

Briefly we are working with experts around the world to address various technology and policy challenges that the Internet is facing so that we can more effectively address the policy and technology challenges the different policy makers and end users are facing. One area of immense interest of the IEEE and its Internet Initiative forum is to work on universal access and as we observe that in India with its ambitious goal of Digital India is also striving for the same end. This goal is also the part of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of the United Nations <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/> . IEEE has contributed in developing the IEEE 802 standards and would be working on future development of such standards for universal use around the world.

Therefore we read the "Consultation Paper on Proliferation of Broadband through Public Wi-Fi Networks" with tremendous interest and we agree with a lot of things that are in there. We want to see how the IEEE technology community and the IEEE Internet Initiative forum can contribute through this effort and other effort to help achieve the goals that you have set for TRAI by providing technical insights and by enabling the understanding of current technologies and enabling researchers and developers who work with IEEE to address the challenges on the ground that regulators like yourselves want to address. We would also be neutral observers and neutral expert group that can address these technologies without any commercial or other interest.

Please let us know if we can contribute in any way to this effort on broadband penetration. We would help you to use the vast technology expertise of the IEEE members and experts around the world to help address issues in India.

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