

# 29 countries pledge to protect global commons

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**NEW DELHI:** Global leaders and policymakers from 29 countries pledged to protect the global commons and adopt sustainable methods on the final day of The Energy and Resources Institute's Delhi Sustainable Development Summit-2012 here on Saturday.

TERI Director-General R. K. Pachauri said: "The summit is an important platform, and this year's theme highlighted the over-exploitation of the earth's commons, which is the cumulative result of decades of growth and development with serious impacts on our ecosystems. We, therefore, owe it to the generations yet to come, and

the underprivileged of this generation to see that we bring about a major shift in priorities and rejuvenation of resources which have been depleted."

The three-day summit, which was inaugurated by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, included a total of 16 special events, including the world CEO sustainability summit, which drew participation from 90 CEOs and corporate representatives, 40 government representatives and 50 institutional/non-government organisations.

"The Global Challenge for Resource Efficient and Low Carbon Development" will be the theme for TERI DSDS-2013, which was unveiled at the valedictory session of DSDS-2012.