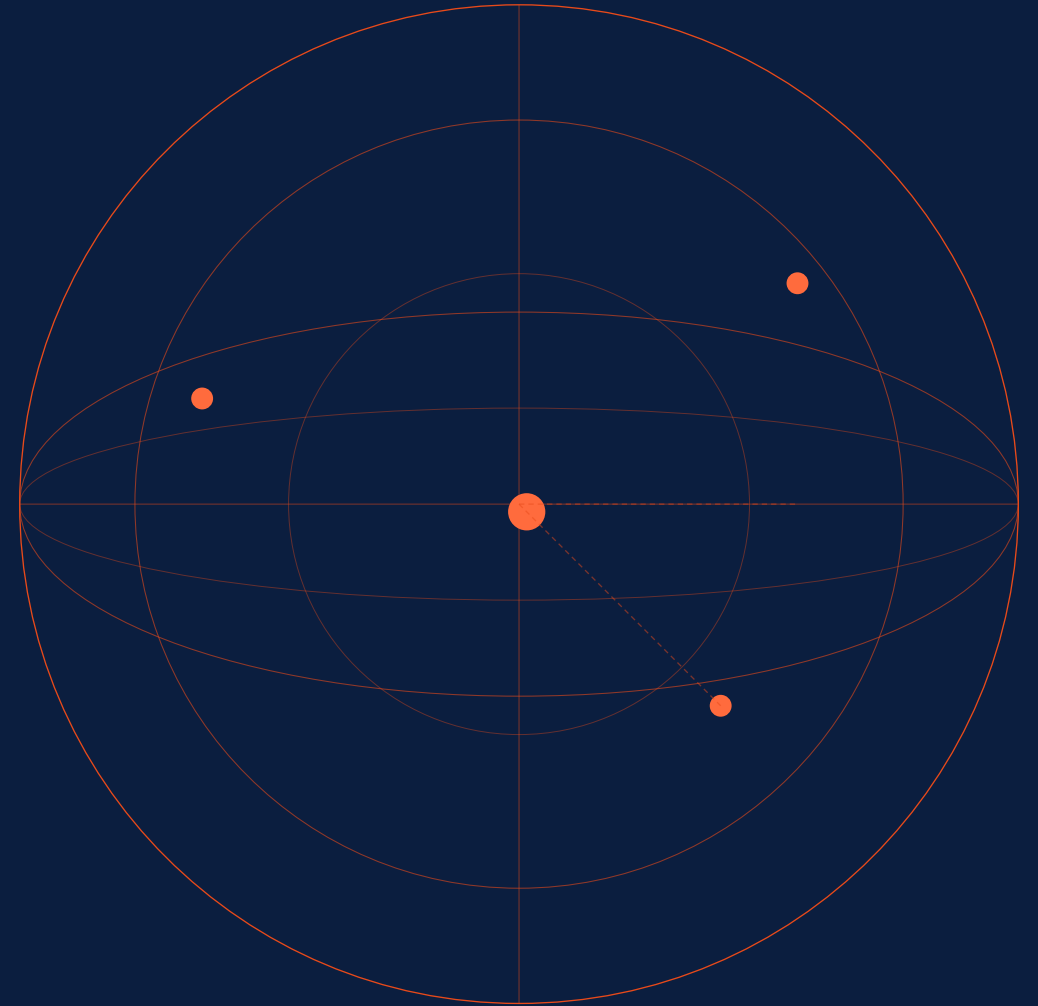


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**CONCLAVE**  
**2026**



**Guidelines for Participation in the Poster Session**

FRIDAY · 3 JULY 2026 · HOTEL SHANGRI-LA, BENGALURU · BY INVITE

SECTION 01 · ABOUT THE CONCLAVE

# World Digital Architect Conclave 2026

## Poster Sessions

WDAC was created with a simple belief — architects need a serious community of practice of their own. A forum where senior architects and technology leaders can step away from day-to-day delivery and engage deeply with peers on real architectural choices, trade-offs, patterns, and lessons. As enterprises move into an AI-native world, architects are being asked to make more complex and consequential decisions across platforms, data, cloud, security, integration, governance, experience, and business outcomes. WDAC is designed to bring this community together to learn, challenge, and shape the next practice of digital architecture.

*The Poster Session is one of the most active corners of the day — a space where architects bring real work to the room, walk peers through it, and gather feedback from leaders across industries. This document outlines what to expect and how to participate.*

### AT A GLANCE

DATE	Friday, 3 July 2026
TIME	8:30 AM – 6:00 PM
VENUE	Hotel Shangri-La, Bengaluru
FORMAT	In-person, single day
EDITION	Fourth
ENTRY	By invite

SECTION 02 · THE THREE PILLARS

# Why Posters Matter at WDAC

*Every poster anchors a conversation. The session is built on three pillars — each one a distinct value to the contributor.*

01

## Demonstrate Thought Leadership

Elevate your team's profile by demonstrating deep architectural thinking and fostering dialogue that can lead to new perspectives and potential collaborations.

02

## Present Innovation

A dynamic platform to present your organisation's cutting-edge IT architecture solutions, key industry insights, and proven best practices in a visually engaging format.

03

## Gain Expert Feedback & Insights

Showcase impactful case studies or solution frameworks to receive strategic input from industry leaders and peers, helping to refine your approaches.



SECTION 03 · SPIRIT OF THE SESSION

# Guidelines for a Valuable & Professional Exchange

## DO

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✓ **Focus on sharing experience.**

Showcase genuine insights, research, findings, and innovative architectural concepts.

✓ **Foster knowledge sharing.**

Aim to exchange expertise and contribute to collective understanding among peers.

✓ **Uphold professional integrity.**

Include direct, feature-by-feature comparisons or factual references — but never against named competitors.

## DON'T

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✗ **Don't use it as a sales channel.**

Avoid direct product advertisements or explicit commercial promotions.

✗ **Don't push marketing material.**

Skip marketing-specific solutions, generating leads, or sales pitches as the focal output.

✗ **Don't compare against competitors.**

Refrain from feature-by-feature comparisons positioned against named competitor products or services.

SECTION 03 · SPIRIT OF THE SESSION

# For “OEMs”

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Share architecture patterns, platform engineering practices, AI reference architectures, implementation lessons, operating models, governance frameworks, and enterprise-scale engineering experiences.

OEM and platform organizations are encouraged to present architecture enablement approaches, ecosystem learnings, and real-world implementation insights relevant to enterprise architects.

## AVOID

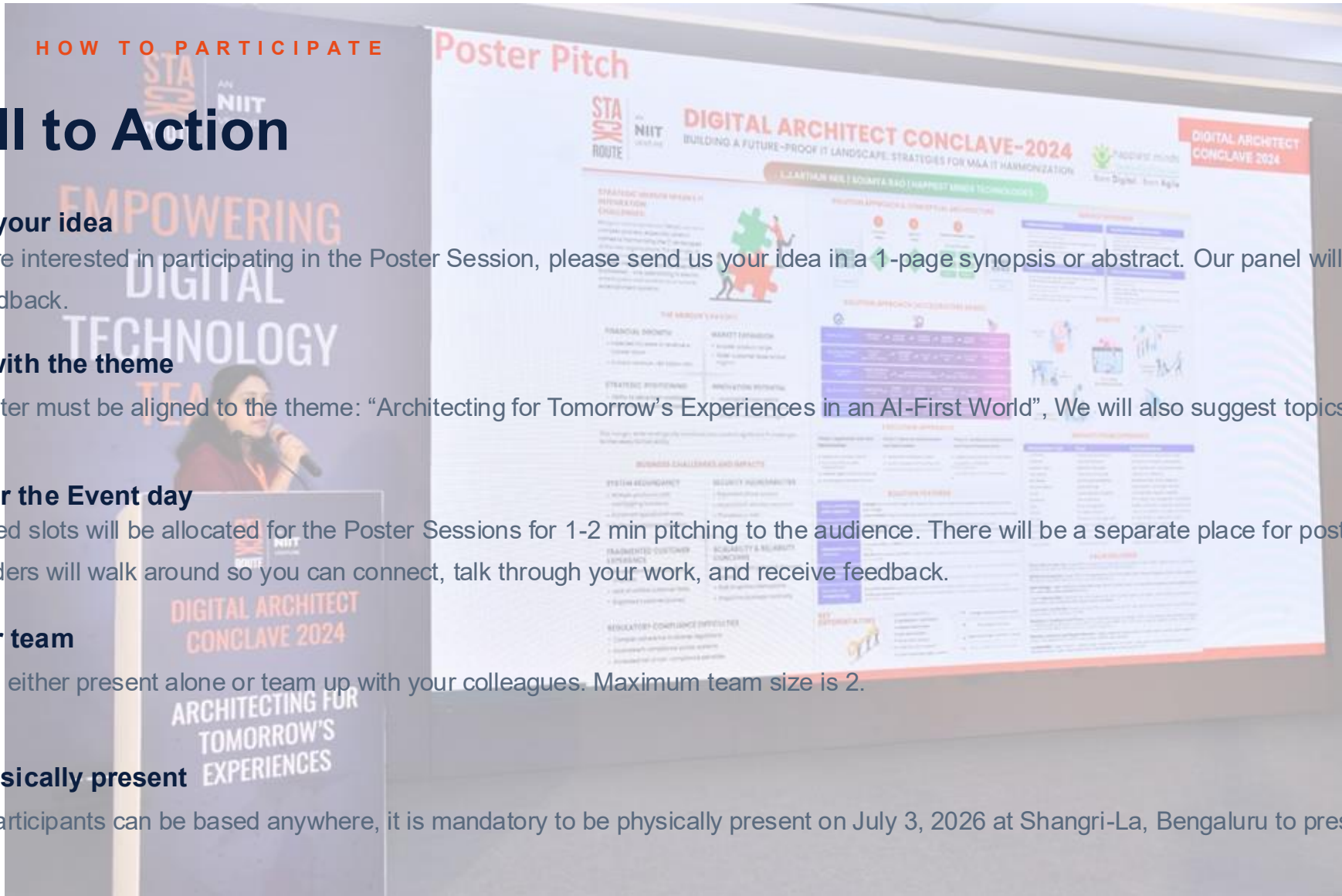
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Avoid product-led sales demonstrations, commercial pitches, pricing discussions, or lead-generation-oriented interactions.

SECTION 04 · HOW TO PARTICIPATE

# Your Call to Action

- 01 Share your idea**  
 If you are interested in participating in the Poster Session, please send us your idea in a 1-page synopsis or abstract. Our panel will review and revert with feedback.
- 02 Align with the theme**  
 The poster must be aligned to the theme: “Architecting for Tomorrow’s Experiences in an AI-First World”, We will also suggest topics for your poster.
- 03 Plan for the Event day**  
 Dedicated slots will be allocated for the Poster Sessions for 1-2 min pitching to the audience. There will be a separate place for poster display. Experts and leaders will walk around so you can connect, talk through your work, and receive feedback.
- 04 Solo or team**  
 You can either present alone or team up with your colleagues. Maximum team size is 2.
- 05 Be physically present**  
 While participants can be based anywhere, it is mandatory to be physically present on July 3, 2026 at Shangri-La, Bengaluru to present your poster.



# Other Topic Areas you can explore...

*(Not limited to these — your unique work is welcome.)*

## 01 Architecting the AI-Native Enterprise

- Designing systems with embedded AI agents and copilots
- Architecting GenAI-enabled enterprise workflows
- Feedback-driven architectures for continuous learning systems

## 03 AI-Driven DevOps & SRE (AIOps)

- Intelligent pipeline optimization and failure prediction
- AI-assisted observability and incident triaging
- Autonomous reliability engineering using ML/LLMs

## 05 Digital Twins & Simulation-Driven Architecture

- Using AI-powered digital twins for system simulation
- Predictive modeling of system behaviour and user journeys
- Architecture validation using simulation frameworks

## 07 GenAI-Augmented Architecture Practices

- Using LLMs for architecture design, documentation, validation
- AI-assisted trade-off analysis (cost vs latency vs performance)
- Automated architecture consistency and compliance checks

## 02 Agentic Systems & Autonomous Architectures

- Multi-agent orchestration for enterprise workflows
- Self-healing and self-optimizing systems using AI
- Decision automation frameworks in large-scale systems

## 04 Data Products & AI-Ready Data Architectures

- Data mesh and data product ecosystems for AI consumption
- Real-time data pipelines for AI-driven decision systems
- Architecting data platforms for GenAI and ML workloads

## 06 Responsible AI & Zero-Trust Architectures

- AI governance, guardrails, and compliance architectures
- Secure and privacy-aware AI pipelines
- Zero-trust applied to the AI/ML lifecycle

## 08 Enterprise AI Platform Architectures

- Building scalable AI platforms using AWS / Azure ecosystems
- LLMOps / MLOps architecture patterns
- Multi-model orchestration and cost-performance optimization

# More Topic Areas

## 09 Cross-Domain AI Collaboration

- Integrating platform, data, and AI architectures
- AI-driven enterprise transformation journeys
- API-first and AI-first platform ecosystems

## 10 Other Topics Aligned to Your Current Architecture Initiatives

- AI-enabled data integration frameworks
- Edge AI and edge-to-cloud architectures
- Intelligent automation platforms
- AI-driven document processing and knowledge systems

## 11 Other Contemporary Digital Architecture Topics

*Teams that have developed unique expertise in any of the following:*

- IT Operations Architecture — reliability, automation, incident response · Green IT / ESG-related architecture
- Blockchain architecture in India context (agriculture, logistics) · Industry-specific reference architectures (retail, insurance, healthcare)
- EAaaS — Enterprise Architecture as a Service: operating models and success stories · Data & analytics architectures for decision intelligence

# Dedicated Topic For OEMs

*(Not limited to these — your unique work is welcome.)*

## 01 AI Platforms, Cloud-Native & Enterprise Reference Architectures

- Enterprise reference architectures for AI-first modernization
- Platform engineering for AI-native enterprises
- AI-ready private cloud and hybrid architectures
- Kubernetes, orchestration, and enterprise AI platforms
- Secure AI infrastructure and governance frameworks
- Enterprise developer platforms and AI engineering ecosystems
- Large-scale modernization journeys and architecture blueprints

## First time? **Don't panic.**

*If you haven't participated in a poster session before and feel overwhelmed — you will receive mentoring. A panel of mentors will help you refine your work, build the poster, and prepare for the day.*

### **01** Send your synopsis

Share a 1-page synopsis or abstract by 20 May 2026 to [Neeti.Dugaya@niit.com](mailto:Neeti.Dugaya@niit.com)

### **02** Use the right subject line

Email subject must read: "World Digital Architect Conclave – 2026 – Poster"

### **03** Receive panel notification

The StackRoute panel will provide you a feedback on sent Synopsis on or before 1 June 2026.

### **04** Build your final poster

Once topic reviewed, work with mentors to detail the poster

SECTION 07 · PLAN & TIMELINES

# Poster Plan & Timelines

Poster Timelines	Expectations for Nominations	Dates	Tentative Slot-1	Tentative Slot-2
Last date for receiving Poster nominations	Sending the Synopsis/Idea	15 May 2026		
Mentoring Session for 1st Level Review	1st Level Poster Draft	21 May 2026	11-12:30 PM	7-8 PM
Mentoring Session for 1st Level Review	1st Level Poster Draft	26 May 2026	11-12:30 PM	7-8 PM
Mentoring Session for 2nd Level Review	Revised Poster	29 May 2026	11-12:30 PM	7-8 PM
Mentoring Session for 2nd Level Review	Revised Poster	02 June 2026	11-12:30 PM	7-8 PM
Mentoring Session for 2nd Level Review	Revised Poster	04 June 2026	11-12:30 PM	7-8 PM
Mentoring Session for 3rd Level Review	Final Poster	09 June 2026	11-12:30 PM	7-8 PM
Mentoring Session for 3rd Level Review	Final Poster	11 June 2026	11-12:30 PM	7-8 PM
Mentoring Session for 3rd Level Review	Final Poster	16 June 2026	11-12:30 PM	7-8 PM
Intimation for Shortlisted Posters & 1 min video byte on the posters	-	18 June 2026		
Final Mock Pitching for Shortlisted Posters	2 min pitch with ready poster	23 June 2026	TBD	
Final Mock Pitching for Shortlisted Posters	2 min pitch with ready poster	24 June 2026	TBD	
<b>Final Day of Presentation at Venue (In-person)</b>	<b>Hard Copy of Printed Poster</b>	<b>3 July 2026</b>	<b>8 AM onwards</b>	

*Note: All mentoring sessions will be conducted on Microsoft Teams.*

SECTION 08 · PREPARING THE FINAL POSTER

# Guidelines for the Final Poster

## TEAM SIZE

1 or 2 participants per poster.

## TEXT VS. VISUALS

Limit text to about one-fourth of the poster space. Use coloured graphs, photographs, schematics, and maps to tell your story.

## HEADER

Poster must bear the title and the name(s) of participant(s) with affiliation, positioned at the top-centre.

## TITLE TYPE

Use block letters, at least 8–10 cm (3–4 inches) high. Important content should be readable from 8–10 feet away.

## POSTER SIZE — STANDARD

Standard A0 size: 2.7 × 3.9 ft. Horizontal orientation. Digitally printed on photo glossy paper.

## POSTER SIZE — ALTERNATE

Arch E format: 48 × 36 inches (122 × 92 cm) — vertical or horizontal. 119 × 84 cm is also acceptable.

## PRINT QUALITY

Poster should be cleanly printed, and the text should be sharp, clear, and to the point.

## PRINT VENDOR

You can get your poster printed via Printo (<https://printo.in>).

SECTION 09 · FINAL CHECKLIST

# Checklist for the Final Poster

- StackRoute logo placed on the top-left corner.
- Your organisation logo placed on the top-right corner in the right proportion.
- Poster title positioned at the top-centre in the correct font and colour.
- Team member names included below the poster title.
- Each section has a clear section header / title.
- Text is spell-checked.
- All images are readable (300 DPI suggested).
- All references to market information / research sources are acknowledged.
- All trademarks of companies are acknowledged.
- Refrained from using specific competitor product / service comparisons.
- All acronyms are expanded somewhere in the poster.
- References to original work are included if your architecture is derived.
- 1–2 large, detailed architecture diagrams form the main element of the poster.
- Text limited to one-fourth of the space; visuals do most of the storytelling.
- Poster title in block letters.
- You're ready with a 1–2 minute elevator pitch when the expert visits.

# The best posters receive awards.

*The strongest posters — judged on architectural depth, originality, and the quality of conversation they generate — will be recognised at the closing of the conclave. Awards are presented on stage; recipients are invited to share a short reflection with the room.*

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Architectural Depth

Originality

Quality of Dialogue

# Poster Winners of Previous Edition 2025

Organization	Poster Participants	Topic	Award Category-2025
TEKSystems Global Services Pvt Ltd	Sourav, Jagadish	Precision Farming: IoT and Drone as a Service in Indian Agriculture	Best New Technology Adoption (Agriculture)
UST Global	Raman, Vijith, Ranjith	Future-Ready AI Platforms with Event-Driven, Composable, and Cloud-Agnostic Architectures	Best New Technology Adoption
DXC Technology	Pintu Maity	Intelligent Fraud Detection in Financial Services	Best Emerging Service
Mastek	Chetan, Chaitanya, Vijay	Harnessing smart sensors with Agentic AI for Intelligent Maritime Navigation	Best Industry Solution (Transport)
CTS	Srividhya Narayanan	Healthcare Appeals Without Delays	Best Industry Solution (Healthcare)

# Poster Winner **Glimpses**



LOOKING FORWARD TO HOSTING YOU

# Thank **you.**



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