

CenturyLink Executive Vice President and CTO Aamir Hussain Joins MEF Board of Directors

World-class Board is driving efforts to enable agile, assured, and orchestrated MEF 3.0 services that are optimized for the digital economy

Los Angeles, 7 February 2018 – [MEF](#) is pleased to announce that Aamir Hussain, Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, CenturyLink, has joined the [MEF Board of Directors](#). He is welcomed by an outstanding Board of service and technology provider executives and other senior experts who are guiding the organization’s ambitious MEF 3.0 initiative to transform the communications industry.

“We are delighted to have Aamir Hussain join the MEF Board and appreciate the depth of insight he brings as the CTO of one of the world’s largest and most innovative service providers,” said Nan Chen, President, MEF. “We have an extraordinary Board team with the talent and experience to help us accelerate the rollout of MEF 3.0 services and technologies on a worldwide basis. We look forward to making exciting progress in coming quarters.”

Mr. Hussain, who has been CenturyLink’s CTO since 2014, is a veteran technology executive with more than 25 years of proven success in the implementation of global technology operations. He is responsible for overseeing the company’s worldwide network, technology transformation, architecture and innovation roadmap, including Product Development, Network Virtualization, IT Operations, Digital Platform Development, Physical/Network Security, and Network, Cloud and Managed Services.

The MEF Board is focused on expanding the community of service providers, technology vendors, and other companies that are committed to MEF 3.0 work to define, deliver, and certify agile, assured, and orchestrated services across a global ecosystem of automated networks. MEF 3.0 blends sophisticated, standardized services with an emerging suite of LSO (Lifecycle Service Orchestration) APIs to provide an on-demand, cloud-centric experience with unprecedented user- and application-directed control over network resources and service capabilities.

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About MEF

An industry association of 200+ member companies, MEF recently introduced the MEF 3.0 transformational global services framework for defining, delivering, and certifying agile, assured, and orchestrated services over a global ecosystem of automated networks. MEF 3.0 services are designed to provide an on-demand, cloud-centric experience with user- and application-directed control over network resources and service capabilities. MEF 3.0 services are delivered over automated, virtualized, and interconnected networks powered by LSO, SDN, and NFV. MEF produces service specifications, LSO frameworks, open LSO APIs, software-driven reference implementations, and certification programs. MEF 3.0 work will enable automated delivery of standardized Layer 1, Carrier Ethernet, IP, SD-WAN, and Layer 4-7 services across multiple provider networks. For more information: <https://www.mef.net>.

Additional resources:

- [MEF YouTube Channel](#)
 - [MEF 3.0 Overview](#)
 - [MEF 3.0 Launch Video](#)
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