



Centre for Digital Public Infrastructure

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To the Universal DPI Safeguards Secretariat,

Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) offers a powerful strategy to drive inclusive and sustainable economic growth, enabling governments to deliver identity, payments, and data-exchange services to entire populations at scale, as recognized in the Global Digital Compact adopted by 193 UN Member States. We also recognize that this effort carries some risk: without deliberate design, governance, and implementation choices, attempts to build DPI can just as easily create platforms that entrench exclusion or create long-term vendor lock-in.

As the Centre for Digital Public Infrastructure (CDPI), we work as an impartial, pro bono technical advisor helping governments design, deploy, and scale DPI, and as an open knowledge resource used by practitioners worldwide. Ensuring that the systems we help shape are built with appropriate safeguards is central to how we understand our role.

We, the Centre for Digital Public Infrastructure, commit to embedding the Universal DPI Safeguards Framework across our technical advisory engagements and our DPI-as-a-Packaged-Solution (DaaS) programme, Bootcamps or advisory, including our current work supporting digital identity, verifiable credentialing, and data-exchange systems with government partners in Brazil, Peru, Colombia, Togo and Trinidad and Tobago, and our broader advisory partnerships in the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, São Tomé and Príncipe, and Cambodia, among others.

The Universal DPI Safeguards Framework has been developed by the DPI Safeguards initiative, a global multi-stakeholder effort convened and supported by the United Nations Office for Digital and Emerging Technologies (ODET) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The Framework reflects the importance of safeguards in ensuring that DPI implementations mitigate new risks and existing structural vulnerabilities of digital transformation at both the individual and societal level, whilst fostering trust and equity across countries. Countries often request us to bring in various frameworks, tools, and resources

developed by international and multilateral organisations in the course of our engagement, and this falls squarely as an example that could be transformative.

Specifically, as part of this commitment:

1. We will continue to incorporate the relevant Universal DPI Safeguards principles into our technical architecture guidance at each stage of the DPI lifecycle, from conception and scoping through operations and maintenance, and will help government partners interpret and apply the Framework in ways suited to their context.
2. We will continue to convene multi-stakeholder engagement, including civil society organizations, technology providers, and affected communities, particularly during the design and implementation stages of the DPI programmes we advise on.
3. We will continue to build the capacity of government counterparts to understand DPI safeguards and to design accessible redressal mechanisms for citizens and users of digital public services.
4. We will continue to support ecosystem innovation on open, interoperable, and vendor-neutral public infrastructure, and share safeguards-aligned implementation guidance broadly through the DPI Wiki and our other public knowledge resources, to advance progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals and long-term societal value.
5. We commit to orchestrating execution of the DPI with safeguards, without sacrificing speed of implementation or affordability, keeping the long term interests of citizens in mind.

With this commitment, we nominate Daniel Abadie, Head of Technology & Partnerships, as the focal point for engagement. We look forward to engaging with the Universal DPI Safeguards Secretariat in implementing our commitments and to sharing our experience with other countries, organizations, and implementation partners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Kamya Chandra'.

Kamya Chandra

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