



Global Digital Inclusion
Partnership

Webinar Towards Digital Transformation: Ensuring an Equitable and Inclusive Society

17th June 2025

09:00 to 12:00 hrs. (GMT)/ 14:00 to 17:00 hrs. (Pakistan Time)

Pakistan Time	Opening Session
1400–1405	Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Ambassador Dr. M. Nafees Zakaria Executive Director COMSATS
1405–1410	Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Prof. Dr. Sukit Limpijumnong President Alliance of National and International Science Organizations for the Belt and Road Regions (ANSO) & National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA), Thailand
1410–1420	Remarks by Chief Guest <ul style="list-style-type: none">– H.E. Shaza Fatima Khawaja Federal Minister Ministry of Information Technology & Telecommunication Government of Pakistan
1420–1430	Group Photo

	Technical Program
1430–1445	Whole-of-government approach to Digital Transformation Mr. Calvin Chan Programme Administrator Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Bangkok
1445–1500	Digital Transformation: Challenges & Opportunities – Dr. La-Or Kovavisaruch Researcher National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA) Thailand
1500–1515	The Impact of IoT Technologies in the Direct Growth of National Economy – Engr. Sophia Hasnain CEO & Founder Linked Things, Pakistan
1515–1530	From Vision to Practice: Blockchain Solutions Driving Equitable and Inclusive Digital Transformation – Dr. Taner Dursun Head of Blockchain Technologies Division The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TUBITAK) Türkiye
1530–1545	Transformation Journey for Digital Society – Dr. Baber Majid Bhatti Sr. Management Advisor, Digital Transformation & Strategist, and CEO Smart And Living Technologies, Australia
1545–1600	AI-powered Healthcare Management in a Resource-constrained Environment – Engr. Ester Lazaro Head, Electronics & Instrumentation Technology Section Tanzania Industrial Research and Development Organization (TIRDO) Tanzania

1600–1615	Impact of Digital Identity Systems on Economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr. Ajmal Anwar Awan Director General, Digital Economy Enhancement Project (DEEP) National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA), Pakistan
1615–1630	e-Governance Challenges & Opportunities: The Role of AI and other Technologies for the Education Sector <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Prof. Dr. Khalil Ajami Professor Arab International University Syria
	Panel Discussion on ‘Gender Equality in Digital Transformation’
1630-1700	Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Sajida Bandukwala, Head of Marketing & Innovation, Jaffer Business Systems, Pakistan Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a Ms. Onica N. Makwakwa, Executive Director, Global Digital Inclusion Partnership (GDIP), South Africa b Mr. Ajmal Anwar Awan, Director General, Digital Economy Enhancement Project (DEEP), National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA), Pakistan c Dr. İpek Baz, Coordinator of the Competence Center at the Artificial Intelligence Institute, TUBITAK, Türkiye d Dr. Baber Majid Bhatti, Sr. Management Advisor, Digital Transformation & Strategist, and CEO Smart And Living Technologies, Australia e Engr. Sophia Hasnain, CEO & Founder, Linked Things, Pakistan f Prof. Dr. Khalil Ajami, Professor, Arab International University, Syria
1700	Concluding Remarks

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