks

Please provide 3 subject matter tags that best describe your session. #Web3.0 #DigitalInnovation #SustainableRegulation

*Please specify gender e.g. agender, cis woman, cis man, female, gender-fluid, gender-neutral, male, trans woman, trans man, etc.

Moderators & Speakers Info (Please complete where possible)

	Moderator (Primary)	Moderator (Backup)	Speaker 1	Speaker 2	Speaker 3	Speaker 4
Name	Kazim Rizvi	Shruti Shreya	Prof. A. Damodaran	Prachi Bhatia	Huzefa Tavawalla	
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Organization	The Dialogue	The Dialogue	IIM Bangalore	Meta India	Nishith Desai and Associates	

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Designation	Founding Director	Program Manager, Privacy and Data Governance	Member of Parliament	Public Policy Manager	Head, Disruptive Technologies Practice Group	
Gender	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	
Economy of Residence / Country	India	India	India	India	India	
Stakeholder Group	Civil Society	Civil Society	Academia	Private Sector	Civil Society	Civil Society
Status of Confirmation	Confirmed	Confirmed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed

Please explain the rationale for choosing each of the above contributors to the session.

The speakers and moderators have been chosen based on their expertise in this field and their previous contribution to the overarching discourse on the regulation of emerging technologies and the surrounding opportunities and challenges. Moderators Kazim Rizvi and Shruti Shreya (backup) have been actively working in the tech policy space to aid the development of holistic and sustainable policies around Web 3.0. Prof. Damodaran is a faculty at IIM Bangalore and one of India's leading intellectual voices on the metaverse. Prachi Bhatia is a public policy manager for one of the leading companies in the Metaverse space, Meta while RHuzefa is a Senior Counsel at one of the leading law firms Nishith Desai and Associates.

Below are short bios of the panellists and moderators:

Kazim Rizvi: Kazim Rizvi is a public-policy policy entrepreneur and founder of The Dialogue. A lawyer by profession, Kazim envisages driving change in India through the medium of policy and research. The Dialogue was founded with this vision in June 2017.

Shruti Shreya: Shruti Shreya leads the platform regulation vertical at The Dialogue and finds her interest in tech policy, constitutionalism, and human rights. She is a lawyer by training, has extensively worked on key challenges surrounding internet regulation, and is engaged in conducting interdisciplinary research on varied aspects of social media governance and online safety.

Professor A. Damodaran: Prof. A Damodaran's research areas cover Environmental Economics and Financing, Multilateral Treaty Negotiations and Institutional Dimensions of Global Public Goods and Global Environmental Resources, Cultural Economics and Blockchain, Cryptocurrencies and Distributed Network Technologies. He has several peer-reviewed publications/books in these domains and is a member of many international expert groups.

Prachi Bhatia: Prachi Bhatia is a Public Policy Manager at Meta, India. As a public policy professional, she leads policy advocacy on emerging technologies.

Huzefa Tavawalla: Huzefa Tavawalla heads the Disruptive Technologies Practice at Nishith Desai and Associates. He has worked on various matters relating Drones, RPAS, Artificial Intelligence, Driverless Cars, AR/VR etc. He was also a member of the task force committee set up by the government to lay down the legislative drone road map for India.

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