

Round Table
Towards concerted action on democratic accountability in the digital age
11th March 2017, Bangalore
Pai Viceroy, Board Room

Agenda

9.00 AM to 9.30 AM	Tea
9.30 AM to 10.15 AM	<p>Session 1: Introduction</p> <p>Recap of outcomes from the November meeting and aims of the round table</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anita Gurusurthy, IT for Change <p>Setting the stage for developing an action agenda on governance in digital times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by IT for Change
10.15 AM to 11.30 AM	<p>Session 2: Charting the landscape - Welfare</p> <p>This session will broadly engage with the question – What should a digitalized service delivery model that guarantees democratic accountability look like? The following issues will be examined;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Should welfare service data bases be convergent at the back end? b. How can we create tamper-proof records of digital processes that inform the decision-making on a welfare claim? c. What principles – techno-design, last mile implementation, any other? – should be followed for accountability in digitalized service delivery? d. How should grievance mechanisms be designed in the context of digital mediation of services (involvement of panchayat, help line etc.)? <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parminder Jeet Singh, IT for Change <p>Trigger presentations for 10 minutes each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nikhil Dey, MKSS • Anjali Bhardwaj, NCPRI <p>Round table discussion on questions</p>
11.30 AM to 11.45 AM	Tea/ Coffee
11.45 AM to 1.15 PM	<p>Session 3. Charting the landscape – Data in governance</p> <p>This session will examine how legal-institutional systems for data-in-governance and data-for-governance, can be designed to ensure public interest and the promotion of people's rights. Specifically, we will address the following issues:</p>

	<p>a. What legal-institutional lacunae relating to the data ecology undermine democratic accountability in the current context?</p> <p>b. How can techno-design enable a federated data architecture that addresses competing considerations for accountable governance? (eg. optimal balance between privacy and transparency; local discretion and centralised control of data veracity etc.)</p> <p>c. What broad guidelines need to be linked to proactive disclosure and standards for open data? For instance, what should be the procedure for changes in taxonomy - changing 'views' and changing 'fields'?</p> <p>d. How can citizen right to audit data-in-governance be imagined? How can it cover audit of open data systems, software, algorithms etc?</p> <p>e. What kind of legal-institutional framework do we need for governing data in and for governance (including data collected through private parties)?</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anupam Saraph, Independent researcher <p>Trigger presentations for 10 minutes each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usha Ramanathan, Legal scholar • Himanshu Damle, PFPAC <p>Round table discussion on questions</p>
1.15 PM to 2.00 PM	Lunch
2.00 PM to 2.30 PM	Session 3 continued
2.30 PM to 3.45 PM	<p>Session 4: Strategies for action – Part 1</p> <p>The aim of this session will be to develop clarity on what next for progressive civil society action. The floor will be open for further clarification/ consolidation of positions and articulating strategic approaches, work tracks and network building possibilities.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nikhil Dey, MKSS
3.45 PM to 4.00 PM	Tea
4.00 PM to 5.00 PM	<p>Session 5: Strategies for action – Part 2</p> <p>Drafting a plan /timeline for individual and group actions.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gurumurthy Kasinathan, IT for Change