

Expert Forum on policy-relevant research on disability and information & communication technologies (ICTs)

March 9 – 10, 2022

Registration for the event

Day1: March 9, 2022:

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Day 2: March 10, 2022

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Event program

March 9 - Day 1	Overall moderation of sessions	Rohan Samarajiva and Gerard Goggin
Session 1 (60 mts)	LIRNEasia research	
1200-1210 (UTC)	Context setting	Rohan Samarajiva
1210-1235	Key insights from LIRNEasia research	Isuru Samaratunga & Tharaka Amarasinghe
1235-1250	Open discussion	Discussion catalyst: Vandana Chaudhry, Assistant Professor, City University of New York
1250-1300	Concluding comments	Gerald Goggin
Session 2 (90 mts)	Research gaps & future directions	
1300-1315	What research is needed	Gerald Goggin
1315-1325	Reflections on LIRNEasia work	Dilshan Fernando
1325-1420	Open discussion	Discussion catalysts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kuansong Victor, Zhuang, Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information at Nanyang Technological University ● Isabelle Carboni, Insights Director, GSMA

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prof P V Madhusudhan Rao, IIT Delhi
1420-1430	Summary comments	Gerald Goggin
March 10 - Day 2	Overall moderation of sessions 3 & 4	Helani Galpaya
Session 3 (60 mts)	Policy & innovation	
1200-1210	Evidence for policy changes & innovation	Nirmita Narasimhan
1210-1255	Open discussion	<p>Discussion catalysts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr Sarah Lewthwaite, Senior Research Fellow, Southampton Education School, University of Southampton, UK ● Professor Karen Soldatic, Professor, School of Social Sciences & Institute Fellow, Institute for Culture and Society, Western Sydney University ● Samar Verma, Program Officer, Ford Foundation ● Regina Pasion, Senior program officer, The Asia Foundation, Coalitions for Change in the Philippines
1255-1300	Summary comments	Helani Galpaya
Session 4 (90 mts)	Technology centric solutions	
1300-1310	Encouraging startups within an innovation eco-system	Divya Dutta, Vihara Innovation Network
1310-1320	Social innovation	Balathasan Sayanthan, Yarl IT Hub
1320-1415	Open discussion	<p>Discussion catalysts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Professor Katie Ellis, Director, Centre for Culture & Technology, Curtin University, Perth, Australia ● Janitha Rukmal, Enable Lanka Foundation ● Muhammad Shabbir Awan, President, Internet Society Accessibility Special Interest Group
1415-1425	Session summary	Gerald Goggin
1425-1430	Concluding comments	Helani Galpaya