



GSMA @ India Mobile Congress

Dates: 09-10 October 2025

Venue: Yashobhoomi Convention Centre

Synopsis

Championing a Trusted, Intelligent and Inclusive Digital Future

India stands on the brink of a new digital paradigm. With rapid strides in 5G deployment, the expansion of Digital Public Infrastructure and a growing appetite for AI-driven services, the country is poised to shape the next era of inclusive, intelligent digital growth. But with this opportunity comes responsibility—to ensure trust, security, and equity in the systems that will power India's digital transformation.

The **GSMA Programme at IMC 2025** brings together government leaders, telecom operators, cloud providers, startups, regulators, and global digital economy stakeholders to co-develop the building blocks of a trusted and intelligent mobile ecosystem for India. Spanning **network APIs, AI governance, edge intelligence, digital fraud prevention, and DPI enablement**, this curated set of sessions explores how India's mobile infrastructure can serve as both the backbone and catalyst for sustainable innovation and security.

Across the two thematic half-days we deep-dive into:

- **Programmable networks** and **Open APIs** as platforms for innovation
- **Edge-AI convergence** and India's emerging AI infra stack
- **Operationalising privacy and trust** in a hyperconnected ecosystem
- **Scam resilience** through multi-stakeholder collective action

GSMA OBJECTIVES

- Showcase GSMA's global leadership in network innovation and scam disruption through policy development and initiatives such as **Open Gateway**
- Promote **regional collaboration** via models like the **APAC Cross-Sector Anti-Scam Taskforce (ACAST)**
- Encourage the adoption of **open, secure technologies** (APIs, AI, edge) to drive innovation across industries
- Support **policy development** by sharing global best practices with Indian authorities (DoT, MeitY, TRAI)
- Facilitate **cross-sector engagement** among MNOs, platforms (e.g. Google, Meta), fintechs, and developers

OUTCOMES

- Increased visibility of GSMA-led global and APAC initiatives among Indian stakeholders
- Commitments to explore GSMA-aligned solutions in innovation, privacy, and fraud prevention

- Stronger alignment between telcos, platforms, and regulators on scam mitigation
- Opportunities for future technical collaboration, workshops, and policy dialogue
- Reinforced positioning of GSMA as a trusted convener for global expertise and regional action

Event Agenda

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| <p>09th October 2025</p> | <p>Day 2 Afternoon: APIs, AI, and Edge: A New Era for Network-Driven Innovation:</p> <p>Objective: <i>To showcase how India’s telecom and digital infrastructure when opened, programmable, and AI-augmented can serve as a platform for exponential innovation, scalable monetisation, and regional leadership.</i></p> |
| <p>14:00 – 15:00</p> | <p>Session 1: The API-Powered Economy – Scaling Innovation through Open and Interoperable Networks <i>This panel will explore how the rise of open, standardised network APIs is transforming telecom operators into agile digital platforms and reshaping the foundations of India’s innovation ecosystem. Industry leaders will discuss how exposing core network capabilities—such as identity verification, fraud mitigation, and quality-on-demand—can unlock new services across fintech, e-commerce, logistics, and beyond. The conversation will highlight the potential of globally harmonised APIs to foster developer ecosystems, enable faster service deployment, and create new monetisation models for the telecom sector.</i></p> <p>Why this Session is Relevant to Participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Demonstrates how open telecom APIs can accelerate innovation</i> • <i>Offers practical insights for startups, enterprises, and policymakers on leveraging networks as programmable platforms</i> • <i>Aligns with India’s push for open digital ecosystems</i> <p>Room/Venue: Odantapuri</p> <p>Moderator: Debashish Chakraborty, Senior Director – Advocacy and Industry Engagement, GSMA</p> <p>Speakers (Confirmed):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Abhishek Singh, Additional Secretary; Director General, NIC; CEO, IndiaAI Mission, MeitY, Government of India</i> ○ <i>Atul Rastogi, Head of Engineering, Integration and Identity, Jio (RIL)</i> ○ <i>Abhishek Biswal, Chief Business Officer - Digital Services, Airtel</i> ○ <i>Rohit Mishra, VP Digital & Head of Monetisation, Vodafone India</i> ○ <i>John Chua, Head Carrier Relations – APAC, Twilio</i> |
| <p>15:00 – 16:00</p> | <p>Session 2: Edge Intelligence for Bharat – AI, Cloud, and the Future of Low-Latency Innovation <i>This panel will examine how AI, edge computing, and distributed cloud infrastructure are converging to enable real-time, low-latency innovation across key sectors like manufacturing, health, and logistics. Panellists will share</i></p> |

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| | <p><i>insights on the infrastructure buildout, investment strategies, and regulatory shifts needed to support India’s AI and edge future.</i></p> <p>Why this Session is Relevant to Participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Explores how edge and AI convergence can unlock real-time innovation.</i> • <i>Offers actionable insights on infrastructure, investment, and policy needed to scale AI services beyond urban centers.</i> • <i>Aligns with national priorities like IndiaAI Mission, compute infrastructure development, and sovereign tech strategies.</i> <p>Room/Venue: Odantapuri</p> <p>Moderator: Jeanette Whyte</p> <p>Speakers (Confirmed):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Monika Gupta, VP, Capgemini</i> ○ <i>Jayanth Nagarajan, Asia Pacific Business Leader – Telecom, AWS</i> ○ <i>Tom Conklin, Senior Director – Global Systems Integrator Alliance, Wind River</i> ○ <i>Jayant Moghe, AVP & Country Manager – 5G Communication Products, Pegatron</i> ○ <i>Piotr Weglicki, Telco Vertical Head – Server BU, AMD</i> |
| <p>16:00 – 17:00</p> | <p>Session 3: Governing the Intelligent Network – Privacy, Safety, and Ethics in AI-Native Environments</p> <p><i>This panel will address how telecom operators can responsibly govern AI systems embedded within their networks. Discussions will highlight transparency frameworks, risk mitigation strategies, and regulatory alignment as operators expand their role in AI-native connectivity and automation environments</i></p> <p>Why this Session is Relevant to Participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tackles the urgent need for responsible AI governance in telecom as networks become more autonomous and data driven.</i> • <i>Equips policymakers, operators, and startups with frameworks to balance innovation with transparency, safety, and compliance.</i> • <i>Aligns with India’s push for ethical AI deployment under the IndiaAI mission and evolving data protection laws.</i> <p>Room/Venue: Odantapuri</p> <p>Moderator: Peter Jarich, Head, GSMA Intelligence, GSMA</p> <p>Speakers (Confirmed):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Sunil Abraham, Public Policy Director – Data Governance & Emerging Technologies, Meta India</i> ○ <i>Rajat Kathuria, Dean/Senior Visiting Professor, Shiv Nadar University / ICRIER</i> ○ <i>Vivek Murthy, Executive Officer & President OSS BU, Rakuten</i> ○ <i>Munish Gupta, Head of CSS Bharti, Ericsson</i> ○ <i>Rishabh Mathur, VP Product, Airtel</i> |

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| <p>10th October 2025</p> | <p>Day 3 Morning: Securing Digital Bharat – A Collective Mission to Disrupt the Digital Scam and Fraud Economy Objective: To catalyse cross-sector collaboration in India’s fight against digital scams and fraud, showcasing how telcos, regulators, and ecosystem players can jointly secure trust and resilience in the mobile-first economy</p> |
| <p>10:00 – 11:00</p> | <p>Session 1: Combating Scams at Scale – Collective Action for Digital Trust <i>This panel will explore how the escalating threat of digital scams in India can be met with unified, cross-sector responses. Drawing on GSMA’s anti-scam taskforce and India’s regulatory landscape, panellists will examine joint enforcement strategies, intelligence sharing models, and the technical frameworks necessary to rebuild digital trust.</i></p> <p>Why this Session is Relevant to Participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addresses the growing threat and scale of digital scams impacting the digital economy • Highlights the need for coordinated anticipation, action across telecom, platforms, regulators, and law enforcement. • Provides practical frameworks for building resilient, multi-stakeholder digital trust infrastructure in India. <p>Room/Venue: Vikramshila</p> <p>Moderator: Jeanette Whyte, Head of Public Policy and External Affairs (APAC), GSMA</p> <p>Speakers (Confirmed):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ambika Khurana, CRO, Vodafone India ○ Natasha Jog, Policy Director / Director Public Policy, Meta India ○ Pushpendra Kumar Singh, Senior Advisor, TRAI ○ Aditi Chaturvedi, Head of Government Affairs & Public Policy, Google ○ General SP Kochhar, DG, COAI |
| <p>11:00 – 12:00</p> | <p>Session 2: Telco APIs for Safety – Turning Networks into Real-Time Defense Systems <i>This panel will highlight how telecom network intelligence—delivered through standardised APIs—can provide frontline defense against fraud. Stakeholders from telecom, fintech, and government will share insights on integrating real-time API signals into apps and platforms to enable proactive fraud prevention and enhanced consumer protection.</i></p> <p>Why this Session is Relevant to Participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates how real-time telecom signals (e.g., SIM swap, number verification) can strengthen fraud prevention in digital platforms. • Offers actionable use cases for fintechs, app developers, and public services to integrate telco intelligence for consumer protection. • Supports India’s broader agenda of building secure digital infrastructure for trust-based innovation. <p>Room/Venue: Vikramshila</p> <p>Moderator: Peter Jarich, Head of GSAM Intelligence,</p> |

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| | <p>Speakers (Confirmed):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Julian Gorman, Head of Asia Pacific, GSMA ○ Rahul Vatts, Chief Regulatory Officer, Airtel ○ Anand Khare, Advisor (Operations), DoT, Government of India ○ Ravi Gandhi, President & Chief Regulatory Officer, Jio (RIL) |
| <p>12:00 – 13:00</p> | <p>Session 3: Privacy and Protection at the Edge – Operationalising India’s Data Protection Act</p> <p><i>This panel will explore how the Digital Personal Data Protection Act (DPDPA) can be effectively implemented across India’s telecom sector. Panellists will focus on consent management, user rights, and data governance models that preserve privacy while enabling service innovation. The discussion will also address the critical need for regulatory simplicity and clarity, ensuring that compliance does not become a barrier to service delivery, digital inclusion, or startup-led growth.</i></p> <p>Why this Session is Relevant to Participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unpacks potentially how India’s new data law (DPDPA) affects telcos, platforms, and digital service providers. • Offers practical guidance on consent management, data governance, and privacy-by-design implementation. • Helps align privacy compliance with innovation and interoperability across India’s digital ecosystem. <p>Room/Venue: Vikramshila</p> <p>Moderator: Sarvashreshth Kalash, Senior Manager – Digital Ecosystem, GSMA</p> <p>Speakers (Confirmed):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vinayak Godse, CEO, Data Security Council of India (DSCI) ○ Shweta Singh, General Manager – Policy & Strategy, Airtel ○ Kapil Chaudhary, Partner, Dentons Link Legal |