

PRESS RELEASE

Bhutan Joins the Global 50-in-5 Campaign to Advance Digital Public Infrastructure

Thimphu, Bhutan — June 4, 2026. The Royal Government of Bhutan is pleased to announce its participation in the global 50-in-5 campaign, reaffirming its commitment to advancing safe, inclusive, interoperable, and citizen-centric Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) as a foundation for the country's digital transformation journey.

By joining the 50-in-5 campaign, Bhutan becomes part of a growing coalition of countries working together to accelerate the development and adoption of DPI, while sharing learnings, best practices, and innovations that contribute to inclusive digital economies and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Bhutan's participation reflects its ongoing efforts to build trusted digital foundations through initiatives such as the Bhutan National Digital Identity (Bhutan NDI) ecosystem, which empowers individuals with secure and privacy-preserving digital credentials while enabling seamless access to public and private sector services.

The 50-in-5 campaign is a country-led global initiative that aims to support 50 countries in designing, implementing, and scaling components of Digital Public Infrastructure within five years. The campaign promotes international collaboration and knowledge exchange around digital identity, digital payments, data exchange, and other foundational digital systems that enable inclusive and sustainable development.

Commenting on Bhutan's participation, Jigme Tenzing, Secretary, GovTech Agency Bhutan stated:

"Bhutan's participation in the 50-in-5 campaign reflects our commitment to building a trusted, inclusive, and future-ready digital ecosystem that places people at the center of innovation. Through Bhutan NDI and our broader Digital Public Infrastructure initiatives, we are creating secure digital foundations that empower citizens, strengthen service delivery, and unlock new opportunities for economic growth and digital inclusion."

As part of the campaign, Bhutan will collaborate with participating countries and global partners to exchange practical implementation experiences, strengthen institutional and technical capacity, and explore innovative approaches to building resilient and interoperable digital systems.

Bhutan also aims to contribute its unique experiences in implementing a privacy-preserving and user-centric digital identity ecosystem, demonstrating how smaller nations can leverage agility, innovation, and strategic partnerships to accelerate digital transformation.

Digital Public Infrastructure serves as the foundation for delivering trusted and accessible digital services at scale. When implemented in a safe and interoperable manner, DPI can improve access to government services, support financial inclusion, enhance digital trust, promote innovation, and create new opportunities for citizens and businesses alike.