Gorbachev to attend TERI summit

New Delhi: Former Soviet Union President Mikhail Gorbachev and Finland’s ex-President Tarja Halonen are among the eminent personalities attending the TERI’s upcoming edition of sustainable development summit here.

The 14th annual Delhi Sustainable Development Summit (DSDS-2013), slated to be held here from January 31 to February 2, will explore the diverse dimensions of promoting resource-efficient development and attempt to strengthen the global momentum for green growth as raised at the Rio+20 Conference.

Playing host to a plethora of illustrious speakers, the DSDS will also bring together the top leaders of three Development Banks - Haruhiko Kuroda, president of the Asian Development Bank, Donald Kaberuka, President of the African Development Bank and Walter Vergara, Chief, Climate Change and Sustainability Division, Inter-American Development Bank. Former President of Guyana Bharrat Jagdeo will also attend the summit.

“We attempt to get senior policymakers and ministers from a range of countries for each annual Delhi Sustainable Development Summit,” director-general of TERI R K Pachauri said.

“We believe that it is important not only to get the insights and views of senior policymakers but also to expose them to the rich discussion and debate that takes place in every Summit,” he said. Nobel Laureate Carlo Rubbia, Thomas L Friedman, Foreign Affairs Columnist, The New York Times, Nassir Abdulaziz Al Nasser, President of the 66th session of the UN General Assembly, Brice Lalonde, Executive Coordinator of Rio+20, Bruno Lafont, Chairman and CEO, Lafarge Group, France have also consented their presence in the summit, the Energy and Resources Institute said.