



India IGF (IIGF-2022) Workshop

Part 1 - Lead Organizer

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Designation	Partner
Economy of Residence	India
Primary Stakeholder Group	Private Sector

Part 2 - Workshop

Primary Theme	Internet Regulation
Primary Sub Theme	Principles for internet regulation and platform governance
Session Title	Digital India Act: Principle-Based Approach To Regulating India's Digital Economy
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 new Digital India Act must be agile, pro-competition, pro-innovation, harmonised with sectoral statutes and ensure that the interests of the Indian users are safeguarded. Governments across the world are debating the merits of wider goals-based or principles-based regulations versus narrower rules-based regulations for the digital economy. The former requires thoughtful calibration and state-capacity for enforcement, but is more resilient to changes in technology and business models. The latter allows for easier enforcement but is rigid and disallows innovation. Given the ever-evolving

nature of technology, it is imperative that India's digital economy is provided with a principle-based legislative and regulatory framework that enables market creation and consumer safety.

Describe the Relevance of Your Session to Theme

Given that India is in the process of formulating a new Digital India Act, this session will hold significant value in terms of insights into principle-based regulatory frameworks for the digital economy. The session will seek to highlight the dynamic nature of emerging technologies and, therefore, the need for principle-based regulations that are more adept to the ever-evolving technological innovations and ever-changing business models. The discussion will focus on international best practices and regulatory frameworks that are in place to govern emerging technologies and new-age businesses. The panelists will be well placed for an insightful and meaningful discussion on the merits of a principle-based regulation that catalyze New India's Techade.

Methodology / Agenda

The session will be in the form of a panel discussion followed by a Q&A with the audience members. The session will flow as follows:

- > Context setting on the need for Digital India Act (5 mins)
- > Discussion on importance of principle-based regulatory frameworks (20 mins)
- > Discussion on need for dynamic regulations that can keep pace with emerging technology (20 mins)
- > Summarizing the discussion (10 mins)
- > Interaction with the audience (5 mins)

Please provide 3 subject matter tags that best describe your session. #India'sTechade; #DigitalIndiaAct #internetgovernance

*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
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Economy of Residence / Country	India	India	India	India	India	India
Stakeholder Group	Private Sector	Private Sector	Civil Society	Private Sector	Private Sector	Private Sector
Status of Confirmation	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed

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

1. Moderator: Ms. Aditi Chaturvedi (former SFLC, UNDP) is leads Koan Advisory's legal team, where she works on the intersection of emerging tech and internet regulations, and she is also an Edward S Mason Fellow at Harvard University. In 2020, Aditi published an extensive report on the future of the Information Technology Act, a subject that she is deeply passionate about.
2. Dr Mahesh Uppal is Director, ComFirst India, and has contributed extensively to the process of creating the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). As a consultant and commentator, for nearly 25 years, he has closely tracked the evolution of India's telecommunications market He has advised national and global businesses, UN and other international agencies, as well as civil society groups.
3. Deepak Jacob is currently the Group General Counsel for the Dream Sports Group where he is the point person for all policy and strategic matters involving legal and policy matters. He is a keen observer of legal reforms in the IT sphere and headed e-Bay's legal team at the time of the 2008 IT Act amendment linked to safe harbour for intermediaries.
4. Ashutosh Chadha is Director and Country Head Government Affairs & Public Policy at Microsoft, and comes with over three decades of relevant policy experience, including on legal-regulatory design, global best-practices on areas such as cybersecurity, privacy and data protection.
5. Ranjana Adhikari is a Partner at Indus Law, and specialises in technology, media and entertainment, and intellectual property – each of which are inexorably intertwined in the context of the digital economy. She is therefore well-placed to comment on how India can leverage its strengths in these various thematic intersections.

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