



DIGITAL@UNGA | AFFILIATE SESSION | INDIA

13th October 2026 | 14:00–17:00 hrs | Royal Norwegian Embassy, New Delhi

AI FOR INCLUSION: FROM ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY

BACKGROUND

The United Nations General Assembly has increasingly become a space not only for political dialogue, but also for conversations on how technology can shape development, inclusion and international cooperation. Digital@UNGA, convened by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), brings together governments, international organisations, industry, civil society, academia, innovators and youth to explore how digital technologies can advance a more inclusive, trusted and people-centred digital future. Its 2026 programme is organised around Innovation, Inclusion and Future.

The Digital@UNGA Affiliate Programme extends this conversation beyond UN Headquarters, enabling partners around the world to convene focused conversations and bring regional and sectoral perspectives into the wider global dialogue. The India Affiliate Session explores a central question:

How do we move from people having access to AI to individuals, institutions and societies having the agency to use technology to create opportunity and public good?

OBJECTIVES

- Build a multi-stakeholder dialogue on individual AI capability, AI-enabled public systems and inclusive digital development.
- Share implementation experiences, practical lessons and challenges from India, Norway and other contexts, particularly across the Global South.
- Explore AI's potential to strengthen Digital Public Infrastructure, Digital Public Goods and public systems at population scale.
- Identify opportunities for international collaboration around technology, knowledge, capacity, financing, interoperability and responsible AI.
- Compile the perspectives and insights emerging from the dialogue into a multi-perspective paper for submission to the wider UNGA / Digital@UNGA conversation.

EVENT DESIGN

The session is designed as a curated, intimate and open conversation. Participants will bring their own experiences, perspectives and disagreements into two facilitated conversation blocks, using carefully designed provocations rather than formal presentations.

Who will be in the room: Government; technology companies and industry bodies; nonprofits, CSR and philanthropy; academia; UN and multilateral bodies; embassies and associated international bodies; youth and community representatives.

Conversation I — From Access to Agency | AI for the Individual

The first conversation focuses on the human dimension of AI: what people need beyond access to become capable, confident and empowered users and creators of AI. It considers learning, livelihoods, creativity, language, inclusion, judgement and individual agency.

Conversation II — AI for Systems & Public Good | AI for Societal Scale

The second conversation changes scale — from individuals to institutions, countries and global public goods. It explores how AI can build upon DPI, DPGs and digital infrastructure to strengthen public services and address challenges such as health, education, climate, agriculture, financial inclusion and public safety. It also considers international cooperation, interoperability, technology sharing and opportunities for leapfrogging, particularly across the Global South.

ABOUT WASABI AI

Wasabi AI is an India-based social innovation initiative focused on democratising AI for Bharat. Its work is grounded in a simple proposition: **technology becomes meaningful when people have the capability to use it to shape their own lives and communities.**

Wasabi works particularly with young people and communities that are often underserved by emerging technologies, including people outside major technology centres, non-English-speaking communities and first-time AI users.

The initiative's work provides a natural foundation for the first conversation on individual AI capability, while the event connects that experience with larger questions of public infrastructure, societal capability and international cooperation.



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SCHEDULE

Time	Duration	Details
1:45–2:00 PM	15 min	Guest Arrival & Registration
2:00–2:30 PM	30 min	Lunch
2:30–2:35 PM	5 min	Moderator Opening & Context Setting
2:35–2:45 PM	10 min	Remarks by Deputy Ambassador of Norway
2:45–3:00 PM	15 min	Welcome Address — CEO, Wasabi AI
3:00–3:35 PM	35 min	Conversation I — From Access to Agency AI for the Individual
3:35–3:40 PM	5 min	Experience Sharing — 14-year-old Wasabi AI Student
3:40–4:15 PM	35 min	Conversation II — AI for Systems & Public Good AI for Societal Scale
4:15–4:25 PM	10 min	Key Takeaways & Way Forward
4:25–4:30 PM	5 min	Closing Remarks & Vote of Thanks
4:30–5:00 PM	30 min	High Tea & Networking

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