

DSDS first global meeting of world leaders before Rio+20

MANMOHAN SINGH TO INAUGURATE THE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY SUMMIT IN DELHI



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PRIME MINISTER Manmohan Singh will inaugurate the two-day Delhi Sustainable Development Summit (DSDS), starting on February 2.

The annual event will be the first important meeting of global leaders ahead of the June 2012, Rio+20, RK Pachauri, director general of

The Energy Resources Institute (TERI) said on Monday.

The June 2012 Rio summit marks 20 years of the 1992 Earth Summit which will witness leaders of the world come together to deliberate and devise a plan for a sustainable future.

Talking about the forthcoming summit, Pachauri said, "The DSDS has clearly evolved as the most important gathering of leaders from all over the world and

from every profession, including government, business and industry, research and academia and civil society. The summit will focus on the challenge of attaining sustainable development worldwide.

In its twelfth edition DSDS will focus on the theme, 'Protecting the Global Commons: 20 Years Post Rio,' the TERI director general said.

The DSDS is an annual event held in New Delhi since 2001, and tackles key developmental issues of the times, it is the only forum on global sustainability issues, with a thrust on problems relating to the developing world.

"DSDS 2012 will examine what has since been achieved and how awareness had been created; it will attempt to define new directions to be followed; and set an agenda for further action," Pachauri added.

DSDS 2012 will be preceded by the World CEO Sustainability Summit, on 1 February, 2012. The event is co-organized by the TERI Business Council for Sustainable Development, India and, the World Business Council for Sustainable Development, Geneva.

The Summit will engage

the renowned from the world of corporate and environmental policymakers to come up with possible methods of, 'Doing Business, While Protecting the Global Commons.'

Along with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, other global and Indian leaders

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who are expected to attend the summit include Tarja Halonen, President of Finland, Anote Tong, President of Kiribati, James Alix Michel, President of Seychelles, Bharrat Jagdeo, former president of Guyana, Dr Gro Harlem Brundtland and former prime minister of Norway and Member of the UN Secretary General's Global Sustainability Panel, Norway, Arnold Schwarzenegger, founding chair, R20 - Regions of Climate Change & former governor, California, USA, India, and Dr RK Pachauri, Director General of TERI and Chair of IPCC will also attend the two day summit.