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Connected Government as the New Normal: Architecting for Strategic Foresight

Abstract:

The United Nations has recognized that transition towards the future of government requires a holistic and coherent framework, which cannot be delivered with piecemeal fragmented thinking and approach. Governments in the future will be more connected than ever before, by being FAST (*Flat, Agile, Streamlined and Tech-Savvy*). Singapore's eGov 2015 aims to fulfil the promise of connected government.

With its ability to manage complexity, Government Enterprise Architecture (GEA) has emerged as the essential means to drive public sector transformation and materialize connected government with demonstrable benefits. Elevating the effectiveness and quality of government services is not merely a matter of leading edge technologies; but also demands visionary leadership, strategic wisdom, clear directions and sound execution mechanisms. With *collaboration, connectedness* and *co-innovation* as the cornerstones of the governments of future, this example-rich session will broadly address the following:

- ❖ What is connected government? Why does it matter?
- ❖ What is the role and impact of Government EA on connected government? Whom does it concern? Where should it be positioned in the organization?
- ❖ What are the enablers and inhibitors to effective adoption of EA based connected government?
- ❖ What is the current state of practice in Singapore? Are there lessons to be learnt?

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Dr. Saha is the primary author of the *Methodology for AGENCY ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE (MAGENTA)* and *Government EA Guidebook* for the Government of Singapore and has led them to international prominence. They are available in IDS Scheer's ARIS Toolset. He is a recipient of the Microsoft research grant in the area of Government EA supported by the UN and the World Bank. He consults extensively and has provided consulting services to the Ministry of Defence, Defence Science and Technology Agency, Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore, Integrated Health Information Systems, IP Office of Singapore, CPF Board, SingHealth, Governments of Oman and Kazakhstan, and Great Eastern Life Assurance among others. He has been invited as a distinguished speaker to the World Bank, Carnegie Mellon University, UN University, The Open Group, Microsoft, SAP Labs, Denmark IT Society, Korea Institute for Enterprise Architecture, IEEE, GovCamp, Nanyang Business School, IIM Bangalore, Governments of South Australia, Jordan, UAE, Macau, Korea, Kazakhstan, Colombia, Nepal, Bangladesh, Taiwan and several Singapore government agencies. His work has been featured and cited by the UN, WHO, United States DoD, Carlsberg and The Open Group and has contributed to the World Bank's EA Guidelines for Vietnam and Bangladesh. Featured as an *Architect in the Spotlight* by the *Journal of EA* he has been an external examiner for research degrees to the University of New South Wales, University of Indonesia, a Visiting Researcher to the UN University, an expert reviewer to the ACM Enterprise Architecture Tech Pack and has been instrumental in bringing Asia's first GovCamp to Singapore. Dr. Saha is also the recipient of the 2010 Teaching Excellence Award of the NUS-ISS.