Institute on Internet and Society

What: Institute on Internet and Society (Grant supported by Ford Foundation).
When: June 8 – 14, 2013
Where: Golden Palms Resort, Bangalore.

Agenda

June 8, 2013	
Introduction to the Internet	
09:30 – 11:00	Introduction (Overview of the Institute; Expectations and Objectives)
11:00 – 11:30	Tea / Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00	Global History of the Internet (Inception of internet, main events which led to the growth of the Internet)
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
13:00 – 15:30	History of the Internet in India (How did the internet come to India? Growth of Internet in India)
15:30 – 16:00	Tea / Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:30	Emerging trends in internet usage in India (Key Issues involved in increasing and enhancing consumer access and participation of different groups; Availability, affordability, quality of service, technology. It will also cover women empowerment and internet in India)
20:00 – 22:00	Dinner
June 9, 2013	
Internet Technologies and Infrastructure	
09:30 – 11:00	Wired Technologies (This section will deal with the various technologies involved in establishing a wired connection to the Internet)
11:00 – 11:30	Tea / Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00	Wireless Technologies (This section will deal with the various technologies involved in establishing a wireless connection to the Internet)

13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Building Knowledge Bases and Platforms via Mass collaboration on the Internet (This session will deal with the various internet knowledge bases and platforms with special emphasis on Wikipedia)
15:30 – 16:00	Tea / Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:30	Affordable Devices and Internet Access in India (This session will deal with affordable devices and their role in increasing internet access in India.)

June 10, 2013

Internet Technologies and Infrastructure

09:30 – 11:00	How internet works? (This session will deal with various technologies related to the backbone of the Internet. This will include Internet Protocols, Routing, Switching, etc and explain how Internet reaches your home/office)
11:00 – 11:30	Tea / Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00	Hardware related to the Internet (This session will deal with servers, proxies, web-hosting, etc)
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 18:00	Off-site/field visit
20:00 – 22:00	Dinner

June 11, 2013

Principles and Values of the Internet

09:30 – 11:00	Universal Access (Overview of key issues and existing models for providing universal access with relevant case studies)
11:00 – 11:30	Tea / Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00	Panel Discussion on Internet Freedom (This panel discussion will cover fundamental rights to freedom of speech and expression, reasonable restrictions on freedom of speech. Discussion will involve examples of censorship such as Government blocking of websites etc.)
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Openness (This session will deal with open standards of the internet, need for interoperability, accessible formats, etc)
15:30 –	Tea / Coffee Break

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16:00 – 17:30	Open Content (This session will discuss topics such as open access, open government data)
17:30 – 18:30	Quick Talk: Copyright matters (This short session will deal with implications of copyright law on the Internet)
20:00 – 22:00	Dinner

June 12, 2013

Principles and Values of the Internet

09:30 – 11:00	Privacy on the Internet in India: Panel Discussion (This session will discuss online privacy, data protection, use of encryption, value of anonymity online, UID, etc)
11:00 – 11:30	Tea / Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00	E-Accessibility Basics (This session will deal with various accessible formats, WCAG, assistive technology, etc)
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch

Internet Governance: Bodies and Mechanism

14:00 – 15:30	International Bodies and Mechanism (This session will deal with various international bodies and multistakeholder processes involved in formulation of Internet related policies)
15:30 – 16:00	Tea / Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:30	Domestic Bodies and Mechanism (This session will deal with various national bodies such as Ministry of Communication and Information Technology which are involved in framing regulations and policies related to the Internet)
20:00 – 22:00	Dinner

June 13, 2013

E-Governance

09:30 – 11:00	E-Governance (This session will deal with various e-governance projects implemented by the Government and their outcomes)
11:00 – 11:30	Tea / Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00	Strategies for Policy Intervention (This session will look at various ways in which policy intervention can be made and the various factors necessary to successfully engage in policy forums)
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch

Ownership and Management

14:00 – 15:30	Profile of Internet Service Providers (This session will discuss profiles of various ISPs such as Reliance and Bharti Airtel and their stake in the "internet access" market)
15:30 – 16:00	Tea / Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:30	Competition in the Market (This session will discuss structure and competition in the broadband market, wireless market, etc)
20:00 – 22:00	Dinner
	June 14, 2013
Internet Activism	
09:30 – 11:00	Leveraging Internet for Activism (This session will deal with various initiatives which have successfully used the Internet to build movements and campaigns)
11:00 – 11:30	Tea / Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00	"Internet Access" Activism (This session will discuss ways in which people can participate and contribute to various projects/movements which would lead betterment of access to the Internet in India)
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Ensuring Access to the Internet (This session will put special emphasis what it means to be connected and how we can ensure access to the Internet in India)
15:30 – 16:00	Tea / Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:30	Winding Up (Course summary, key learnings, feedback, action points)
20:00 – 22:00	Dinner