



Work 4 Progress India at the UNDP Workshop on Open Innovation Platforms in New York

“ a Caixa” Foundation and UNDP organised a workshop on Open Innovation Platforms in New York on 3rd April 2019, as part of their new programme called "[Accelerator Labs](#)". The open Innovation Platforms represent a departure from traditional, project-based efforts, recognising that new approaches to address deep systemic development issues are necessary to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The workshop brought together Open Innovation experts, UN Agencies, funding institutions, NGOs that are currently leading platform initiatives in India, Peru, Mozambique and Colombia to share their experience and explore future collaborations. The participants shared ideas around how open innovation platforms can provide mechanisms for designing, managing and evaluating systemic interventions for sustainable development; and what development organisations can do differently in order to realign their operations with emerging platforms for designing solutions to address the scale and scope of present day challenges.

Kanika Verma (Programme Director, Development Alternatives) represented Work 4 Progress (W4P) India. The programme aims to accelerate the creation of meaningful and dignified employment through the creation of platforms for innovation, action and continuous learning. W4P uses social innovation methods that encourage dialogue-based participation by the community to co-create model solutions and share learning with others to generate impact at scale.