

**Implementation Strategy**  
**for**  
**‘Interoperable Wi-Fi Hotspot Architecture for Digital India’**

7<sup>th</sup> June 2018 (Thursday)

Venue: The Ball Room, Hotel Ritz Carlton, Bengaluru

Register at: <https://goo.gl/forms/iBiMttoW6YoOlpu2>

Timings: Registration - 9.30 am to 10.30 am

Conduct of Conference- 10.30 am to 02.00 pm

The importance of public Wi-Fi networks as complementary to existing landline and cellular mobile infrastructure in improving broadband penetration and adoption in the country has been recognized by TRAI. After a thorough consultation process which delved into issues like interoperability and seamless connectivity of Wi-Fi networks, multiple payment options, commercialization, and monetization models and collaborative partnerships between various entities of the ecosystem, the Authority came out with its Recommendations on “Proliferation of Broadband through Public Wi-Fi Networks” on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.

A pilot conducted by the Authority from October, 2017 to January, 2018 reaffirmed TRAI’s belief that a scalable and sustainable public Wi-Fi infrastructure, capable of deepening broadband penetration in the country, was indeed possible. A number of entities registered themselves with TRAI and participated in the pilot as Public Data Office Aggregators (PDOAs), App Providers and Software/Hardware Service provider. A report was released by the Authority on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 on ‘Public Wi-Fi Open Pilot Project’ which is available on TRAI’s website. The report elaborates the purpose, planning, and outcomes of the pilot as well as the way forward in the implementation of viable and affordable Wi-Fi system for the proliferation of broadband in the country.

To deliberate the issues for promoting the large scale deployment of Wi-Fi hotspots in the country, the Authority is now holding a Conference on **“Implementation Strategy for Interoperable Wi-Fi Hotspot Architecture for Digital India”**.

The Conference is aimed at all stakeholders and entities interested to grow as Public Data Office Providers/Aggregators (PDOs/PDOAs), App providers and Hotspot Hardware/Software/Service Providers. The idea is to solicit interest to get maximum stakeholders onboard and to deliberate the issues for the implementation of the next phase Wi-Fi services based on WANI architecture. The Agenda of the Conference is enclosed.

Accordingly, all the prospective stakeholders are invited to attend the Conference.