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Linux Foundation announces new project “CAMARA - The Telco Global API Alliance” with Global Industry Ecosystem

Open source project to address industry API interoperability leveraging GSMA's specifications and Linux Foundation's Developer Ecosystem

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– [The Linux Foundation](#), the nonprofit organization enabling mass innovation through open source, and the [GSMA](#), a global organization unifying the mobile ecosystem to discover, develop and deliver innovation foundational to positive business environments and societal change, today announced a new, open source project: “CAMARA - The Telco Global API Alliance”. The global partnership will address challenges in scaling API services across heterogeneous operator and cloud architectures.

CAMARA offers a new venue for collaboration between network and cloud players (such as telcos, ISVs, device manufacturers, hyperscalers, etc.) to address challenges of scaling API services across heterogeneous operator architectures. By developing an open, global, and interoperable API solution, customer and developer ecosystems will have access to operator capabilities in whichever networks customers are in, allowing applications to run consistently between telco networks and different countries. This prevents fragmentation of telco and cloud developers and enables faster, more scalable advancement of global connectivity and broad industry adoption of new features and capabilities.

A close collaboration has been set up between the CAMARA project and the GSMA's Operator Platform initiative that is defining a federated platform solution for exposing operator network capabilities to external applications. This collaboration will ensure that the customers and developers relying on the CAMARA project's API solution and abstraction will facilitate users across operator networks.

“We are thrilled to enter into this next chapter of collaboration with the GSMA,” said Arpit Joshipura, general manager, Networking, Edge and IoT, the Linux Foundation. “By harnessing existing open source communities within CNCF, LF Networking, LF Edge and aligning to GSMA's OPG industry specifications, we are poised to address current challenges in API interoperability.”

“The Operator Platform initiative welcomes new members to join more than 40 leading operators, and 35 ecosystem partners, already working together on requirements and APIs. This type of collaboration with CAMARA is essential in accelerating scale to meet today's integration demands,” said Henry Calvert, head of Networks, GSMA. “We are very pleased to be

working with Linux Foundation, and our membership, on developing reliability and resilience in APIs, and simplifying challenges for our developer communities.”

DT quote from Alex Choi or Arash or new CTO/ EVP, DT <to be checked>

Learn more about CAMARA during MWC Barcelona: [\[insert related session details here\]](#).

More details about “CAMARA - The Telco Global API Alliance”, are also available at [INSERT URL](#), or via GitHub: https://github.com/camaraproject/rep_main.

CAMARA is [supported by](#) leading industry organizations, including: AT&T, Bell Canada, Deutsche Telekom AG, Ericsson, GSMA, IBM, Intel, KDDI, Microsoft, MobileEdgeX, NGNM Alliance, Nokia, Orange, Scenera, Telus, TIM, TMUS, and Telefonica. [<list to be checked after feedback from each logo>](#)

More details about the GSMA's Operator Platform initiative (and its closely related Telco Edge Cloud activity), are also <https://www.gsma.com/operatorplatform>.

About GSMA

The GSMA is a global organization unifying the mobile ecosystem to discover, develop and deliver innovation foundational to positive business environments and societal change. Our vision is to unlock the full power of connectivity so that people, industry, and society thrive. Representing mobile operators and organizations across the mobile ecosystem and adjacent industries, the GSMA delivers for its members across three broad pillars: Connectivity for Good, Industry Services and Solutions, and Outreach. This activity includes advancing policy, tackling today's biggest societal challenges, underpinning the technology and interoperability that make mobile work, and providing the world's largest platform to convene the mobile ecosystem at the MWC and M360 series of events. We invite you to find out more at gsma.com.

About the Linux Foundation

Founded in 2000, the Linux Foundation is supported by more than 2,000 members and is the world's leading home for collaboration on open source software, open standards, open data, and open hardware. Linux Foundation's projects are critical to the world's infrastructure including Linux, Kubernetes, Node.js, and more. The Linux Foundation's methodology focuses on leveraging best practices and addressing the needs of contributors, users and solution providers to create sustainable models for open collaboration. For more information, please visit linuxfoundation.org

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