

## IIPP Community of Practice for DPI Measurement

### Session 0 Pre-Read

#### Overview:

Unlocking the true potential of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) requires that we develop effective measurement frameworks that can assess its real world impacts. Such approaches are crucial for providing transparent oversight into projects and ensuring implementations align with broader governance values. This mission is all the more urgent now given the increasing institutional convergence on DPI as a catalyst for economic activity and social inclusion. The Universal DPI Safeguards Framework has established protections against key risks threatening both human rights and state capabilities in the digital age. The next goal is to operationalise these safeguards through assessments and evaluations. This imperative is also present at the G20 forum where the current South African presidency has specifically emphasised measuring DPI's impact on social and economic outcomes. The priorities of the Digital Economy Working Group (DEWG) recognises that quantifying these impacts is essential for sustainable development and inclusive growth, complementing the efforts of the Universal Safeguards for DPI initiative

Responding to the need for a more cohesive measurement practice around DPI, the IIPP is **launching a community of practice (CoP)** that will bring together **practitioners, researchers, and policymakers** to collaboratively develop more nuanced, context-sensitive approaches to DPI assessment and evaluation.

The DPI Measurement CoP brings together the diverse stakeholder community around DPI to develop a common language and shared practices for effective measurement. At its core, the CoP seeks to:

- Build collective capacity for rigorous and insightful DPI evaluation through regular knowledge exchange.
- Ensure alignment with broader values articulated in the UN's DPI Safeguards framework through transparent oversight and thorough review processes.
- Develop insights from current research into the impacts of DPI to further future policy development.

In this introductory session, we will outline the broad goals of the CoP and its strategic importance within the current DPI research landscape. We will reflect on recent developments in the research agenda around DPI assessment including the IIPP's recent working paper on DPI measurement frameworks, and will pose general questions intended to encourage productive discussion around key topics for the global DPI community. This initial gathering aims to establish the principles of collaboration and community ownership will guide the CoP in future sessions. We invite members to share their expertise and motivations for engaging with the CoP as we work collectively to develop insights into the measurement of DPI.

## Session Agenda:

Time	Activity	Description
5 minutes	Welcome & introductions	Introductory session overview
10 minutes	Context & research overview	Presentation on current DPI measurement research, including the IIPP's DPI Map and recent working paper on DPI measurement frameworks
15 minutes	CoP goals & structure	Discussion of the CoP's objectives and scope with structured discussion
25 minutes	Open discussion	Facilitated Q&A meant for members to share expertise and expectations
5 minutes	Next steps and closing remarks	Information about upcoming sessions and summary notes

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## Preparation:

Prior to the session, we encourage participants to reflect on their experience with DPI implementation and evaluation and consider key challenges that they feel currently limit the effectiveness of DPI measurement practices. We provide the following questions as prompts for in-session discussion:

- What aspects of DPI impact are we systematically overlooking because they're difficult to measure or don't fit into existing frameworks?
- What aspects of DPI measurement have you investigated, and would like to present or discuss at the CoP?

We look forward to your participation as we collectively build a community dedicated to improving DPI measurement practices that drive meaningful and sustainable digital transformation.

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