



Invitation to Seminar

International Seminar on Digital Public Infrastructure—Enabler for Advancing Financial Inclusion and Productivity Gains

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Friday, September 22, 2023

**4:00 PM – 5:30 PM, IST
New Delhi, India**

Registration Deadline

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

We are pleased to inform you that the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Finance (MoF), Government of India and the IMF Asia and Pacific Department (APD), with support from the IMF South Asia Regional Training and Technical Assistance Center (SARTTAC), will conduct an International seminar on Digital Public Infrastructure—Enabler for Advancing Financial Inclusion and Productivity Gains on Friday, September 22, 2023 (4:00 PM – 5:30 PM (IST)). The seminar will be a hybrid event. All registered officials will be able to join from remote, and those in New Delhi will also have the option of joining in-person.

EVENT DESCRIPTION

This peer learning event, organized by the MOF and IMF, aims to highlight the use of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) as a means of engendering more inclusive growth. DPI can enable economic activities in the digital age and has the potential to transform economies and support inclusive growth. It can be harnessed to foster innovation and competition, expand markets, close gaps in financial inclusion, and help make financial transfers to the vulnerable.

The seminar will feature two presentations on DPI. The first presentation will draw from a recent IMF working paper on India's journey in developing a world-class DPI (commonly known as India Stack), consisting of identification, payments systems, and data exchange. The paper ([link here](#)) highlights powerful lessons for other countries embarking on their own digital transformation. The second presentation will focus on the G20 Policy Recommendations for Advancing Financial Inclusion and Productivity Gains through DPI, which have been prepared by the World Bank under India's G20 Presidency. These action-oriented and customizable recommendations intend to help countries optimize the potential of DPIs and provide use cases for them from emerging market and advanced economies. This set of recommendations has been endorsed by G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors in their July 2023 meeting.

MODALITY / VENUE

Hybrid Event—Virtual participation from Asia, Africa, and the Middle East and in-person participation in New Delhi at Chanakya Hall (Second Floor) Sushma Swaraj Bhawan, Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra, Malcha Marg, New Delhi-110021.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

For both in-person and virtual participants, the seminar will be limited to officials who have registered online for the event using this link – [Register Here](#). The registration deadline is **Wednesday, September 20, 2023**. Your timely cooperation is greatly appreciated.

SEMINAR AGENDA

4:00 – 4:05 pm	Introduction Mr. Krishna Srinivasan, Director, IMF Asia and Pacific Department (APD)*
4:05 – 4:10 pm	Opening remarks and keynote address Mr. Ajay Seth, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance (MoF), India
4:10 – 4:30 pm	Presentation by IMF: Lessons from India’s Digital Journey Ms. Nada Choueiri, IMF Mission Chief for India, APD; Ms. Dinar Prihardini, Senior Economist, APD; Mr. Gerardo Una, Senior Economist, IMF Fiscal Affairs Department (FAD); Ms. Emine Hanedar, Senior Economist, FAD; and Mr. Tanuj Bhojwani, Head, People + AI
4:30 – 4:50 pm	Presentation by World Bank: Policy Recommendations for Advancing Financial Inclusion and Productivity Gains through DPI Mr. Laurent Gonnet, Lead Financial Sector Specialist, World Bank
4:50 – 5:10 pm	Discussants: Dr. Pramod Verma, Chief Technology Officer, EkStep Foundation (Chief Architect of Aadhar and India Stack) Mr. Nithin Kamath, Chief Executive Officer, Zerodha (founder of Zerodha and Rainmatter) International expert
5:10 – 5:25 pm	Q&A
5:25 – 5:30 pm	Summing up and closing remarks Dr. V. Anantha Nageswaran, Chief Economic Adviser, MoF, India
*Will join virtually.	

MAIN SPEAKERS



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