

Minutes of Meeting

Subject: Minutes of the Task Force meeting for the Open Government Data Platform Project built on NDSAP, held on 30th September, 2015 at 03.00PM in the CEG Hall, DeitY, Electronic Niketan, New Delhi

- 1 A. Task Force meeting was held on 30th September, 2015 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Ajay Kumar, Addl. Secretary, DeitY and DG(NIC) to deliberate the various issues as per Agenda at Annexure-A. List of participants in the meeting is at Annexure-B.
2. The overview and current status of the project, Open Government Data Platform was given by Ms. Neeta Verma, DDG, NIC. The discussion points which needed deliberations and directions were discussed. After detailed discussions, following were recommendations of the task force on each agenda items:
 - a) **Contribution of Datasets by Community, Industry & Civil Society:**
 - i) OGD PMU at NIC may provide for a separate domain for community data with proper disclaimer. However, to avoid frivolous data the datasets to be allowed shall be decided by a sub-committee which will suggest:
 - Guidelines/Framework need to be framed to check the quality, ownership, source, etc. must be formalized for authenticity of contributed data.
 - Create Institutional structure/mechanism for moderation to publish of datasets and their review thereafter based on public ratings and evaluations
 - ii) Priority should be given for datasets which can be contributed by community those have not been so released from government sources
 - iii) Contributions can be initiated with some credible Organization/Industry Bodies/ Research Institutes/Universities etc. and gradually it could be expanded after review. These credible entities should also be guided to follow best practices and upload available datasets with them.
 - b) **Release of Datasets in Auto-Consumption Mode (Open Data by Default):**
 - i) Communication to be sent to D/o Personal and Training to have a joint meeting of the NDSAP Task Force with Committee on RTI to create a common agenda for release of Open Government Datasets from Ministries/Departments/Organizations.
 - ii) DeitY shall direct inclusion of "Open Data by Default" in the model RFP template being finalized for development/procurement of e-Governance systems.
 - c) **Commercial use of Open Data:**
 - i) A committee to be formed under the Chairmanship of JS (Legal) & Chief Data Officer, D/o Legal Affairs with members from concerned departments to review

and recommend the license to be associated with the data being published on the OGD Platform as well as its use for commercial purposes.

- ii) It was however, agreed that the data consumers should acknowledge the source for usage of datasets.

d) Discussions on Institutional mechanism for enlisting Chief Data Officer:

- i) A communication to be sent to all Secretaries of Ministries/ Departments for:
 - Nominating/Notifying a post for Chief Data Officer at the level of Joint Secretary in each Ministry/Department/Organization.
 - Creation of a NDSAP Cell with special budgetary provision to be made for manning and managing the cell at the Ministry/Department/Organization level.

e) Study on Economic Value of Open Data:

- i) The Task Force has agreed to conduct a study on Economic value and Social impact of Open Data in India.

f) OGD promotion

- i) NCERT could be requested through M/o HRD to include chapter on Open Data in their text books.
- ii) Request to be made to ASCI, Hyderabad, Mussoorie and ISTM, New Delhi for developing appropriate module on Open Government Data in their course curriculum.
- iii) Request to be made to M/o HRD or UGC to write to all the leading research institutes, colleges, universities to use Open Data from OGD Platform.
- iv) Request can also be made to M/o SPI, RGI to include Open Data in their Outreach Programs they conduct in various parts of the country.
- v) Special promotional posters should be displayed in Libraries of all the Universities/ Research Institutes.
- vi) OGD team should participate in eGov Conference, Library Conferences etc.
- vii) A Short film on OGD to be created.
- viii) Interns can be invited to work on Open Data. Intern policy of DeitY may be used.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

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Agenda: Meeting of the Taskforce

Date: 30-Sep-2015 at 3.00 PM

Venue: CEG Hall, DeitY, 1st Floor, Electronics Niketan, CGO Complex,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi

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| 1. | 3.00PM-3.30PM | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome Address: Alka Misra, Senior Technical Director, NIC• Open Data India: An Overview & Journey till Date Neeta Verma, DDG, NIC• Address by the Chairman of the Task Force: Dr. Ajay Kumar, Addl. Secretary (DeitY) and DG (NIC) |
| 2. | 3.30PM-4.30PM | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion Points:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Contribution of Datasets by Community, Industry & Civil SocietyB. Release of datasets (Open Data by Design)C. Commercial use of DataD. Data mash-up and Data and Metadata Standard & QualityE. Institutional mechanism for enlisting Chief Data Officer's roles and responsibilities in the "allocation of business"F. Economic Impact of Open Data on Indian EconomyG. Promotion• Recommendations |
| 3. | 4.30PM-4.35PM | Vote of Thanks by Alka Misra, Senior Technical Director, NIC |

List of Participants

1. Dr. Ajay Kumar, AS & DG NIC – Chairman
2. Sh. Suresh Chandra, Joint Secretary & Legal Adviser, D/o Legal Affairs
3. Sh. P. Karupasamy, Joint Secretary, D/o Personal & Training
4. Dr. (Smt.) Shefali Sushil Dash, DDG, NIC
5. Ms. Neeta Verma, DDG, NIC
6. Sh. Pankaj Srivastava, Director, M/o Corporate Affairs
7. Representative from O/o RGI
8. Sh. Venkatesh Nayak, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI)
9. Dr. J. Dennis Rajakumar, Director, EPW Research Foundation (EPWRF)
10. Ms. Sharon Buteau, Executive Director, Institute for Financial Management & Research (IFMR)
11. Dr. Biplav Srivastava, IBM Research
12. Ms. Alka Misra, STD, NIC – Convener

Additional Participants

13. Sh. Pravin Chandekar, Director, DeitY
14. Sh. D. P. Misra, PSA, NIC
15. Sh. Sunil Babbar, SSA, NIC
16. Few Members from OGD PMU