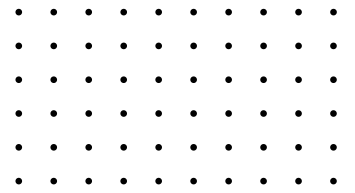




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The **ISOC India Bengaluru** Leadership Team attended the IEEE “Connecting the Unconnected” APAC Summit held in Bengaluru. The event focused on bridging the digital divide and promoting inclusive internet access.

Sohini R., APAC Community Manager of the **Internet Society**, delivered a talk on “Community-Centered Connectivity,” highlighting the importance of community-driven internet solutions.

The summit provided an opportunity to collaborate with the **IEEE Future Networks World Forum 2025** community and explore future networking technologies. The event supported the shared mission of creating an “Internet for Everyone.”



Executive Summary

The IEEE Connecting the Unconnected (CtU) APAC Summit, hosted in Bengaluru, brought together industry leaders, policymakers, researchers, and community organizations to address the digital divide across the Asia-Pacific region.

The event focused on sustainable connectivity models, next-generation network technologies (including 6G), and community-driven digital inclusion strategies. The Internet Society (ISOC) India Bengaluru Chapter actively participated in the summit, contributing to discussions on collaborative frameworks and long-term digital infrastructure development.



Key Sessions and Discussions

4.1 Community-Centered Connectivity

Sohini R., APAC Community Manager at the Internet Society, delivered a keynote session on “Community Centered Connectivity.”

The session emphasized:

- Local ownership of network infrastructure
- Capacity building within communities
- Affordable and sustainable connectivity frameworks
- Policy-level support for grassroots digital initiatives

This approach highlights a bottom-up model for bridging the digital divide.

4.2 Future Networks and 6G Roadmap

Engagement with the IEEE Future Networks World Forum 2025 community provided insights into:

- Evolution from 5G to 6G architectures
- Intelligent and AI-driven network optimization
- Ultra-low latency communication systems
- Sustainable and energy-efficient network infrastructure

The discussions reinforced the importance of research-industry collaboration in shaping next-generation communication systems.

5. Industry Relevance and Impact

