

Impact Solutions for Global Challenges





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TEST YOUR PITCH

WSA Peer-to-Peer Rehearsal

Opportunity for Winning Teams

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with WSA National Experts Connor

Test your pitch with International

Coaches - Individual or Group sessions

April 6, 2025 | Day 1

Arrival Day & Inaugural Kickoff of the WSA Global Congress 2025

Throughout

WELCOME TO INDIA, WELCOME TO HYDERABAD!

the day

Arrival & Registration for WSA Global Congress International Delegates

T-Hub, Ground Floor

Shuttles are offered regularly from Clarion Hotel to T-Hub



T-Hub, The Marvel

Inspire. Build. Collaborate.

11:00-	WSA	WINNING	TEAMS	We	lcome
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13:00 Welcome, Info Session & Networking

Facilitated by Nora Wolloch, Executive Manager, World Summit Awards & Team

13:00->> Lunch | Balcony, 5th Floor

14:00

13:00-GLOBAL INNOVATION EXCHANGE

15:30 WSA National Experts Meet

> Facilitated by Michaela Gelnarova, Global Network Lead, World Summit Awards Welcome by Peter A. Bruck, Chairperson, World Summit Awards & Osama Manzar,

Founder & Director, Digital Empowerment Foundation for WSA National Experts and WSA Youth Ambassadors

15:30 **GLOBAL COMMUNITY GET2GETHER**

16:00 Facilitated by Eva Hiesmair, National Expert, Austria and Abner Manzar, Researcher, Digital

> **Empowerment Foundation** Get2Know the WSA Community

16:00 Shuttles to WE Hub

17:00-WHY HYDERABAD? WHY TELANGANA ECOSYSTEM?

19:30 Connect4Impact: Explore India's Largest Innovation Hub

Facilitated by Osama Manzar, Founder-Director, Digital Empowerment Foundation



WE Hub, Amphitheater (Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University)

Ideate. Implement. Inspire.

Welcome Words by:

Sita Pallacholla, CEO, WE Hub

Special Highlight:

Walk through the Startup Street: Featuring Telangana Women Entrepreneurs

An Exclusive Celebration of Local Innovation and Entrepreneurship Led by Dynamic Women Changemakers from Telangana's Last Mile.

Telangana Welcomes the World Summit Awards Global Congress

Shri. Jayesh Ranjan, Special Chief Secretary, Department of ITE&C, Government of Telangana

Fireside Chat: From Telangana to the World: A Dialogue on the Digital Futures

A Dialogue bridging Global Digital Insights and Telangana's Tech-forward Ecosystem

Osama Manzar, Founder-Director, Digital Empowerment Foundation (Facilitator)

Dr. Peter A. Bruck, Chairperson, World Summit Awards

Sirisha Peyyeti, Founder, Avika, Telangana

Dorothy Gordon, ICT4D Consultant & WSA Board Member, Ghana

Dr. Amir Ullah Khan, Member, Telangana Public Service Commission

Special Message from Amandeep Singh Gill, UN Under-Secretary-General & Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Digital and Emerging Technologies

19:30-Refresh. Reflect. Connect. Evening Networking Dinner & Conversations

21:00 An Open Canvas to Spark Partnerships, Share Stories, and Build the Future

21:00 Shuttles to Hotel





April 7, 2025 | Day 2

Digital, Democracy & Us: Impact Solutions for Global Challenges

07:00-MENTORING BREAKFAST

08:30 Connect4Impact - WSA Winners & Mentors | Hotel

08:30 Shuttle Buses for International Delegates from Clarion Hotel to T-Hub

08:30-LET THE IMPACT JOURNEY BEGIN!

09:30 Welcome, Registration & Badge Collection | T-Hub, Ground Floor

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WSA GLOBAL CONGRESS 2025: BUILDING DIGITAL FUTURES ROOTED IN EQUITY 09:30-

10:15 Facilitated by Osama Manzar, Founder & Director, Digital Empowerment Foundation, India

Setting the Stage

Opening Remarks by Jayesh Ranjan, Special Chief Secretary, Department of ITE&C, Government of Telangana & Dr. Peter A. Bruck, Chairperson, World Summit Awards

From Side Hustle to Systems Change: Because Inclusion isn't Optional-it's Foundational

A Call to Re-imagine Ecosystems by Sita Pallacholla, CEO, WE Hub

Startups for Impact - And the World Meets Possibility

Words of Welcome by Kavikrut, CEO, T-Hub

UN'S Vision for Digital & Emerging Technologies

Special Message from Amandeep Singh Gill, UN Under-Secretary-General & Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Digital and **Emerging Technologies**

Digital Equity & Development: ITU'S Vision

Opening Reflections by Pranita Upadhyaya, Head of the Area Office for South Asia and Innovation Centre, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MUSEUM OF DIGITAL SOCIETY



10:15-

11:30

12:30

A pioneering initiative by the Digital Empowerment Foundation and the Government of Telangana, this living, interactive space chronicles the evolution, impact, and future of digital technologies in shaping lives, governance, and development.

FUTURIZING DEMOCRACY: THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DIGITAL AGE Impact Talks | Moderated by Peter A. Bruck | Fireside Chat to Follow

- Madara Ogot, CEO, UbuntuNet Alliance for Research and Education, Kenya
- Rama Devi Lanka, Director, Emerging Technologies Wing, Government of Telangana
- Darshna Shah, Chief Al Officer, Elastacloud, United Kingdom
- leva Žilionienė, Consulting Business Lead, NRD Companies, Lithuania
- Uma Kalkar, Data and Al Governance Expert, United Kingdom
- Rodrigo Assumpcao, President, Dataprev, Brazil

DECENTRALIZING TRUTH: FIGHTING MISINFORMATION IN A DIGITAL WORLD 11:30-

Panel Discussion | Moderated by Akanksha Ahluwalia, Manager, Digital Empowerment Foundation, India Launch of the Digital Media Literacy & Cybersecurity Program & MILaap Toolkit:

Empowering Telangana's Citizens to Combat Misinformation and Cyber Threats

- Pankaj Pachauri, Editor-in-Chief & Founder, GoNews, India
- Sumitra Bala Devi, Rural Fact Checker, Digital Empowerment Foundation, India
- Jonan Katende, WSA Youth Ambassador, Uganda
- Rakesh Dubbudu, Factly, India
- Mathias Haas, Supersocial, Austria
- Tomas Halasz, Founder Trollwall.AI, Slovakia

>> The Marvel Gallery, 10:00 -

SPOTLIGHT

Eco-Artist Vishwanath Mallabadi

Davangere, who blends Art &

Technology to make intriguing

art pieces from E-Waste, is

showcasing his work at the Museum of Digital Society.

E-WASTE UPCYCLING CHALLENGE

Transforming Waste into Innovation

LUNCH & DIGITAL SANGAM: WHERE CITIZENS MEET DIGITAL DESIGN FOR HIGH IMPACT

Showcasing Cutting-Edge Digital Models - A Global Confluence of Innovation Opening Walkthrough by Guest of Honor Smt. Hari Chandana Dasari, IAS

5th Floor << 13:30

12:30-14:30

April 7, 2025 | Day 2

Digital, Democracy & Us: Impact Solutions for Global Challenges

14:30-16:00

CHOOSE YOUR COMMUNITY & MISSION | PARALLEL SESSIONS | COMMIT TO YOUR VISION

CONNECT4IMPACT | WSA WINNERS ROUNDTABLES

"The Marvel", 5th Floor

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Engage with the WSA 2024 Winners. Join the table to share insights, exchange expertise, and spark connections that amplify global impact.

T-Hub

Facilitated by Connor Sattely, Startup Consultant, Netherlands

Government & Citizen Engagement | Health & Well-Being | Learning & Education | Environment & Green Energy | Culture & Heritage | Smart Settlements & Urbanization | Business & Commerce | Inclusion & Empowerment



REGULATION4INNOVATION | DATA & GOVERNANCE FORUM

🍭 T-Hub "The Oasis", 7th Floor

Data, Democracy & We, the People

A high-level dialogue with global policymakers and experts on data governance, democracy, and citizen rights exploring how policy can balance innovation with public interest for an inclusive, accountable digital future.

Facilitated: Osama Manzar, Founder-Director, Digital Empowerment Foundation Discussants:

- Shri Jayesh Ranjan, Special Chief Secretary, ITE&C Department
- Rakshita Swamy, Founder, Social Accountability Form for Action and Research (SAFAR)
- Peter A. Bruck, Chairperson, World Summit Awards
- Pedro Duarte, City Councilor, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Desdra Bescombe, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government, Trinidad & Tobago
- Eunsong Kim, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Specialist, UNESCO
- leva Zilioniene, Chief Consulting Officer, NRD Companies, Lithuania
- Goran Pastrovic, Public Policy Specialist, Serbia
- Tanja Wehsely, CEO Volkshilfe Wien, Austria
- Uma Kalkar, Policy Advisor to the OECD, UK Rodrigo Assumpção, President Dataprev, Brazil
- Dorothy Gordon, ICT4 Consultant, Ghana

Key Themes: Data, Democracy & Public Discourse: The evolving role of data in governance

Grassroots Innovation: Decentralized models for inclusion Platform Economy & Worker Rights: Regulating the gig workforce Al & Ethics: Accountability in Al-driven policymaking



IMPACT SOLUTIONS FOR GLOBAL CHALLENGES WINNERS PITCHES & COLLABORATION SESSIONS

16:00-

17:00

>> The Pinnacle <<

>> The Marvel <<

BUSINESS & COMMERCE

16:00-17:00



Moderated by: Madara Ogot, Kenya Telangana Startup Spotlight: IndiGharana

- · Lend for Good, Australia
- naPorta, Brazil
- Achieve, Ghana
- TrollWall AI, Slovakia
- · GoBarakah, Malaysia

LEARNING & EDUCATION



Moderated by: Richard Fekete, Slovakia Telangana Startup Spotlight: Leeza.app

- Jade Autism, Brazil
- ExamHub, Sri Lanka
- Dalza, Luxembourg
- Rakoono, France
- · Tecsify, Guatemala

SMART SETTLEMENTS & URBANIZATION

17:00-18:00



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Moderated by: Batoul Husseini, Syria/Turkey Telangana Startup Spotlight: KIoT Innovations Private Limited Telangana Startup Spotlight: OsteoForge

- Locum Apps, Malaysia
- Karya, India
- Cataki, Brazil
- Kataho Digital Address System, Nepal
- Weego, Morocco

HEALTH & WELL-BEING



Moderated by: Odeta Iseviciute, Lithuania

• Consultmed, Australia

- Duniya Healthcare, Zambia
- Flash Health, Sri Lanka

BOOK LAUNCH Accessing Digital Health in India

Mamibabi, Vietnam

Ontol, South Korea

by Nahia Hussain, Centre for Development Policy & Practice, India

18:00- DIGITAL PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION ACT:

19:00 ITS EFFECT ON DEMOCRACY & US

T-Hub, "The Oasis", 7th Floor

Facilitated by Nikhil Dey, Founder, Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan Sangeeta Barooah Pisharoty, Secretary, Press Club of India Apar Gupta, Advocate & Founder-Director, Internet Freedom Foundation

18:00-

PEER GROUP MENTORING

Insights, Connections & Recommendations 19:00 for WSA Winning Teams

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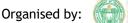
TECH, TALK & TASTES: A NETWORKING DINNER

21:00

T-Hub, "Balcony", 5th Floor

21:00

Shuttles to Hotel









April 8, 2025 | Day 3 Digital, Democracy & Us: Impact Solutions for Global Challenges

07:00- MENTORING BREAKFAST

08:30 Connect4Impact | WSA Winners & Mentors Meetup | Hotel

08:30 Shuttles to T-Hub | Registration & Badge Collection | T-Hub, Ground Floor



10:30-

11:30

12:30

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09:30- THE HUMAN COSTS OF DIGITAL DIVIDES: DESIGN FROM THE MARGINS

10:30 Shot Talks | Moderated by Peter A. Bruck, Chairperson, World Summit Awards

- T. Ravi Kiran, Commissioner, MeeSeva, Dept. of ITE&C, Govt. of Telangana
- Ali Hilli, Marketing & Communications Director, Miswag, Iraq
- Gia Gaspard Taylor, President, Network of Rural Women Producers, Trinidad & Tobago
- Odeta Iseviciute, Founder & CEO, ChangeAI, Lithuania
- Rachana Mudraboyina, Board Member, Telangana State Transgender Welfare Board, India

EQUITY BY DESIGN: BUILDING TECH THAT REFLECTS EVERYONE

11:30 Shot Talks | Moderated by: Dorothy Gordon, ICT4Development Consultant, Ghana

- Abhishek Singh, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- Uha Sajja, Associate Director, Social Impact & Entrepreneurship, WE Hub, India
- Baroness Beeban Tania Kidron, Advocate for Childrens' Rights in the Digital World, UK
- Timothy Curtis, Director and UNESCO Representative, Regional Office for South Asia
- Sachi Wickramage, CoFounder & CEO of i4T Global, Australia
- Janet Christine Nabaloga, SafeBangle, Uganda

DIGITAL JUST CLIMATE TRANSITION: BALANCING PEOPLE, PLANET, AND PROGRESS

Panel discussion | Moderated by Maitri Singh, Senior Officer & Researcher, Digital Empowerment Foundation ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DIGITAL JUST TRANSITION TASK FORCE

• Darshna Shah, Chief Al Officer, Elastacloud, UK

- Siddarth Reddy, Vice President- Corporate Strategy & Global Expansion, India
- Renuka Devi, SoochnaPreneur, Digital Empowerment Foundation, India
- Syed Kazi, Director & CEO, Center for Social and Digital Development, India
- Rishi Kishore, Fellow, Swaniti Initiative
- Vignesh Sivaramakrishnan, Product Specialist TraceX, Powerledger, Australia
- Reetwika Mukherjee, Corporate Cyber Security Strategist, India

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12:30- LUNCH & DIGITAL SANGAM: WHERE CITIZENS MEET DIGITAL DESIGN FOR HIGH IMPACT

14:30 Explore the Digital Sangam and discover impactful digital solutions from Telangana, India, and around the world.

Pavilions: Best Digital Practices Across the World

Powering Participation | Governance & Citizen Services
Tech for Wellness | Health & Well-Being
Future of Learning | Learning & Education
Green by Design | Environment & Green Energy
Digital Roots | Culture & Heritage
Smart Living | Smart Settlements & Urbanization
Digital Enterprise | Business & Commerce
Equity by Innovation | Inclusion & Empowerment

★ Special Showcases: Innovation for People & Planet

Spotlight Zones | Stories that Move the Digital World Telangana Pavilion | State Innovation in Action Breaking Barriers | Digital Disability Inclusion The Last Mile First | Bridging Connectivity Gaps Stories in Motion | Art & Social Justice Algorithm Chronicles | Al, Bias & Data Rights

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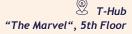
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PEER 2 PEER KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

Learning & Exchange Session for Social Entrepreneurs Facilitated by Jason Muloongo, WSA National Expert, Canada





PEER 2 PEER KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

Learning & Exchange Session for Innovation & Impact Ecosystem Builders Facilitated by Michaela Gelnarova, WSA Global Network Lead & Renuka Sena, WSA National Expert Malaysia

T-Hub "The Pinnacle", 5th Floor



GLOBAL DIGITAL COMPACT & WSIS+20: DATA & GOVERNANCE FORUM

Global Knowledge Exchange with Government Leaders | India Use Cases & Global Insights Preparatory Session for WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025 | Geneva, July Facilitated by Peter A. Bruck, Chairperson, World Summit Awards

🎘 T-Hub "The Oasis", 7th Floor

- Rama Devi Lanka, Director, Emerging Technologies Wing, Government of Telangana
- Hemant Adarkar, Senior Fellow and Director, Artha Centre for Technology and Innovation
- Osama Manzar, Founder-Director, Digital Empowerment Foundation
- Shubhashis Gangopadhyay, Former Chief Economic Advisor, Government of India
- Pedro Duarte, City Councilor, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
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17:00

>> The Pinnacle <<

ENVIRONMENT & GREEN ENERGY



16:00-17:00

CULTURE & HERITAGE

Tasteit, Georgia

KhayaAI, Ghana

Socialbnb, Germany

Nusuk, Saudi Arabia



Moderated by: Eva Hiesmair, Austria

The Telangana Launchpad: Ikat Dyes

>> The Marvel<<

Moderated by: Gloria Mangi, Tanzania The Telangana Launchpad: Coral Innovations

- TraceX, Australia
- Waterly, Poland
- Crowdsorsa, Finland
- Global Cerah, Malaysia
- Ciclogreen, Spain

Podeo, Lebanon

Cérge, Australia

YYSystem, Japan

SafeBangle, Uganda

INCLUSION & EMPOWERMENT

Moderated by: Tanja Wehsely, Austria

17:00-18:00



Telangana Startup Spotlight: Easylife Mobility Innovations

17:00-18:00

GOVERNMENT & CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT



Moderated by: Ali Hilli, Iraq

The Telangana Launchpad: Munify Datatech Private Ltd

- Buzzly, New Zealand
- Local TT, Trinidad & Tobago
- Chango, Ghana
- Sach AI, India

· The Poverty Stoplight, Paraguay WSA YOUNG INNOVATORS

18:00-19:00



Moderated by: Donald Rukanga, Uganda

The Telangana Launchpad: Alien Innovations

- Jalan Journey, Singapore
- Palumba, Spain
- RAIN, Sri Lanka

18:00-18:40

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20:00-21:00 **JURY REFLECTIONS** Facilitated by Peter A. Bruck

19:00 -21:00

CONNECT4IMPACT: A NETWORKING DINNER

"Balcony", 5th Floor

21:00

Shuttles to Hotel



April 9, 2025 | Day 4 Digital, Democracy & Us: Impact Solutions for Global Challenges

Lightning Talk by Ashhar Farhan, Partner & Co-Founder, Daana Farmers Network



10:00

12:30

T-Works, Events Room | Board Rooms

09:30-E-COMM VAN: DELIVERING LAST MILE CONNECTIVITY

>>T-Works, 2nd Floor Eventspace 25<<

Eventspace 25<<

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"The Pinnacle, 7th Floor

ENABLING IMPACT ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Parallel Workshops for Social & Impact Entrepreneurs

10:00-How to Develop an Al Strategy for your Business How to Fundraise 11:00 by Odeta Iseviciute, Lithuania >> Boardroom, Room 27<< by Vinutha Naga Rallapalli, India >> Eventspace, Room 25 <<

> **Content Creation Strategies for Social Entrepreneurs** by Eva Hiesmair, Austria >> BMG Room << by Alexander Felsenberg, Germany >> Library, 1st Floor <<

11:00-DIGITAL, DEMOCRACY & US | ALL IN OUR HANDS | WSIS+25 RECOMMENDATIONS >>T-Works, 2nd Floor

Facilitated by Connor Sattely, Startup Consultant, Netherlands Welcome Words by Joginder Tanikella, CEO, T-Works Collaborative Open Space: Open Mics & Open Hearts LAUNCH OF "DIGITAL DANCE OF DEMOCRACY" TOOLKIT

>>T-Works, 2nd Floor DIGITAL DISABILITY INCLUSION: BREAKING BARRIERS, BUILDING ACCESS 12:30-Eventspace 25<< 14:00

Facilitated by: Osama Manzar, Founder-Director, Digital Empowerment Foundation Chair: Mohammed Yousuf, Founder & President, Equally Able Foundation Co-chair: Jayesh Ranjan, Special Chief Secretary, Dept. of IT & EC, Govt. of Telangana

Discussants:

Meera Shenoy, Founder, Youth4Jobs Foundation Victoria Kerrisk & Chris, Founders, Cerge Dr. Amir Ullah Khan, Member, Telangana Public Service Commission

Gorle Varalakshmi, Samarth SoochnaPreneur, India Moumita Barman, Research Associate, Center for Development Policy & Practice Mira Swaminathan, Director, Policy Advocacy and Communications, Broadband India Forum Dr. Arpita Kanjilal, Head, Research & Advocacy Division, Digital Empowerment Foundation

LAUNCH OF DIGITAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM, REPORTS & POLICY BRIEFS:

- ICT for Empowering Accessibility & Inclusion: The Impact of Digital Integration on the Lives of
- Policy Brief on Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act & Draft Personal Data Protection Rules, 2025

14:00-Hyderabad Local Visit | Refresh, Rest & Re-energize 19:30

19:30-WSA GALA AWARDS CEREMONY | DIGITAL SOLUTIONS FOR THE UN SDGS

22:30 Announcement & Celebration of the WSA Global Champions - Hyderabad Edition Award Ceremony honoring the WSA 2024 Winners and Young Innovators

Emcees: Gloria Mangi, Tanzaniza & Madanmohan Rao, India

Special Address by Chief Guest: Shri Anumula Revanth Reddy, Hon'ble Chief

Minister, Government of Telangana

Keynote Address by Guest of Honor: Shri D. Sridhar Babu, Hon'ble Minister for IT, Government of Telangana

Honorary Address by Distinguished Guest: Dr. Neeraj Mittal, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications,

Summation Address by Esteemed Guest: Jayesh Ranjan, Chief Special Secretary, Department of ITE&C,

Government of Telangana **CLOSING CELEBRATIONS & MOMENTS OF JOY**

Government of India

By Mamta Sapera & Group

The Morchang Rhythms of Rajasthan

Announcement of the Winners of the **E-WASTE UPCYCLING CHALLENGE**

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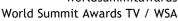
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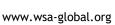
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