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The 8th Community Network Xchange aims to explore the potential of community networks in **Building Communities for Rights to Access and Access to Rights** and addressing current challenges. By fostering discussions among diverse stakeholders, this edition will contribute to the sustainable, democratic and inclusive community networks.



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## About CNX 2024

Community Network Xchange (CNX) was started in 2017 to provide information and know-how of community networks. Over the last seven editions, CNX has addressed various factors related to community networks, including understanding social and economic sustainability, the Internet of the people, promoting public Wi-Fi access, meaningful access, community networks for public goods, and connecting indigenous and mountain communities in its latest edition. Over the years, practitioners from various countries such as Bangladesh, South Africa, Argentina, Malaysia, Indonesia, Haiti, Kenya, Nepal, Malawi, Kyrgyzstan and Pakistan have attended CNX to share their expertise.

This edition of CNX, "Building Communities for Rights to Access and Access to Right" aims to address network deployment challenges in rural and remote regions and the subsequent challenge of exclusion from entitlements. CNX aims to bring community-led and community-centred access solutions to the forefront so that different stakeholders, including philanthropic organisations, government, policymakers, and grassroots organisations, have a perspective on different models and their utility.

## Objectives for the 8th Community Network Xchange

- ||| To understand how community networks are enabling access to different citizen rights in remote and unconnected regions
- ||| To understand how community networks are addressing diverse social and economic issues in the operating locations
- ||| To deliberate the challenges faced by community-led connectivity initiatives in community building
- ||| To highlight the importance of gender inclusivity in community networks by promoting meaningful access and connectivity, particularly for women in remote and underserved areas. This year's edition will continue to emphasise gender representation, showcasing initiatives that empower women through community networks

## Themes of CNX 2024



Community Networks and Citizen Rights through Data Literacy and AI Awareness



Social and Economic Impact of Community Networks



Gender Rights in Community Networks and Meaningful Access



Freedom of Expression and Combating Misinformation in a Data-Driven Networked Society



Promoting Cultural and Linguistic Diversity through Community Networks



Presentation/Showcasing of Innovative Solutions for Community Networks



Economic Sustainability of Community Networks

## Highlights of CNX 2024

- ||| Case Stories of Community Networks from across South Asia Pacific Region
- ||| Showcasing of Digital Innovations, Technologies and Tools
- ||| Exhibition on Community Networks
- ||| Panel Discussion with Experts from the Field of Digital Developing and Empowerment through Community Networks