

# Google AIR Meeting

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Hi all,

Naveen and I have been awarded a grant from Google to work with communities to develop “speculative fictions” that will articulate community-based perspectives on how AI might be more inclusive. We have a sketch of a plan for how we will do this work, in both India and South Africa, but we want to discuss the ideas and include all of you in how we are formulating the work and what we will do in Ocean View, Channapatna, and Bidar.

## Research Question/Aim:

To articulate community-centered perceptions of AI and what AI could be in the future.

We will answer these questions through two mechanisms:

1. A series of enabling and speculative workshops towards creating and iterating on community-generated approaches
2. A residency program enabling local artists to capture ideas for futuring AI over a period of time

From these two mechanisms we will reflect on the artefacts produced in the different methodological and geographical contexts, learning and building that has taken place in the communities, and what this means for the trajectory of human-centered AI.

With community members, we will develop a virtual and material showcase that has been collaboratively created and captured in a published book, website, and a digitally portable showcase (inethi or papad on a pi).

We had hoped to get started on the project last month, but there's been some reorganization on the India side, and we still need to apply for ethics clearance on the South Africa side. I am anticipating that we can start on the project in mid-June or July; it might be possible to do some initial engagements during the school holidays if that makes sense for people in Ocean View.

## Meeting Agenda

- Introductions
- Melissa and Naveen to introduce the project objectives
- Discussion and Initial insights
- Budget Review (we will leave budget processes for a separate meeting)
- Tentative Dates and People

Thanks to all of you for agreeing to meet! See you Friday!

All the best,  
Melissa

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