

APSIG 2025 Program Schedule - Day 0 & 1

Time	Type	Session Details
Day 0: 7 October 2025 Tuesday (Venue: Vivanta)		
17.30-21.00	Welcome	APSIG Welcome and Introduction of Fellows Moderation: Sagarika Wickramasekera, Secretary, APSIG
17.30-17.45		Welcome by APSIG and Local Host - Ms Sapana Shahi (Local Host) Welcome Remarks - Babu Ram Aryal, Chair, APSIG
17.45-19.15	Introduction	Introduction of Programs Content and Design - Dr. Govind Briefing the Logistics - Shah Rahman Introduction of Fellows - Waqas Hassan
19.30-21.00		Welcome Dinner by APSIG - KOKO-Akari, Vivanta
Day 1: 8 October 2025 Wednesday (Venue: Vivanta Hotel)		
08.45-09.45	Inaugural	Inaugural Session (EMCEE: Sagarika Wikramasekera, Secretary, APSIG)
08.45-08.50		Welcome by Local Host - Ms. Sapana Shahi, Co-founder and Director, IGI
08.50-09.05		APSIG Program and Fellowship Highlights - Dr Govind, Waqas Hassan
09.05-09.20		Inaugural Address - Aadesh Khadka, Joint Secretary, MoCIT
09.20-09.30		Special Address (video clip) - Prof Kilnam Chon
09.30-09.45		Keynote Speaker - Manohar Kumar Bhattarai
09.45-09.50		Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks - Babu Ram Aryal
09.50-10.00		Group Photo
10.00-10.15		Tea Break
10.15-11.00	Lecture	Evolving Nature of Internet and its Governance - Ananda Raj Khanal
11.00-12.00	Panel	AI in Security - Governance, Risks and Innovation (Moderator: Satish Babu) Subash Dhakal, Sunil Abraham (online), Yasmin Bhattarai, Bikash Gurung
12.00-13.00		Lunch
13.00-13.45	Panel	WSIS and Future of Internet Governance Santosh Sigdel, Jaco Du Toit, Dr. Pradip Poudyal, Amrita Choudhary
13.45-14.45	Role Play	Cyber Incident Security - Sathish Babu and Bikram Shrestha
14.45-15.15		Tea Break
15.15-16.00	Lecture	Multilingual Internet: IDNs and Universal Acceptance - Rammohan/Edmon
16.00-16.45	Panel	Platform Governance - Regulations, Content Moderation Meta/TikTok rep, Sumana Shrestha, Taranath Dahal
16.45-17.30		Writing Proposals for IGFs - Sathish, Gunela

APSIG 2025 Program Schedule - Day 2

Time	Type	Session Details
Day 2: 9 October 2025 Thursday		
09.00-09.45	Panel	Growing Cyber Crime and its Mitigation Nabindra Aryal, Dr. Aparajita Bhatt
09.45-10.30	Panel	Analyzing Disinformation in the Digital Age Gajendra Kumar Thakur, Sidra Jalil, Pavitra Ramanujam, Dr. Bhum Raj Chapagain
10.30-10.45		Tea Break
10.45-11.30		Beyond Content: Improving Trust & Safety and User Choice - Nirjana Sharma
11.30-12.15		Upcoming New Round of gTLDs - Amitabh Singhal
12.15-13.15		Lunch
13.15-14.30	Role Play	Internet Shutdown Roleplay - Dr. Govind, Waqas, Sanjina Kshetri
14.30-15.30	Panel	Access, Disability, Gender, and the Digital Divide Gunela Astbrink, Manique Gunarathna, Bhaskar, Sushmeera
15.30-16.00		Tea Break
16.00-16.45	Lecture	Environmental Concerns of Internet Governance - Edmun Chung (Online)
16.45-18.00		Flash Talks by Fellows - Moderator: Waqas
19.00-21.00		Socials and Dinner (country costumes) - Hosted by Local Host

APSIG 2025 Program Schedule - Day 3

Time	Type	Session Details
Day 3: 10 October	2025 Friday	
09.00-09.45	Panel	Cross-Border Data Flows vs Data Sovereignty Dipesh Bist, Samit Jana, Gayani Harule, Amitabh Singhal
09.45-10.30	Fireside Chat	Digital Gender Empowerment - Cost of Exclusion Waqas Hassan (Moderator), Binda Magar, Dr. Amrita Sharma
10.30-11.00		Tea Break
11.00-12.00		Evaluation of Proposals Received - Satish Babu/Gunela
12.00-13.00		Lunch
13.00-13.45		Feedback and Closing Session - Moderated by Sagarika
13.45-14.45		Distribution of Certificates by Chief Guest Vote of Thanks - Babu Ram & Shah
14.45 Onward		City Tour or Free Time - POC: Kamala Adhikari/Pranjal Timsina