

Asia PKI Consortium Participates in Global Digital Collaboration (GDC25) in Geneva



The **Asia PKI Consortium (APKIC)** participated in the prestigious **Global Digital Collaboration 2025 (GDC25)** event held in **Geneva, Switzerland on 1–2 July 2025**, joining global stakeholders in shaping the future of digital trust, interoperability, and governance in digital trade.

As part of this international gathering, **Mr. Vijayakumar Manjunatha**, Secretary General of the Asia PKI Consortium, represented APKIC in a high-level **panel discussion** during the session titled “**Governance in Digital Trade**”. The panel was moderated by **Mr. Stephan Wolf** (CEO, GLEIF) and featured prominent speakers including **Philippe Page**, **Scott Perry**, **Chandra Challagonda**, and **Mr. Manjunatha**.

Advocating Federated and Interoperable Governance



In his remarks, Mr. Manjunatha emphasized APKIC’s strong support for **federated and interoperable governance models**—ones that respect **national sovereignty** while enabling seamless **cross-border digital trust**. He shared Asia’s experience in:

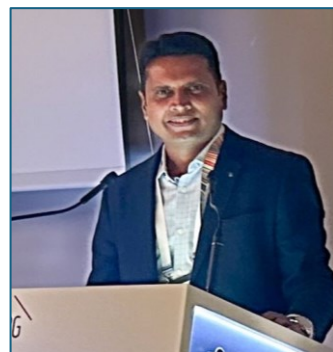
- Establishing **trusted root infrastructures** in multiple countries,
 - Aligning with **global standards** like ETSI, CABF, and GLEIF,
 - Facilitating **mutual recognition pilots** between member economies,
 - Promoting trust services as a key enabler for **secure digital trade**.
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He further reiterated the importance of **open, inclusive, and standards-based platforms**, ensuring the global digital economy remains secure, trusted, and interoperable.

Collaboration and Global Alignment

Asia PKI Consortium's participation in GDC25 builds upon its broader efforts to **bridge regional and international trust ecosystems**. With growing relevance of **Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)** and **e-signature frameworks** globally, the Consortium's engagement with initiatives like **Verifiable.Trade Foundation** and **GDC** demonstrates its continued commitment to collaborative innovation.

APKIC extended special appreciation to the **Verifiable.Trade Foundation** for its efforts in enabling this multilateral dialogue and to **Daniel Goldscheider**, the visionary behind the Global Digital Collaboration platform.



Looking Ahead

As digital trust becomes foundational to economic and societal functions, the Asia PKI Consortium remains committed to working with international partners to co-develop **globally recognized trust frameworks**, support **cross-border interoperability**, and enable **inclusive digital transformation**.

GDC25 served as a timely platform to reaffirm this commitment and to co-create mechanisms for trusted identities, verifiable credentials, and scalable digital governance.
