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Welcome Note

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™](#).

APEX Advisory Committee - Driving Standards Awareness and Impact

The IMEA APEX Advisory Committee continues to provide strategic leadership in advancing the presence of The Open Group across the IMEA region. The Committee has actively raised awareness of open standards including the TOGAF® Standard, O-PAS™ Standard, all standards of The Open Group, and Open CA certifications through regional conferences, webinars, and professional forums focused on capability-building and practical adoption. To get support and participate in the APEX Committee's initiatives, email [Atik Shah](#).

Accelerating EASE Reforms through Enterprise Architecture

An Enterprise Architecture Guide to support the EASE reforms in the Indian banking sector is currently under development. This initiative will provide structured, standards-based architectural guidance to help banks modernize core systems, strengthen governance, and enable scalable Digital Transformation. We invite Members with experience in banking, financial services, and Enterprise Architecture to contribute to this effort. Interested Members are encouraged to connect with [Diana Rapose](#).

INITIATE Preview Sessions for Enterprise Architecture Competition for Students (EACS) 2026

The INITIATE Preview Sessions, held in December 2025 ahead of the EACS 2026 announcement, brought together industry, government, and academic leaders to preview the competition's objectives, format, timelines, and engagement opportunities. The sessions outlined roles for students, mentors, jury members, and sponsors, and enabled participants to confirm interest and next steps.

Quarterly Certification Webinar Series

Successfully delivered a four-part webinar series across August and November, showcasing the TOGAF Standard certification portfolio, ArchiMate®, DPBoK™, Agile, and Open CA.

Certification Growth

The India, Middle East, and Africa (IMEA) region recorded its highest-ever annual TOGAF certification numbers, highlighting the growing demand for Enterprise Architecture capabilities and the increasing role of the TOGAF standard in organizations adopting structured, standards-based architecture practices.

Open Digital Transformation™ Forum: Momentum into 2026

Since its launch in July 2025, The Open Group Open Digital Transformation™ Forum (ODXF) has continued to gain momentum as a global platform, attracting several new organizations to join as Members and collaborate to advance open, practical approaches to Digital Transformation using their experience and learnings. Key achievements include the development of the **AI in Digital Transformation Guide**, initiation of the **Best Practice Guide on AI Agents and Agentic AI**, progress on the **Digital Practitioners Body of Knowledge (DPBoK)**, Conceptualizing of the **Digital Sustainability Working Group**, and advancement of the **Open Digital Transformation Architecture™**, **O-DXA™**, snapshot for Government, and published case studies.

As ODXF moves into 2026, Members will align on priorities and accelerate delivery through upcoming in-person meetings on **11 March 2026 (Bangalore, India)** and [27–30 April 2026 \(Oslo, Norway\)](#). These sessions will focus on developing a Digital Transformation standard, advancing AI guidance, and strengthening Member engagement.

[Learn more and get involved in shaping the next phase of ODXF.](#)

Association of Enterprise Architects (AEA), India Chapter

AEA INDIA CONCLAVE 2025 - INSIGHTS, INNOVATION AND IMPACT

The third edition of AEA India's flagship event, brought together enterprise architects, policymakers, industry leaders, and academia to shape the future of digital enterprises. Organized under the theme "**Enterprise Architecture as the Catalyst for Intelligent, Resilient, and Ethical Value Creation,**" the conclave highlighted how organizations are harnessing the synergy between Enterprise Architecture and Artificial Intelligence to build adaptive, resilient, and self-optimizing enterprises.

The event was a remarkable success with over 100+ Enterprise Architects participating. It was made possible through the commitment of a dedicated team of volunteers and passionate practitioners devoted to advancing the Enterprise Architecture discipline. The conclave was sponsored by **Bizzdesign, SAP LeanIX, and erpOI AB**, in collaboration with **The Open Group** and supported by the **CSI Mumbai Chapter**.

The program featured inspiring industry keynotes, the **Poster Challenge, the interactive Voice of Architects session**, and dynamic leadership panels representing Government, Academia, and Industry.

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 (EACS) 2026

The Open Group INITIATE program is thrilled to announce the 3rd Edition of EACS inviting participants from both management (MBA or equivalent) and engineering (B.Tech/M.Tech or equivalent) disciplines. This competition promises a unique blend of immersive learning, hands-on problem-solving, and mentorship, offering students a profound experience in the dynamic realm of Enterprise Architecture.

Registrations for student teams are now open - [Register here](#).

Members can also get involved as Mentors, Jury Members, or Sponsors. To participate, [confirm your interest here](#) and the INITIATE team will connect with you.

Outreach and Spread

- **IIM Vishakhapatnam** - Sector specific case study sessions were delivered for management students in collaboration with Capgemini Senior Architects
- **IMT Hyderabad** - Masterclass Session on Enterprise Architecture was conducted for 2nd year MBA Students
- **SPIT Mumbai** - An introductory Enterprise Architecture session for undergraduate engineering students was delivered by Paresh Bhaide (TCS)

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

- [The TOGAF® Standard, 10th Edition Translation Glossary: English – Arabic](#)
- [Business Architecture for Nan Shan Life Insurance via Beyond Lab](#)
- [From Blueprint to Breakthrough: Digital Transformation in the Philippines' Pandemic Response Rapid Enterprise Architecture Deployment in National Crisis Management](#)

Recent Events and Webinars

- **The Open Group Summit, Houston, TX, November 3 – 6, 2025**
Event Proceedings can be found [here](#).
- [Overcoming Digital Transformation Challenges: Insights from The Open Digital Transformation™ Forum \(ODXF\) Webinar](#)
- [Open Footprint® Business Guide Overview – Webinar](#)

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

New Members in IMEA

Organization	Membership Level	Forum Entitlement
RIHAL	Silver	OSDU® Forum

(August 25' to December 25')

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