



## CONCEPT NOTE

### South Centre Webinar

#### ***Leveraging Global South Data Through Digital Public Infrastructure for Sustainable Development***

**24 June 2026 | 11:00 - 12:00 (CEST)**

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#### **1. Introduction**

The rapid digital transformation seen in recent years has been powered by data, much of it originating from the countries of the Global South. Current practices for the access and use of data have largely benefitted a limited number of stakeholders. The benefits from the use and monetization of data, however, have not been shared equitably till date, especially with data creators from developing nations.

Evidence from some developing nations has shown how national data can be harnessed to build and deploy [Digital Public Infrastructures \(DPI\) that offer key digital solutions](#) for increasing access to essential services like digital identity, financial inclusion and e-governance platforms. The use of approaches such as [DPI for Democratic Data Monetisation \(DPI-DDM\)](#) presents an important opportunity for Global South countries to leverage their data for advancing data equity and capturing economic benefits from their data. Building on the outcomes promoting DPI for digital transformation from the recent G20 Presidencies of India, Brazil and South Africa, it is clear that adopting more inclusive and development-centric models of data monetization can benefit all stakeholders, prioritising the public good and shared benefit.

At the same time, adopting data governance frameworks that can effectively regulate how data are collected, stored, used and transmitted across borders, are necessary to address current imbalances in distribution of benefits of data. Several developing countries have established national data governance regimes and accumulated implementation experiences in recent years, which can be explored to learn lessons and identify good practices.

As data continues to fuel the development of digital technologies, it is important that the needs, concerns and priorities of the Global South be placed at the centre of multilateral discussions on data governance, including data monetisation and the use of DPIs.

#### **2. Objectives**

Taking place on DPI Day during the UN Open Source Week 2026, this webinar aims to:

- Examine how regulatory regimes and data governance frameworks in Global South countries are contributing to the development and deployment of DPIs to generate economic benefits and promote sustainable development.

- Explore innovative approaches to leverage Global South data through DPI for equitable monetisation, such as the DPI-DDM model.
- Strengthen the voice of developing nations in multilateral governance initiatives for DPI, data governance and digital transformation.

### 3. **Format**

The webinar will be held on Zoom. The event will be organized as a panel discussion followed up with a Q&A session. Preliminary questions or comments for panellists are welcome to inform the discussion.

**Date:** 24 June 2026

**Time:** 11:00 – 12:00 CEST

**Registration:** [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) or use the following link : [t.ly/4g-tg](https://t.ly/4g-tg)

### 4. **Speakers**

- Dr. Carlos Correa, Executive Director, South Centre
- Mr. Rajesh Kumar, Director/Scientist F, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India
- Ms. Meghna Dhariwal, Consultant, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India
- Mr. Breno Santana Lobo, Deputy Head of Unit at the Department of Financial System Monitoring (DECEM), Central Bank of Brazil
- Mrs. Nurul Sofia, Minister-Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

### 5. **Reference Publications**

*Rajesh Kumar & Meghna Dhariwal, **Digital Public Infrastructure for Democratic Data Monetization**, [South Centre Report, 18 February 2026](#).*

*Danish, **Taking Forward Digital Public Infrastructure for the Global South**, [South Centre Policy Brief 146, 29 September 2025](#).*

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