

Empowering the Digital Citizen of the Future: Towards an Integrated Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)

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Over the past fifteen years, India has successfully built to scale a digital-first nation to facilitate participation of its citizens in governance and in the formal economy. The India Stack (India's Citizen Stack) is a 'sum-of-parts' technology platform that despite being publicly owned infrastructure is used by private sector and delivers a gamut of citizen services encompassing digital identity, payments and open networks that enable other innovations using this as a national digital spine.

Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) is set up in India as a Public-Private-Policy partnership that has become a benchmark for multiple nations, corporations & start-ups across the world. Accessibility of digital services is the oxygen of our times, and macro-economic growth demands that such services be provided on DPI and be open to innovation through open sources. India Stack has created a nation of 1.4 billion digitally and financially empowered citizens, an increase of bank penetration from 7% to 80% in just 7 years (which typically takes 47 years to achieve) leading to over 60% of all digital transactions globally being done in India. We want to share this success story with our friends and partners globally.

Assimilating India's civilisational dictum of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' - the world is one family, India Stack is sharing its DPI journey and **exploring intersections with Artificial Intelligence (AI) as well as tax digitalization**. Taking place alongside deliberations of the ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development and the fourth session of the Preparatory Committee of FfD4, we invite you to the event ***“Empowering the Digital Citizen of the Future: Towards an Integrated Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)”*** to deliberate on effective digital solutions offered by DPI. These would focus on the interplay of DPI and AI; and seamlessly integrating DPI with governance platforms and tax systems. We will also hear global success stories where DPI initiatives have yielded impressive results; and learn how by leveraging scalable, interoperable, and inclusive technologies, governments can create smarter systems that benefit both citizens and economies.

We would also discuss how India can partner with UN and its agencies to bridge the digital divide, empower citizens, and foster sustainable economic growth in alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals
