

8th Annual INDIA AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDARDS

 Virtual
Conference

International Dialogues and Conference
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Accelerating and Reinforcing Transformative Change for Societal Resilience



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Enabling Change for Impact

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About 'India and Sustainability Standards Conference'

Centre for Responsible Business CRB's annual flagship conference 'India and Sustainability Standards: International Dialogues and Conference' convenes international and Indian businesses, policymakers and all stakeholders to dialogue and develop roadmaps across issues and industry sectors – in supporting the momentum towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

CRB believes that sustainable business principles are a key ingredient that businesses of the future (and businesses with a purpose) should integrate into their enduring core values – that should ultimately inform their strategies and operations.

In the eighth edition of ISS, our endeavor is to convene a diverse set of stakeholders to understand and deliberate on the opportunities and challenges of integrating sustainability in core business practices and strategies.

Journey so far



Overview of ISS 2021

2021 is an important year and presents great opportunities with a number of global events like the COPs on climate, biodiversity and desertification; Global Food Systems Summit; 10th anniversary of the UNGPs; Generation Equality Forum and so on. These and other such events are expected to explore answers to pertinent issues on the sustainability agenda. CRB has been trying to make sense of what these global developments signify for India's aspiration to meet the SDGs, especially post COVID19.

Over 800 delegates and 60 organisations who participated in CRB's seventh annual sustainability conference in October 2020, echoed the value of sustainable enterprise, markets and society for achieving resilience and equity in the long-term. The need for applying a systems lens and fostering unconventional and bold collaborative models were underlined.

At the 8th edition of CRB's annual sustainability conference (27-29 October 2021), some prominent issues will take centre stage, these include:

- ⦿ Addressing climate risks through net zero GHG emission and commitment towards carbon neutrality
- ⦿ Reducing human led environmental damages by adopting and promoting sustainable and circular business models, including value chains
- ⦿ Examining the role(s) that businesses can play in protecting nature and conserving biological diversity
- ⦿ Addressing inequality through an effective business and human rights framework, building on the experience of the UNGPs and the National Action Plans (NAPs)
- ⦿ Fostering collaboration and cooperation across stakeholders, geographies, power and institutional structures and systems
- ⦿ Viewing the evolving role of technology and finance as enablers, thereby reducing the divide they seem to have created

Overall Format

- ⦿ ISS 2021 will be built around a live and interactive agenda that includes Inaugural Session, and two High Level Panels on Day 1 and parallel breakout sessions (90 mins each) on Day 2 & 3
- ⦿ The online "virtual event" experience will incorporate engagement approaches including live polls, chat functionality and networking lounge

Inaugural
Session

0930-1130hrs

*Accelerating and Reinforcing
Transformative Change for a
Resilient Society*

CHIEF GUEST

SHRI. SURESH PRABHU
Member of Parliament

KEYNOTE

PROF. MERVYN KING
Senior Counsel and former Judge
The Supreme Court of South Africa

SPECIAL GUEST

JAMSHYD N. GODREJ
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Faculty Member, Manchester
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Honorary Chairperson, CRB

NADIA RASHEED

Deputy Resident Representative in India
United Nations Development
Programme (UNDP)High - Level
Panel 1

1145-1315hrs

*Examining Our Willingness &
Ability to Drive Transformative
Change*

CHAIR

ARUN MAIRA
Former Member
Planning Commission
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- What is our understanding of 'Transformative Change' as embedded in the 2030 Agenda?
- What role can measurements play to produce desirable changes in complex system?
- What checks and balances should we have in place to mitigate unintended consequences of wrong/incomplete measurements/metrics?
- Are we investing enough in building resilient systems/societies? What are some of the emerging signs?



JANEZ POTOČNIK

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Resource Panel

ANSHU GUPTA

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High - Level Panel 2

1400-1530 hrs

Enabling Business Contribution towards a Resilient Society



CHAIR

RAJEEV DUBEY

Group President (HR & Corporate Services) & CEO (After-Market Sector) Member of the Group Executive Board, Mahindra & Mahindra

- Why and how will business balance the trade-offs between competitiveness, growth and social/environmental impacts in the recovery phase?
- How can we better integrate the needs and aspirations of SMEs in the recovery process?
- What will help businesses improve their ability to identify and address vulnerabilities in their value chain and in the wider society?
- What enabling factors will support 'business unusual' achieve measurable positive impacts on lives, livelihoods and nature?



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Director, Market Transformation Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO)



KIRTI POONIA

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Chief Financial Officer Nayara Energy



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Executive Director Business for Nature



RICHARD HOWITT

Strategic Advisor on Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability, Business and Human Rights

Plenary

1545-1615 hrs

India's Taxonomy: Defining Sustainable Economic Activities



MODERATOR

KARANRAJ CHAUDRI

Advisor
SDG & Innovative Finance, UNDP India

- Provide an overview of global Taxonomy Development
- What are the objectives behind Taxonomy Development and how Taxonomies can be used
- Key considerations to be kept in mind for Taxonomy Development & India's high-level approach
- How best to promote adoption of Taxonomy globally



NEHA KUMAR

India Programme Manager Climate Bonds Initiative



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CEO Centre for Responsible Business (CRB)



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Director, Climate Policy Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation

TIMING	TITLE	
10:00-11:30	Strengthening North-South Dialogue for Co-Operation and Action on Business and Human Rights	
11:45-13:15	Integrating Sustainable Production and Trade of Forest linked Commodities	
	Family Friendly Policies (FFPS): A Pathway for Responsible Value Chain and Acceleration Towards SDGs	
	A Multistakeholder Dialogue on the Elimination of Child Labour in Indian Readymade Garment Value Chain	
	Collaboration as a Lever of Change	
14:00-15:30	Proposed Sustainability Framework for FPOs	
	India - Sustainable Palm Oil Dialogue, 2021 Shared Responsibility for Sustainable Palm Oil in India	
	Made in India: Promoting Growth and Resilience through the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights	
	Roadmap for Tackling Food Loss and Waste in India: Policy, Practice, and Partnerships	
	Exploring Best Practices to Eliminate Child Labour in Supply Chains	
15:45 - 17:15	Brick by Brick - Exploring Inclusive & Effective Business Models for the Brick Sector in India	
	Collaboratives Approaches for Setting Industry Expectations in Sustainability and Food Safety	
	Contribution of EU Businesses in Promoting Sustainability and SDGs in India: Challenges & Opportunities	
	Multi-stakeholder Partnerships for Sustainable Forest Management and Livelihoods	
	Exploring Alternate Livelihood Options for Tea Plantation Workers to Ensure a Better Living Condition	
	Decade of Action: 2020-30 Why Should Sustainability Standards Engage Millennials?	
17:30-18:30	Branded Rooms – Lead Partners	

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10:00-11:30	Opportunities & Challenges for Businesses to Drive Nature positive Recovery and Conserve Biodiversity	 
11:45-13:15	Strategy to implement the Circular Economy Vision for the IT & Electronics Sector in India	 
	Sustainability Education in B-Schools	
	BRIDGING THE GAP - SDGs, Informal Work & Priority Action Agenda	             
	Role of Voluntary Sustainability Standards (VSS) in Post COVID-19 Recovery	
14:00-15:30	Multistakeholder Dialogue on Sustainable Sugar Supply Chain	 
	Dismantling the Barriers: Enabling Women-Led Enterprises to Access Global Value Chains	    
	Launch of FOLU India Action Coalition for Responsible Sourcing & Trade of Commodities (FOLU India CREST)	    
	Challenges and Opportunities to Promoting SDGs in the Gems and Jewellery Sector in India	   
	Guiding Principles for Credible Sustainability Systems: ISEAL Credibility Principles v2	
15:45-17:15	Resource Efficiency and Climate Change: Material Efficiency Strategies and Untapped Climate Solutions for Business	

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

29th October
2021

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15:45-17:15	Modern Slavery and the Governance of Global Value Chains	 
	Driving Behaviour Change with Consumer Sustainability Information	 
		
17:30-18:30	Closing Plenary	 

Imagining Inclusive Circular Fashion Futures Workshop

October 26th | Time: 02:30 PM - 05:00 PM

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