

**Candidate for Executive Council Member
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BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Venkateswaran is currently a Professor of Practice at COEP Technological University. He is an industry thought leader with more than 30 years of IT Industry experience, including leadership roles at Persistent Systems (Pune) and as a Researcher at Bell Laboratories, USA. He is actively associated with several academic institutes in fostering the Industry-Academia interactions. In the ACM India Council, he co-chairs the External Engagement committee and has hosted several Industry Webinars, bootcamps and industry events. He has conducted over 50 technical sessions reaching 4000 students across India as part of the ACM India Eminent Speaker Program.

STATEMENT

An active member since 2012, I have been an ACM India Council member in the current term and involved directly with several initiatives fostering collaborative and sustained engagement with industry practitioners to create measurable value for academia and industry.

As Co-Chair of the External Engagement Committee, I have helped:

- Onboard two new institutional partners with multi-year commitments to sustain various initiatives.
- Initiate the new Outstanding Applied Innovation in Computing (OAIC) Award that recognizes practitioners delivering innovative and impactful, real-world computing solutions to societal challenges.
- Champion the monthly Industry Webinar Series and multiple Industry bootcamps to provide a platform for Industry thought leaders and practitioners to share their expertise with the 18000+ members.

If re-elected to the ACM India Council for another term, I intend to focus on:

1. Championing practitioner-centric initiatives that foster sustained and outcome-driven engagement between industry and academic communities.
2. Increase ACM India's reach to regions that enable more inclusive participation and broader geographic representation.
3. Expanding and mentoring a larger network of committed volunteers to strengthen execution capacity and develop the next generation of ACM India leaders.

I am fully committed to advancing ACM India's mission with integrity and sincerity.