



# Regional Roundup

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## Welcome!

The Open Group India brings to you a bi-annual newsletter with relevant information and updates that could prove valuable to you, and your organization. It is curated with handpicked artefacts, excerpts that will keep you informed of the current and upcoming programs, events, and initiatives where you can contribute and participate with prime focus on India, South-East Asia, Middle-East and African regions. Just another step towards The Open Group endeavour of [Boundaryless Information Flow™](#).

## Riyadh Conference and the Open Digital Transformation™ Forum Launch

The Open Group Riyadh event united global EA leaders, digital transformation experts, and government representatives to showcase how open standards power large-scale change. Highlights included national EA frameworks, AI-driven agentic EA, and carbon capture data workflow. The key highlight was the official launch of The Open Group Open Digital Transformation™ Forum (ODXF) and its first in-person Forum meeting.

Supported by Saudi Aramco, Microsoft, Infosys, and Nozom Consulting, the event advanced collaboration and practical frameworks to accelerate digital capabilities worldwide.

If you are interested in participating and contributing, [click here to join the Open Digital Transformation™ Forum](#).

## INITIATE Conclave and Awards 2025

INITIATE Conclave and Awards 2025 In collaboration with Wipro, the conclave was successfully hosted at the latter's Kodathi Campus, Bengaluru, bringing together thought leaders, industry experts, academia, and emerging architects for a high-impact day focused on the future of Enterprise Architecture. The agenda featured keynote sessions, expert panels, and discussions on emerging trends, future-ready talent, and academia–industry collaboration.

A major highlight was **the INITIATE Enterprise Architecture Competition for Students 2025 Awards Ceremony**, which recognized outstanding student teams from across India and beyond for their innovation and architectural excellence. **Wipro** served as the Premier Sponsor, and **Union Bank of India** sponsored the cash prizes.

View the recorded livestream for The Open Group INITIATE Conclave and Awards 2025 [here](#).

View the press release [here](#).

## IMEA Region - APEX Advisory Committee

The APEX Committee serves as a strategic advisory body to guide The Open Group's initiatives across the IMEA region. Its mission is to strengthen our regional presence, deepen member engagement, and provide expert input on initiatives, partnerships, and strategies that drive the development and adoption of open standards.

We are proud to introduce our Member Advisors: [Dr. Aditi Divatia](#), [Dr. Anil Paingankar](#), [Bala Prasad Peddigari](#), [Debanjana Dasgupta](#), [Divyang Shah](#), [Ibrahim Hussein](#), [Mohamed Imam](#), [Ninad G Dhanorkar](#), [Susanta Dash](#), and [Tarun Gupta](#).

The Committee will focus on two priorities:

- Raising awareness of The Open Group and its standards

- Addressing common industry challenges by developing new standards, best practice guides, and contributing to the existing body of knowledge

To support the APEX Committee's initiatives, email Atik Shah at [at.shah@opengroup.org](mailto:at.shah@opengroup.org).

## Michelin AIM Architects Seminar 2025

The seminar brought together leaders and practitioners to showcase how architecture shapes impact at scale. From national frameworks like IndEA powering Aadhaar, UPI, and DigiLocker to strategies for retiring legacy systems, the discussions highlighted the role of API management, multi-cloud, Edge/Agentic AI, and passwordless authentication with FIDO in building the future. The seminar reinforced that great architecture is about synthesis, reuse, and alignment, with strong communities of practice driving innovation and growth.

## Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode

Dr. Pallab Saha, delivered Masterclass on **GovTech and Digital Government Architecture to the students of the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) Programme**. This 12-month programme combines live online sessions, campus immersion, and modules from **Kellogg Executive Education**, preparing technology leaders to effectively bridge the gap between strategy and business growth.

## Quarterly Certification Webinar Series

As part of our quarterly EA Career Development Webinar Series, we hosted three sessions on Accelerate Your Career in Enterprise Architecture with the TOGAF® Standard and Open CA Certifications. The webinars covered the latest TOGAF Standard, 10th Edition updates, a deep dive into the Open CA program, and role-based learning paths for diverse EA roles. Over 1,500 professionals from 200+ companies in 50+ countries participated, gaining practical insights to advance their EA careers.

## India Academic Initiative In Architecture INITIATE Work Group and Academic Engagements

The INITIATE Work Group of The Open Group has been actively engaged in bridging the gap between academia and industry with a focus on enhancing enterprise architecture capabilities in educational institutions. The ongoing efforts aim to build deeper knowledge of Enterprise Architecture, introduce specialized courses, and foster valuable industry-academia interactions. To get involved, visit our website [here](#).

## Enterprise Architecture Competition for Students 2025

The 2025 edition **attracted 300+ students from 44 universities across 3 countries, competing on 20 architecture problem statements with mentorship support from organizations including Capgemini, DXC, LTIMindtree, IBM, Bruhati, Irish Rail, Success Labs Academy, and The Open University Netherlands.** The competition involved **39 mentors and 20 industry** and academic jury members, with \$7,000 in cash prize **sponsorship from Wipro and Union Bank of India.**

### The Awards of Distinction were presented to:

- Team TechVista, Vidyalankar School of Information Technology
- Team Matrix Miners, Clarke International University
- Team The ArchiTechs, RV College of Engineering®
- Team Design Dynamos, RV College of Engineering®

### **The Awards of Merit were presented to:**

- Team BlackCat, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham
- Team TechoVators, RV College of Engineering®
- Team ArchFLow, RV College of Engineering®
- Team 20one, Symbiosis Institute of Management Studies
- Team Arcvision, RV College of Engineering®
- Team The ArchiVerse, RV College of Engineering®
- Team SANYA, RV College of Engineering®
- Team VisionArchiX, Faculty of Technology, University of Delhi
- Team Archiminds, S. P. Jain Institute of Management & Research
- Team Friday, Indian Institute Of Technology Madras

### **Outreach and Spread**

- **WeSchool Mumbai** (Jan 13–15, 2025): 2-day Enterprise Architecture lecture delivered by Nitin Bal, Capgemini to the management students
- **SNDT Women's University, Mumbai**: Introductory EA session for undergraduate students by Nitin Sawant, London Stock Exchange Group
- **MDI Gurgaon (July 2025)**: A 1-day workshop on [Architecting Digital Transformation](#) was hosted in collaboration with MDI Gurgaon. The program featured keynotes and panel discussions by 12 distinguished speakers from industry, government, and academia, offering insights into practical strategies and emerging trends in Enterprise Architecture

## Government EA Work Group

The Government EA Work Group, led by [Dr. Pallab Saha](#) (Work Group Director) and coordinated by Diana Rapose, begins 2025 with strengthened leadership through [Dr. Darren Pulsipher](#) (Intel Corporation) as Chair and [Dr. Joseph Wamema](#) (Real IRM) as Vice Chair.

The group has already developed a clear charter and an action plan toward establishing the Government Enterprise Architecture Framework (GEAF) snapshot.

To join the Work Group, contact **Diana Rapose** at [d.rapose@opengroup.org](mailto:d.rapose@opengroup.org)

## Recent Publications: Standards, White Papers, Guides, and Case Studies:

- [Indian Railways Freight Business Architecture: A Segment Architecture of the Indian Railways Enterprise Architecture](#)
- [Value Ascend: Optimizing the Digital Product Value Stream with the IT4IT™ Standard](#)
- [Sitting Down With Dr. Darren Pulsipher From Intel Corporation, Chair Of The Government EA Work Group](#)

## Recent Events and Webinars

**The Open Group, In-Person Event, Riyadh, July 28-29, 2025**

Event highlights can be read [here](#).

To view previous webinars from The Open Group, please visit The Open Group Library [here](#).

## Upcoming Events

### AEA INDIA CONCLAVE, Mumbai, September 20, 2025

The third edition of conclave features keynotes, panel discussions, an AI-driven challenge and networking with leaders in Enterprise Architecture. For more details and how to register, [click here](#).

### Quarterly Webinar Series: Accelerate Your Career in Enterprise Architecture with the TOGAF Standard and Open CA Certifications

Join our upcoming sessions to discover the latest updates in the TOGAF Standard, 10th Edition, a standard of The Open Group, and its certification portfolio. Participants will gain valuable insights into the Open Certified Architect (Open CA) program, including prerequisites, renewal processes, and steps to advance your certification journey. [Register here](#)

## Member Spotlights

- [Manuel Di Toma, Executive Director, Bruhati](#)
- [Bassam Al Ammari, Enterprise Architecture Department Director, EVC](#)
- [Gabriel Obino, General Manager Denodo Arabia Limited, Denodo Vice President Southern Europe and Middle East](#)

To read more Member Spotlights [click here](#).

## New Members in IMEA

Organization	Membership Level	Forum Entitlement
EVC	Gold	Multiple
Knowlathon	Silver	Architecture Forum
DIGIWAVES	Silver	OSDU® Forum
TP Power Plus (A TATA Power Company)	Silver	ArchiMate® & Architecture Forum

Adept Solutions	Silver	Architecture Forum
GC6 Accelerators	Silver	Open Process Automation™ Forum
Devitancy LLC	Silver	Architecture Forum
Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)	Silver	OSDU® Forum
Tuwaiq Academy	Silver	Architecture Forum

(February 25' to July 25')

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