



## **Speaker Profiles for e-Development Thematic Group Event on July 29, 2008**

### **R. Chandrashekhar, Additional Secretary (e-Governance), DIT, Government of India**

R. Chandrashekhar joined the Government of India in 1975 as a member of the Indian Administrative Service, the country's premier civil service. Ever since, he has held a wide variety of key assignments, both in the Government of India and the State Government of Andhra Pradesh. He established the first Department of Information Technology in the country and was Secretary of the department from June, 1997 to December, 1999. From July, 1996 as CMD of AP Industrial Infrastructure Corporation and from June, 1997 as CMD, APIIC and concurrently Secretary, Department of Information Technology and Communications, he masterminded the conceptualization, planning and implementation of various key initiatives in the state in the field of Information Technology. The comprehensive program drawn up covered, inter alia, creation of requisite infrastructure (HITEC City, etc.), strategic human resources development initiatives (Indian Institute of Information Technology, etc.) and evolving a comprehensive policy framework for adoption of IT in governance. The framework that was evolved was widely regarded as path breaking and catapulted the State to the forefront of IT development in the country. It became a role model for most other states, which sent several teams to study the experience of AP and emulated the ideas and concepts pioneered in the State. The unique program that was evolved powered the IT revolution in the State, attracted global attention and was widely covered in the national and international media. He has a deep understanding of the issues and problems related to IT implementations in Government and experience in finding innovative solutions to such problems in field conditions. He has abundant experience in dealing with the working alongside highly reputed international consultants on major IT projects. He has been associated with a wide variety of organizations like UNESCAP, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and events relating to all aspects of IT as a key resource person, speaker and consultant. He has wide and varied experience in international business negotiations. Mr. Chandrashekhar received a M.Sc. degree in Chemistry from the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay and a M.S. degree in Computer Science from the Pennsylvania State University, USA.

### **Andrea Di Maio, Vice President, Gartner Research**

Andrea Di Maio is a vice president and distinguished analyst in Gartner Research, where he focuses on the public sector, with particular reference to e-government strategies, Web 2.0, the business value of IT, open-source software and the impact of technology on the future of government.

Prior to joining Gartner, Mr. Di Maio was with the European Commission, where he was responsible for part of the R&D framework program, as well as for all activities on the impact of the year 2000 problem and the IT impact of the European single currency. Before the European Commission, he held management and technical positions in the systems and software industry. He has more than 20 years of experience in IT.

**Anthony D. Williams, Vice President and Executive Editor at nGenera Insight**

**Anthony D. Williams** is an author, sought-after speaker and avid researcher with over a decade of experience examining the impact of new technologies on social and economic life. His work has been featured in *Business Week*, the *Globe and Mail* and the *Times of India* and his advice sought by fortune 500 firms and international institutions, including the World Bank.

Anthony is Vice President and Executive Editor at nGenera Insight where he is currently leading a global investigation into the impact of web 2.0 and wikinomics on the future government and democracy. Other similar studies include a global effort to understand how transparency is revolutionizing business and a \$9 million dollar study on information technology and competitive advantage. Among other topics, he has authored numerous influential reports on technology, strategy, innovation and intellectual property. Anthony holds a Masters in Research from the London School of Economics and is a PhD candidate in the Department of Government.

**Dr. Jaijit Bhattacharya, Country Director - Government Strategy, Sun Microsystems India, Adjunct Faculty, Indian Institute of Technology, Center for e-Governance, Vice President, Institute of Open Technology and Applications, Government of West Bengal**

Jaijit Bhattacharya is Country Director, Government Strategy at Sun Microsystems, Adjunct Faculty at IIT Delhi and Vice President of Institute of Open Technology and Applications (IOTA), Government of West Bengal. He is responsible for the creation of the next generation of solutions for governments, based on open standards.

Dr. Bhattacharya advises governments on e-governance strategies. He is an e-Governance advisor to Government of Sri Lanka and has been conducting training for ADB institute in Tokyo on Public Expenditure Management and has helped World Bank develop curriculum for their e-Leadership program. He is also a visiting faculty at INSEAD Singapore campus, IIT Roorkee and at IIM Calcutta.

Dr. Bhattacharya has developed business models and strategies for leading companies in the IT, media and computer hardware industries. He has numerous research papers to his credit in leading journals and conferences. He is the author/co-author of three books on e-Governance including the first book on e-Governance in India, 'Government On-line – Opportunities and Challenges', published by McGraw Hill and released by the Honourable President of India, Shri Abdul Kalam.

**Ravi Gupta, Director, Center for Science Development and Media Studies (CSDMS)**

Ravi heads the Centre for Science, Development and Media Studies (CSDMS, [www.csdms.in](http://www.csdms.in)) which he cofounded 12 years back. He has been working in the arena of ICT4D advocacy and

awareness through offline and online media. He has founded several publications (both in print and online space) e.g. i4d ([www.i4donline.net](http://www.i4donline.net)), digital LEARNING ([www.digitalLEARNING.in](http://www.digitalLEARNING.in)), egov ([www.egovonline.net](http://www.egovonline.net)), Radio Duniya ([www.radioduniya.in](http://www.radioduniya.in)), Telecentre Magazine ([www.telecentremagazine.net](http://www.telecentremagazine.net)) and ehealth ([www.ehealthonline.org](http://www.ehealthonline.org)).

Ravi holds M. Tech. (Masters in Technology) degrees in Remote Sensing and also in Applied Geophysics from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Roorkee and Kanpur (India) respectively. He completed his PhD in Business Economics from the University of Delhi, India.

**Randeep Sudan, Senior ICT Specialist, CITPO, GICT, World Bank**

Randeep Sudan, is a Senior ICT Policy Specialist with the Global ICT Department (GICT) of the World Bank. He leads GICT's practices on e-Government and IT industry development. He is currently working on ICT projects in Africa, Central Asia, East Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and South Asia. Prior to joining the World Bank in 2005, he held senior government positions in India, as a member of the Indian Administrative Service. He was Special Secretary to the Chief Minister and ex-officio Secretary Information Technology in the state of Andhra Pradesh and was closely associated with policies and strategies for leveraging ICT for development. He has been the Chief Executive of APFIRST an organization focused on promoting investments in the ICT sector, and also of AP Technology Services, a company specializing in the use of ICTs in government. His areas of expertise include ICT policy, e-government, investment promotion, infrastructure development and public-private partnerships. He has a MSc in Social Policy and Planning from the London School of Economics and a MA in Economics from the Jawaharlal Nehru University. He has taught as a visiting faculty at the Department of Informatics at the University of Oslo.

**Oleg Petrov, Coordinator, e-Development Thematic Group and Consultant, CITPO, GICT, World Bank**

Oleg Petrov works at the Global ICT Department and until recently was with ISG e-Government Practice. He has been with the World Bank over for 11 years and has focused on promoting the ICT for development and e-government agenda at the Bank and in the client countries by initiating and coordinating a number of programs and initiatives, especially in the knowledge sharing and capacity building area. This included about 20 online features and about 80 seminars and workshops on ICT and e-government. Oleg initiated the Global Development Gateway program, coordinated about 20 Country Gateways in Europe and Asia and managed a global portal on ICT4D. Since 2003 he has been coordinating e-Development Thematic Group of the World Bank. Oleg has contributed to several integrated e-development and e-government project funded by the Bank, including e-Sri Lanka. He also works with the European Union's Public Sector Institutional Reform project in Russia as senior international expert on e-government.