



Sunday, 17 September 2023 | 15:00 – 16:30 | ECOSOC Chamber

DIGITAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

DRAFT SESSION PROGRAMME

This session brings together global leadership to demonstrate and consider the many possibilities that DPI can offer to accelerate progress across all 17 SDGs. By 2030, the DPI High Impact Initiative aims to catalyse the collective action necessary to unlock targeted support for DPI implementation and strengthening in 100 countries by ensuring that DPI is safe, accessible, affordable, green, financed, and future-ready. Accordingly, this HII has identified and prioritized these 5 key pillars that combine global initiatives with commitments from individual countries and organizations in support of this objective.

Session moderator: Rudra Chaudhuri, Carnegie India & Femi Oke, Television presenter and Journalist

Section of Session	Timing	Speakers and Moderator
Introduction	15:00 – 15:03	Introductory video and remarks from the moderator
Welcome remarks & Opening	15:03 – 15:15	Achim Steiner, UNDP Administrator Doreen Bogdan-Martin, ITU Secretary-General
Pillar 1: Universal Safeguards	15:15 – 15:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Speaker:</i> UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology, Amandeep Singh Gill; Additional Heads of State to be confirmed
Pillar 2: Financing DPI for Sustainable Development	15:20 – 15:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Speakers:</i> H.E. Margus Tsahkna, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Estonia; H.E. Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Minister of State, Electronics and Information Technology, India; H.E. Cina Lawson, Minister of Digital Economy and Digital Transformation of Togo; Ilan Goldfajn, President of the Inter-American Development Bank; Lew Chuen Hong, Chief Executive of the Infocomm Media Development Authority of Singapore (speaking on Affordable & Open)<i>Fireside chat:</i> Vilas Dhar, President and Trustee of McGovern Foundation and Michael Running Wolf, Founder of Indigenous in AI/ML
Pillar 3: Sustainable & Green	15:40 – 15:55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Speakers:</i> H.E. Esther Dweck, Minister of Management and Innovation in Public Services of Brazil; H.E. Hala Helmy el-Said, Minister of Planning and Economic Development of Egypt; H.E. Obeth Mbuipaha Kandjoze, Director General National Planning Commission and Minister of Economic Planning of Namibia; Dirk Messner, President, German Environment Agency (UBA) & representative of Coalition for Digital Environment Sustainability (CODES); Nandan Nilekani, Chairman & Co-founder Infosys and Founding Chairman UIDAI
Pillar 4: Innovations for Last-Mile Inclusion	15:55 – 16:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Speakers:</i> H.E. Ville Tavio, Minister for Foreign Trade and International Development of Finland; H.E. Carme Artiga, Secretary of State for Digitization and AI of Spain; Sharon Dijksma, Mayor of Utrecht, Kingdom of the Netherlands (representing United Cities & Local Governments; Guang Chen, Vice President for Infrastructure, World Bank (speaking on Financing); Additional speakers to be confirmed
Pillar 5: Affordable & Open	16:10 – 16:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Speakers:</i> H.E. Salima Mormorna Bah, Minister of Communication, Technology and Innovation of Sierra Leone; H.E. Simplex Chithyola Banda, Minister of Trade and Industry of Malawi; Jim Zemlin, CEO of Linux Foundation
Special remarks	16:20 – 16:23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Video message:</i> H.R.H. Queen Maxima of the Netherlands
Closing Remarks for SDG Digital	16:23 – 16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Secretary-General, ITUH.E. Mashael Al-Hammadi, Assistant Undersecretary for Information Technology Affairs of the State of Qatar