

KEYNOTE SPEAKER • NONPROFIT SECTOR

Meena Das

Founder & CEO, **Namaste Data** — Human-Centric AI & Data Equity



Meena Das helps nonprofit teams adopt AI and data practices that keep people — not tools — at the center.

A BIPOC, immigrant-led voice in a field crowded with hype, she turns complex questions about AI ethics, equity, and data dignity into honest, energizing conversations a whole organization can act on — from frontline staff to the board.

*“I speak because too often, the people shaping data and AI decisions are not the ones most impacted by them. My job is to open that room — and make sure the conversations center **justice, not just technology.**”*

20,000+

AUDIENCE REACHED

150+

TALKS DELIVERED

300+

SPEAKING HOURS

30–1,000+

AUDIENCE SIZE

SIGNATURE KEYNOTES — each adaptable from 20 to 60 minutes

We Are the Infrastructure

Why the future of human-centric AI in the social sector runs through people, not platforms.

Audiences leave with: a clear-eyed view of what AI can and can't do for mission work · a language for putting human judgment back at the center · a first step their team can take on Monday.

Trust Is Not a Feature

Building responsible AI adoption that's rooted in organizational values — not compliance checkboxes.

Audiences leave with: the difference between ethical intent and ethical practice · the questions to ask before adopting any AI tool · a values-first readiness lens for their own organization.

The Data We Didn't Collect

How equitable, non-extractive data collection changes whose stories get told — and whose decisions get made.

Audiences leave with: how bias enters long before analysis · practical principles for community-centered data · ways to close the feedback loop with the people behind the data.

Meena Das — *Speaker Kit*

SELECTED STAGES

AFP ICON — 2024 · 2025 · 2026

Blackbaud — Keynote 2025

AASP — Keynote 2026

AFP Global

Bloomerang

CASE Utah

501 Commons

DonorPerfect

Imagine Canada

Future of Good

Cooperation Canada

Mission Capital

Teal = United States engagements

FORMATS & BEST-FIT AUDIENCES

- Keynote** — opening or closing, 20–60 min
 - Interactive workshop** — hands-on, team capacity-building
 - Moderated panel / fireside** — AI ethics & governance
 - Virtual webinar** — single session or multi-week lab
- ### MADE FOR
- Fundraising & development teams
 - Nonprofit leadership & boards
 - Funders, foundations & capacity builders
 - Sector & philanthropy conferences

WHAT ORGANIZERS SAY

“An outstanding job framing the session — she made clear that **everyone** has a role to play, whether or not they work with data directly.

THEATRE COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

“Meena engages her audiences through easy-to-understand, applicable examples — tailoring her expertise to exactly what attendees need.

CNP

“Hands-on and engaging — I felt like I was chatting with a good friend. I left inspired and empowered to bring meaningful change.

DODGE CENTER

“Meena has presented to our community several times — always well attended and warmly received. An excellent presenter with a deep command of her field.

APRA CANADA · WEBINAR HOST

“She broke down complex concepts into clear, practical guidance — making the topic approachable for everyone in the room.

HOST · MASSACHUSETTS NONPROFITS

Bring Meena to your stage.

Keynotes, workshops & panels — in person or virtual

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