ACADEMIC PARTNERS (Voluntary): Roles

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National e-Governance Division (NeGD), Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), which is organizing ICEGOV 2017 under the patronage of MeitY, invites recognized/ registered academic institutions from India of higher learning for voluntary institutional academic partnership for ICEGOV 2017, in the broad roles as below. All partnerships and roles will be duly and visibly acknowledged at the event and in relevant communication in the run-up to the event.

1. **CONTENT, OBSERVERS, RAPPORTEURS & VOLUNTEERS**
    1.1. The 3-day conference and the doctoral colloquium on the 4th day will have 6 keynote lectures, 4 plenaries (in addition to the opening and closing sessions), 12 thematic sessions and 12 invited sessions along with academic poster exhibition and a possible showcase exhibition. The schedule is available online at http://www.icegov.org/program/
    1.2. Academic partners would:
        1.2.1. Prepare background notes and talking points in the required areas
        1.2.2. Provide rapporteurs for structured records of the various sessions
        1.2.3. Provide observers for the various sessions and engagements for an academic standpoint on how well a session went, scope for improvement, insights, possible extrapolations, etc.
        1.2.4. Provide competent volunteers for language and copy edits, and proofing efforts wrt content – this is an activity which will continue from the run up (starting November 2016) to the actual event in March 2017 and some period after the event.
        1.2.5. Suggest thematic areas for invited and other sessions when required, possible entities for considering for invited sessions (to organize and anchor).
        1.2.6. Suggest panellists, speakers. moderators for specific sessions, when required.
        1.2.7. Provide student volunteers to support the smooth running of the conference.
        1.2.8. Provide translation support in the conference.

2. **PAPERS – DEVELOPMENT & ADOPTION**
    2.1. In addition to the main compendium/proceedings of select papers for the conference, an India compendium too is planned to be taken out of the remaining and otherwise original and basic quality submissions that could not make it to the final set of the main compendium/proceedings.

2.2. The selected academics from Indian partner institutions will contribute, if and when required, to develop the papers of the second compendium by working with the authors and building their publication capacity, a post-event activity which will continue beyond ICEGOV 2017 in March 2017.

2.3. Academic partners may also consider adopting some of the papers (from both the main and second compendia) for further research and assessment, and/ or for curricula/ programme enhancement.

2.4. In addition, the curricula portfolio of the partner institutions may be enhanced by including chapters, courses, programmes etc. on Digital India, Knowledge Societies, etc, even as non-evaluated material.

3. **PAPERS – PUBLICATION & DISSEMINATION.** Academic partners are to also share if there is a possibility of publication/ dissemination of the Indian compendium through university press on pro-bono but duly and visibly acknowledged basis.

4. **RUN-UP & CONTINUED ENGAGEMENTS**

4.1. Organize academic workshops/ conferences/ competitions on ICEGOV thematic areas as at http://www.digitalindia.gov.in/content/icegov-2017 , in the months running up to the actual event in March 2017.

4.2. Invite NeGD spokespersons in other major conferences/ workshops/ events being organized by them for taking up sessions/ slots on ICEGOV and Digital India.

4.3. Engage influencers from academia, government, practitioners (including industry and society) and capture their key positive messages around Digital India, ICEGOV series, and the 2017 ICEGOV theme as textual content messages as well as video bytes (preferably 720p format).

4.4. Identify outstanding digital inclusion and egovernance initiatives in the state where the institution is housed.

4.5. Consider instituting an award/ set of awards (the first of which may be given during ICEGOV to start with) for selected egovernance/ digital government areas, based on inclination of the institution, both on the international and national fronts, wherein the awards have sanctity, credibility.

4.6. Disseminate ICEGOV communication and promotional material (including banners) through official portals, email messaging systems, social media handles, other messaging systems, hard publications etc.

4.7. Contribute to content sections on Digital India portal.

5. **Last Date: 4-Nov-2016**

5.1. This call is made only to legal entities which are recognized Indian academic institutions of higher learning.

5.2. *Interested academic institutions may reply:*

5.2.1. *through email to icegov@digitalindia.gov.in*

5.2.2. *by 11:59 PM Indian Standard Time, Friday the 4th of November, 2016*

5.2.3. *indicating your responses and/or comments against each of the aforementioned points/ roles,*

5.2.4. *with full details of the academic institution*

5.2.5. *and with details of your nodal officer/s (Full Name, Designation, Email address, Landline, Mobile, Physical Address) for this activity.*

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- The ICEGOV series brings together academia, governments, international organizations, civil society, and the private sector to share the insights and experiences in theory and practice of Digital Government. ICEGOV promotes interactions between stakeholders – policymakers, government officials, elected representatives, researchers, innovators and educators from developing and developed countries – all sharing a concern that public investment in Digital Government advances public policy and development.

- ICEGOV is a platform where such stakeholders can discuss ways of working together across the national, sectorial, development and other boarders towards addressing this concern.

- The ICEGOV series focuses on the intersection of technology, governance and development, i.e. how the transformation of public governance through digital technology affects (positively or negatively) the capacity of the state to formulate and deliver public policy and achieve development outcomes. Previous ICEGOV conferences took place in Macao in 2007, Cairo in 2008, Bogota in 2009, Beijing in 2010, Tallinn in 2011, Albany in 2012, Seoul in 2013, Guimaraes in 2014 and Montevideo in 2016. ICEGOV series has become a source of significant research and policy insight, able to reach national and global policy and research audiences.

- ICEGOV2017 is expected to bring between 500 and 1000 participants from more than 50 countries including large government participation from India. The 2017 edition has received a record number of paper submissions by the deadline of 3-October-2016.

- In figures, the ICEGOV community includes 1548 authors and reviewers from 102 countries – 69% from academia, 18% from government, 9% from industry and 4% from international and other organizations. Also, on average, every ICEGOV conference attracts 140 submissions from 49 countries and is attended by over 400 participants from 50 countries including government (40%), academia (36%), industry and civil society (14%), and international organizations (10%).

- The objectives of the ICEGOV series resonate with the participative and inclusive ethos and intent of our flagship DIGITAL INDIA programme, which, under the guidance and leadership at the highest levels in the country, has amplified the focus on e-governance with major thrusts on infrastructure for electronic connectivity, access to e-services in real time, and digital empowerment of citizens.