

Ecosystem Partner Speakers, Bangalore *(Alpha order by first name)*



Chetna Gala Sinha
Founder and Chair, Mann Deshi
Foundation

Chetna Gala Sinha is an activist, farmer, and banker. In the early 1980s, while still a student in Mumbai, she joined the Jayaprakash Narayan movement and travelled through the country championing land rights and other social issues. In 1996, Chetna founded the Mann Deshi Foundation in Mhaswad, a drought-stricken area of Maharashtra, with the aim of economically and socially empowering rural women. In 1997, she set up the Mann Deshi Mahila Sahakari Bank - India's first bank for and by rural women.

Today, the Mann Deshi Bank has over 100,000 account holders, has loaned over \$50 million, and regularly creates new financial products to support the needs of female micro-entrepreneurs. It has received the 2006 Microfinance Process Excellence Award, the 2014 Best Eco-Tech Bank Award by the Indian Bank Association and the 2015 'Best Bank Award' by the Maharashtra Urban Cooperative Banks Federation.





Jagdish Babu
COO, EkStep Foundation



Jagdish Babu is the COO of EkStep Foundation and has a significant background in leveraging technology for education and social impact.

Jagdish was an architect in the Devices Ecosystem at the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), based in Bengaluru, Karnataka. He has been involved in various projects related to biometric authentication, including iris recognition systems. His work contributed to the development and implementation of technology for the UIDAI, which is responsible for managing India's biometric identification system.



As the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) at eGov Foundation, Manish Srivastava oversees the DIGIT platform and solutions built on DIGIT. With 25 years of experience in both start-up and mature environments, he has a proven track record in Technology and Innovation Management. He is the biggest champion of reimagining all public service delivery with the citizen in the centre. Complexities in public services, scale challenges and unified and co-ordinated governance is Manish's passion.

<p>Manish Srivastava Chief Technology Officer, E-Gov Foundation</p>	<p>Manish has been instrumental in setting up two start-ups from the ground up—one focused on Enterprise Customer Experience Management and the other on Wind Energy Scheduling & Forecasting. Prior to these ventures, he spent 17 years at Infosys, where he served as a technology consultant and solution architect for various Global 2000 companies.</p> <p>Manish is passionate about the transformative power of technology and its potential for societal good. He is also actively involved in mentoring start-ups, sharing his expertise and guiding the next generation of tech entrepreneurs. Manish holds a B.Tech. degree from IIT-BHU, graduating in the class of 1996.</p>
 <p>Nagarajan Santhanam Chief Dissemination Officer, MOSIP</p>	<p>Nagarajan Santhanam has close to three decades of work experience in global delivery, IT strategy, and the design, deployment, and support of Banking Applications. He served in various senior management roles in India, the Middle East, and Africa, including 3 years as Group Chief Information Officer in a leading African Bank. He holds a masters degree in Information technology,</p> <p>As MOSIP’s Chief Dissemination Officer, Nagarajan and his team coordinate with country leadership to disseminate the platform across Asia Pacific, Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean, developing strong relationships between MOSIP and adopting countries. Other activities like deployment support, ecosystem building and academy also falls under his portfolio</p>
 <p>Nandan M. Nilekani Co-founder and Chairman of the Board, Infosys</p>	<p>Nandan Nilekani, Co-Founder and Chairman of Infosys, has been a transformative figure in technology and public service. As the Founding Chairman of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), he played a pivotal role in creating Aadhaar, the world’s largest biometric ID system. He is also the Co-Founder and Chairman of EkStep Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to enhancing literacy and numeracy among millions of children through a tech-driven platform.</p> <p>Nilekani’s influence extends globally. In 2023, he was appointed as co-chair of the G20 Task Force on Digital Public Infrastructure, focusing on economic transformation, financial inclusion, and development. A staunch advocate of AI, Nilekani believes in its potential to amplify human capabilities and solve complex societal challenges.</p> <p>Born in Bengaluru, Nilekani received his Bachelor’s degree from IIT, Bombay. Fortune Magazine conferred him with “Asia’s Businessman of the year 2003”. His achievements</p>

	<p>have earned him numerous accolades, including the Padma Bhushan, the Joseph Schumpeter Prize, and recognition from Time and Foreign Policy magazines as one of the world’s most influential people. In addition to his professional accomplishments, Nilekani is the author of “Imagining India”, co- authored his second book with Viral Shah, “Rebooting India: Realizing a Billion Aspirations” and co-authored his third book with Tanuj Bhojwani, “The Art of Bitfulness: Keeping calm in the digital world” released in Jan 2022.</p>
 <p>Nikhil Kumar Co-founder and Chief Evangelist, Setu</p>	<p>Nikhil Kumar cofounded Setu, an application programming interface (API) infrastructure company that provides technology tools and services to fintech companies. Nikhil has developed application programme interfaces (APIs) for India’s ambitious Unified Payments Interface (UPI), it has been an enriching experience. Nikhil had been a volunteer at the think tank iSPIRT Foundation, and has worked on several pieces of the IndiaStack—a set of APIs such as Aadhaar authentication, UPI, eKYC, DigiLocker and eSign. He led the team to create the BHIM app, which was conceived so that UPI could be better adopted. BHIM witnessed 10 million downloads in 10 days.</p> <p>At present Kumar is the Chief Evangelist at Setu.</p>
 <p>Dr Pramod Varma Co-Chair, Centre for DPI</p>	<p>Dr. Pramod Varma is the former Chief Architect of Aadhaar, India's digital identity program that has successfully covered nearly 1.4 billion people. He was also the chief architect for various India Stack layers such as eSign, DigiLocker, and Unified Payment Interface (UPI), all of which are now working at population scale in India. He played an integral role in architecting India’s digital health infrastructure, vaccination and immunization infrastructure (Co-WIN & DIVOC). He is an adjunct faculty at IIIT-B and Co-Chair at the global Center for DPI, a non-profit, helping countries design and architect Digital Public Infrastructure systems in addition to building local capacity.</p> <p>In addition, he is the Co-Founder of FIDE, co-creator of the open source Beckn Protocol that helps create decentralized open discovery, fulfillment, and transaction networks in various domains. Beckn protocol is the base protocol for India’s new efforts such as Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC.org), Kochi Open Mobility Network, Namma Yatri, and ONEST.</p>



Puneet Joshi
Chief Technology Officer, OpenG2P

With over 28 years of experience in software development, Puneet Joshi currently leads the OpenG2P initiative as the Chief Technology Officer. Over the years, Puneet has garnered hands-on coding experience with state-of-the-art machine learning algorithms for smart surveillance and retail analytics, and played key roles in product definition, process improvement, and roll-out of several products during his career.

He started his career as a Project Manager at Sasken Communication Technologies and Toshiba. He went on to hold senior positions at companies like Veveo, Apostek Software India Pvt. Ltd., and Outdu Media Tech. As a Principal Architect for MOSIP, Puneet handled deployment architecture and tech decisions, working closely with a large team of developers.



Raja Chandrasekharan
DPI Safeguards Advisor, UNDP

Raja Chandrasekharan is the DPI Safeguards Advisor for United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), based in New York. She is passionate about sustainable development goals and the impact of climate change and adaptation needed in developing countries. She believes that digital public infrastructure can be an accelerating force in public rails enabling private innovation. She volunteers with Center for Exponential Change, a global network of support, based in Bangalore. She is in charge of international expansion to Brazil, South African, Kenya, and Indonesia. Before her move to development and social sector, she spent her time in a technology services company building their design thinking practise and working with fortune 500 across US and Europe enabling them on human centric adoption management and practices.



Ramesh Narayanan
Chief Technology Officer, MOSIP

An entrepreneur with 25 years of experience in building software solutions, Ramesh Narayanan has served as VP of Technology and CTO of Technoforte Pvt. Ltd., and founded 2 start-ups. He has led the creation of several enterprise, consumer, and country-scale solutions.

At MOSIP, Ramesh is committed to building trustworthy digital infrastructure and government stacks to help countries in their digital transformation journeys. As CTO, he oversees the roadmap and development of the MOSIP stack. He focuses on building responsible technology that is open, affordable, and people-centric.

Rahul Matthan is an attorney who specialises in technology, media and telecommunications law in India. Rahul heads the technology practice at the law firm Trilegal, where he is a partner. His work on the governance of India's digital



Rahul Matthan
Partner, Trilegal

public infrastructure includes advising regulators like the Unique Identity Authority of India (UIDAI), National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI) and National Health Authority (NHA). During his career, he has advised on some of the largest technology and telecom transactions in the country as well as on corporate matters, transactional, and regulatory matters.



Sanjay Purohit
CEO and Chief Curator of Centre for Exponential Change

Sanjay has over 30 years of diverse experience across corporate and development sectors. Since 2016, he has been co-creating Societal Thinking, an approach to resolve complex societal challenges with speed, at scale, sustainably. He has engaged with more than 500 change leaders across 20 countries with Societal Thinking in domains such as climate action, education, gender equity, healthcare and livelihoods. The core ideas of Societal Thinking are encapsulated in his book series (Think Scale, Think Speed and Think Sustain). He is mentor and co-founder of apurva.ai, a platform to amplify the collective wisdom of communities with AI. He serves on the Board of Advisors of Don Norman Design Award that champions humanity centred design and Fundamentum, a scale investment fund.

He is a Strategic Advisor to National Payments Council of India, a Member of the Board of Advisors of the Don Norman Design Award and on the Advisory Board of Sparks & Honey, a cultural intelligence consultancy.

Sarayu Natarajan
Founder, Aapti Institute

Sarayu has a background in management consulting (McKinsey and Company), venture investing (Elevar Equity), program development and management (Gray Matters Capital), and academic research. She has a PhD in Political Science from King's College London, a Master's in Public Policy from the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) at Columbia University, and a arts and law degree from the National Law School of India University, Bangalore (NLSIU).



Sasikumar Ganesan
Head – Engineering, MOSIP

Sasikumar Ganesan is an expert in software architecture, start-up strategy, IP creation, and technology strategy development. He was an intrinsic part of the early design and development of the world’s largest digital identity programme, Aadhaar. Prior to that, in his 13-year stint at Aujas Networks Pvt. Ltd., Sasikumar held the position of Technical Lead, Practice Head, and finally Vice President.

As Head of Engineering, Sasikumar oversees all technology-related decisions, functioning of modules and solutions, and manages a large team of engineers working on all aspects of the platform.

Government of South Africa (Alpha order by first name)

Alfred Wiltz
Chief Director: Telecommunications and IT Policy, Department of Communications and Digital Technologies (DCDT), Government of RSA

Alfred Wiltz is the Chief Director of Telecommunications and IT Policy at the Department of Communications and Digital Technologies. His role involves developing and implementing policies related to telecommunications and IT.






Ayanda Hlatshwayo
Chief Director: Data Lab, National Treasury, Government of RSA

Ayanda Hlatshwayo is the Chief Director of the Data Lab at the National Treasury. She holds a PhD in Economics from Stellenbosch University and a Master's degree in Economic Science from the University of the Witwatersrand. Her role involves leading data-driven initiatives to enhance decision-making processes within the government



Matthew Chetty

Matthew Chetty is the Impact Area Manager for e-Government at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research. His role focuses on leveraging technology to enhance government services and improve citizen engagement.

<p>Impact Area Manager: e-Government, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Government of RSA</p>	
 <p>Gwen Ngwenya Advisor to the Minister</p>	<p>Gwen Ngwenya serves as an Advisor to the Minister, providing strategic advice and support on various policy and operational matters. Her role involves ensuring that the minister is well-informed and equipped to make effective decisions. Gwen also works for Visa as the Vice President of Public Policy in Southern Africa.</p>
 <p>Lawrence Matemba Acting Head: Policy and Research Services, Presidency, Government of RSA</p>	<p>Lawrence Matemba serves as the Acting Head of Policy and Research Services in the Presidency. His role involves developing and analysing policies to support the President's office.</p>
<p>Mandla Ngcobo Government Chief Information Officer, Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA), Government of RSA</p>	<p>Mandla Ngcobo is the Government Chief Information Officer at the Department of Public Service and Administration. He holds a Post Graduate Diploma in International Communication from the University of Fort Hare, a Bachelor's Degree in Business Information Systems from Tshwane University of Technology, and a Master's Degree in Telecommunications and Broadcasting Policy and Regulation from the University of the Witwatersrand. Mandla also has various certifications in project management, IT service management, and governance of enterprise IT from institutions like Pink Elephant, ISACA, and Analytix. His role involves developing and implementing the national e-Government strategy and roadmap</p>
	<p>Harry Thema is an Executive Manager at Statistics South Africa (StatsSA). His role involves managing key aspects of the organization to ensure the delivery of high-quality statistical services.</p>

<p>Harry Thema Executive Manager, Statistics South Africa (StatsSA), Government of RSA</p>	
 <p>Mark Blecher Chief Director: Health and Social Development, National Treasury, Government of RSA</p>	<p>Mark Blecher serves as the Chief Director for Health and Social Development at the National Treasury. He holds a B.S. from Cornell University and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Chinese politics from the University of Chicago. Mark is a specialist in Chinese politics and has published extensively on local politics, popular participation, and political economy</p>
<p>Mpho Mohlameane Applications Maintenance, Dr (PhD), State Information Technology Agency (SITA), Government of RSA</p>	<p>Mpho Mohlameane works in Applications Maintenance at the State Information Technology Agency (SITA) and holds a PhD. His role involves ensuring the smooth operation and maintenance of various IT applications within the government.</p>
 <p>Nonkqubela Jordan-Dyani Director General, Department of Communications and Digital Technologies (DCDT), Government of RSA</p>	<p>Nonkqubela Jordan-Dyani is the Director General at the Department of Communications and Digital Technologies (DCDT). With over 20 years of experience in the public sector, she has held senior management positions, including Deputy Director-General at the Department of Telecommunications and Postal Services. Nonkqubela holds a BA and BA (Hon) in International Relations from the University of Fort Hare, as well as certificates in telecommunications policy, regulation, and management from Wits University and digital transformation strategy from the University of Cambridge. She has served on various national and international bodies, including the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and the African Telecommunications Union (ATU).</p>
<p>Paripureni Pillay Chief Director: Strategic and Advisory Support, Department of Communications and Digital Technologies (DCDT), Government of RSA</p>	<p>Paripureni Pillay is the Chief Director of Strategic and Advisory Support at the Department of Communications and Digital Technologies. Her role involves providing strategic advice and support to enhance the department's operations.</p>



Rendani Ramabulana
Non-Executive Director, SITA

Rendani Ramabulana serves as a Non-Executive Director at the State Information Technology Agency (SITA) SOC Ltd, a critical institution tasked with advancing digital transformation and information technology services within South Africa's public sector. As part of the SITA Board, Rendani contributes to the strategic oversight and governance of the agency, ensuring the alignment of IT initiatives with national development goals. His role involves providing leadership in decision-making processes that enhance SITA's ability to deliver secure, innovative, and efficient technology solutions to government entities across the country.



Saul Musker
Director: Strategy and Delivery Support in the Private Office of the President, Presidency, Government of RSA

Saul Musker is the Director of Strategy and Delivery Support in the Private Office of the President. He holds a BA (cum laude) from the University of the Witwatersrand, with an Honours thesis focused on regional migration in Southern Africa. Saul is a Rhodes Scholar Alum and has co-authored a book on liberal constitutionalism in South Africa. He is also a columnist at The Daily Maverick and has written a novel shortlisted for the Dinaane Award for Debut Fiction. In his spare time, he is a debater, long-distance swimmer, and triathlete.






Khule Duma
Director: Project Management Office in the Private Office of the President, Presidency, Government of RSA

Khule Duma is the Director of the Project Management Office in the Private Office of the President. His role involves managing various projects to support the President's strategic objectives. His experience in project management is crucial in ensuring timely and effective delivery of projects.



Thabiso Thukani is a distinguished representative of the DCDT, specializing in policies and strategies that drive digital transformation across South Africa.

He actively engages in projects like the development of the 5G Forum and amendments to legislation aimed at facilitating rapid deployment of technologies, bridging the digital divide, and ensuring universal connectivity. Thabiso also contributes to global conversations on

<p>Thabiso Thukani Non-Executive Director, DCDT</p>	<p>next-generation technologies, including 6G advancements, representing South Africa on international platforms like the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)</p>
<p>Treveen Rabindhath Director: ICT Innovations Department of Communications and Digital Technologies (DCDT), Government of RSA</p>	<p>Treveen Rabindhath is the Director of ICT Innovations at the Department of Communications and Digital Technologies. His role focuses on driving innovation in information and communication technologies, promoting digital transformation within South Africa.</p>
<p>Genesis Analytics <i>(Alpha order by first name)</i></p>	
<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Eugene Sampson Senior Technical Lead: Digital Innovation in the Public Sector (DIPS) - Genesis Analytics</p>	<p>Eugene Sampson serves as a Senior Technical Lead at Digital Innovation in the Public Sector (DIPS) with Genesis Analytics. His role involves providing technical expertise to drive digital innovation and improve public sector services.</p>
<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Kathy Nicolaou-Manias Technical Director: Digital Innovation in the Public Sector (DIPS) - Genesis Analytics</p>	<p>Kathy Nicolaou-Manias is the Technical Director at Digital Innovation in the Public Sector (DIPS) with Genesis Analytics. Kathy holds an MCOM in Economics from the university of the Witwatersrand. She is a seasoned professional with a strong background in IT, digital innovation, and public sector transformation. Her role involves leading technical teams in developing and implementing innovative digital solutions for the public sector.</p>
<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Kiruben Pillay Member of the Board</p>	<p>Kiruben Pillay is a member of the board, contributing to strategic decision-making and governance. His expertise spans various sectors, including IT and public service.</p>



Korstiaan Wapenaar

Project Manager: Digital Innovation in the Public Sector (DIPS) - Genesis Analytics

Korstiaan Wapenaar is a Project Manager at Digital Innovation in the Public Sector (DIPS) with Genesis Analytics. He holds a masters in both Computer Science and Economics from the University of the Witwatersrand. His role involves managing projects aimed at enhancing digital capabilities within the public sector.



Ndodzo Mawela

Manager Financial Services and Strategy
Genesis Analytics

Ndodzo Mawela is a Management Consultant with over five years of experience in Financial Services and Strategy. In his role at Genesis Analytics, he leads initiatives aimed at advancing Financial Inclusion and supporting MSME development across Africa. His work involves collaborating with governments, central banks, and global institutions such as the World Bank and African Development Bank to design and implement impactful development strategies, market diagnostics, and national financial inclusion policies. Beyond his expertise in financial services, Ndodzo coordinates research on digital public infrastructure in South Africa, contributing to innovative solutions that foster sustainable growth.



Richard Gevers

Senior Technical Lead: Digital Innovation in the Public Sector (DIPS) - Genesis Analytics

Richard Gevers is a Senior Technical Lead at Digital Innovation in the Public Sector (DIPS) with Genesis Analytics. His role involves driving digital innovation and public sector transformation through strategic projects. Richard holds a B.Comm in economics and applied economics from the University of KwaZulu-Natal and CIMA .

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation *(Alpha order by first name)*



Archna Vyas
Director, Program Advocacy and Communications, Growth, Opportunity, and Empowerment, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Archna Vyas oversees advocacy and communications efforts for two foundation divisions: Global Growth & Opportunity and Gender Equality. Her work advances the goals of the foundation and its partners in areas such as financial inclusion, agricultural productivity, urban sanitation, nutrition, global education, women’s economic empowerment, and women in leadership. Archna joined the foundation in 2014 and went on to hold multiple leadership positions in the India office, collaborating with governments, nonprofits, community groups, academia, and the private sector. She was instrumental in the creation of the Behavioural Insights Unit within the Indian government’s NITI Aayog policy think tank, in collaboration with Ashoka University’s Centre for Social and Behaviour Change.



Arnav Kapur
Deputy Director, Policy, Communications, and Philanthropic Partnerships, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Arnav Kapur is a Deputy Director in Policy, Communications, and Philanthropic Partnerships at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.



Deon Woods Bell
Senior Advisor, Global Policy, Digital Public Infrastructure - Inclusive Financial Systems, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Deon is a Senior Advisor, Global Policy at the Gates Foundation, where she leads the Digital Public Infrastructure and Inclusive Financial Systems teams’ policy and advocacy engagement with multilateral institutions (United Nations, World Bank, African Union) and cross-border policy harmonization, including related to women’s economic power, privacy, cyber security and artificial intelligence. Deon joined the Gates Foundation from the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC), where she served as attorney-advisor and senior international counsel. Deon serves on advisory panels for the United Nation’s Better than Cash Alliance, the World Bank’s Consultative Group for the Poor, the UN Foundation’s Digital Impact Alliance, Partnership on AI, and the American University School for International Service. Deon holds a J.D. from the University of Chicago (Law Review), an M.A. from the University of Michigan, a triple major B.A. from American University, studied at Harvard and was a Fulbright Scholar. She proudly served as an official election monitor for South African President Nelson Mandela’s historic election.



Devesh Sharma
Senior Program Officer, Global Policy and
Advocacy, Bill & Melinda Gates
Foundation

Devesh Sharma works with the Gates Foundation on applying digital technologies and DPI approaches to management of public finances. Previously, he worked alongside subnational and union government in India, and the World Bank on making public financial management systems more effective, interoperable, evolvable and observable. He is a Chartered Accountant by training and holds a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University.



Hari Menon
Director, India Country Office, Bill &
Melinda Gates Foundation

M Hari Menon leads the India Office of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. He also oversees the foundation's work in South and South-East Asia. In this role as director of the India Office, Hari is in charge of managing the foundation's work areas in India, with an objective to improve conditions of family health, sanitation, digital financial inclusion, agriculture, and gender equality. He leads these efforts to advance the country's health and development goals by working closely with India's central and state governments, local and global non-profits, community groups, researchers, and the private sector. Hari has led many complex portfolios in the foundation and has been successful in advancing the goals by engaging with governments, public and private partners, philanthropists and non-governmental organizations. He brings valuable experience gained through multiple leadership roles across the foundation and has strong relationships with partners across the development ecosystem.



Kanwaljit Singh
Deputy Director, Digital Public
Infrastructure, Bill & Melinda Gates
Foundation

Dr. Kanwaljit Singh leads the Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) team's efforts in the areas of digital identity, cybersecurity, and applications of emerging technologies to accelerate development outcomes. Kanwal graduated from Cornell University with a Ph.D. in Physical Organic Chemistry and joined the Components Research division at Intel Corporation where he led teams tasked with investigating advanced technologies in materials science, semiconductor fabrication, device integration and reliability. As a chair of multiple strategic research sectors, Kanwal was responsible for driving advanced technology research efforts over six generations of Moore's law in industry, academia, and consortia-led engagements.



Matshidiso Masire
Deputy Director, Southern Africa, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Matshidiso Masire leads the foundation’s Southern Africa initiatives, with a focus on public health, sustainable development, economic empowerment, and gender equality. With over three decades of experience in social justice and inclusive development, she collaborates with governments, NGOs, and the private sector to address Africa’s key challenges, leveraging her expertise and extensive networks to drive impactful change. Matshidiso has held leadership roles at prominent organizations, such as the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, Virgin Unite, The Coca-Cola Company, Motorola, and Barclays Bank Botswana, where she oversaw the development and management of global, regional, and country-level initiatives. Her experience includes advising governments on policy development and program implementation, alongside a robust corporate governance portfolio, having served on the boards of publicly listed companies, private enterprises, and nonprofit organizations.






Dr. Pawan Bakhshi
India Country Lead, Digital Public Infrastructure, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Dr. Pawan Bakhshi is the India Country Lead -Digital Public Infrastructure at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation where he works to broaden the reach of low-cost digital financial services for the poor. He is not focused on establishing a particular product or distribution channel, but rather on finding innovative ways to expand access and encourage markets to determine which products and channels are most effective. He focusses on how to deliver digital financial services efficiently and effectively to the poor & women which can be quickly scaled to national levels while closely working with the Government, Regulators, Public and Private sector players. In the past, he has worked with two of the leading Asian telecom services providers, namely Bharti Airtel in India and SingTel in Singapore in Mobile payments. He is considered a pioneer in the Digital Financial service arena and co-creator of India’s first mobile wallet - Airtel Money. He has been a part of several RBI committees on Financial Inclusion and a global evangelist for bringing the unbanked and the underbanked into the formal economy.





Pranay Sinha

Pranay Sinha’s works with the Gates Foundation and he focuses on fostering regional cooperation and building robust multistakeholder partnerships across multilateral, public, and private sectors. He engages in accelerating cross-border knowledge exchange and facilitating the dissemination of good practices between India and other relevant geographies in the Global

<p>Lead, South-South Cooperation, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation</p>	<p>South. He holds a master’s degree in Aid Management from the University of Birmingham, UK</p>
 <p>Robin Rajput Event Planner, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation</p>	<p>Robin is an Event Planner for the India Country Office with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.</p>
 <p>Sanjay Jain, Director, Digital Public Infrastructure, Gates Foundation</p>	<p>Sanjay Jain leads the foundation’s work to encourage and equip low- and middle-income countries to adopt safe and inclusive digital public infrastructure. Before joining the foundation in 2024, Sanjay was a partner at Bharat Innovation Fund, which invests in early-stage companies that use intellectual property as a business differentiator. Earlier, at IIMA Ventures, he led efforts at the Bharat Inclusion Initiative to bring more people into the formal economy and workforce in India.</p>
 <p>Suchita Kaushik Senior Program Assistant, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation</p>	<p>Suchita is a Senior Program Assistant in the India Country Office for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.</p>

Ecosystem Partners *(Alpha order by first name)*

 <p>Abhishek Raj</p>	<p>Abhishek Raj is an experienced professional in technology policy and digital inclusion, currently serving as an Assistant Manager and Technology Policy Analyst at MSC since January 2023. Previously, Abhishek worked as a Researcher at the Centre for Internet and Society, focusing on telecommunication and digital economy policies, and as a Research Assistant at ICRIER, contributing to projects related to telecom and infrastructure. Abhishek also completed an internship at the Competition Commission of India, where recognition was received for outstanding performance, and</p>
--	--

Assistant Manager, Microsave Consulting	authored a paper on OTT services. Educational qualifications include an M.Sc. in Regulatory Governance from Tata Institute of Social Sciences and a B.Tech. in Electronics and Communications Engineering from Madan Mohan Malaviya University of Technology.
Anshul Pachouri Senior Manager, Microsave Consulting	Anshul Pachouri is a Senior Manager at Microsave Consulting
 David Porteous CEO, Integral Solutionists	David Porteous is the CEO of Integral Solutionists, a company focused on providing innovative solutions in various sectors. He holds a PHD in economics from Yale university as well as a Masters in Politics and Economics of Development from the University of Cambridge. His role involves leading the organization in delivering strategic and impactful projects.
Shambhavi Pant Consultant	Shambhavi Pant is a consultant with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation working on South-South Collaboration.