

If you accept climate disruption, then there will be development disruption



Heads of State, Nobel Laureates and thought leaders recently converged at the 15th Delhi Sustainable Development Summit 2015 (DSDS) to find solutions for some of the key issues that will shape our planet. This flagship event of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) provided a unique platform to further the developmental dialogue on this year's theme of 'Sustainable Development Goals and Dealing with Climate Change'. The DSDS 2015 is

significant as the post-2015 development agenda is being finalized -- the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) is expected to adopt the new set of goals in September 2015 and the climate negotiations (Conference of Parties -- CoP21) will be held at Paris later this year.

The special address was delivered by Mr. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Founding Chair, R20 -- Regions of Climate Change, & Former Governor, California. Commenting on the need for immediate action he said, "Climate change is no science fiction. We need both a bottom up and a top down approaches. India will be a major player in the climate negotiations. We need action, not hesitation."

Mr. Schwarzenegger also stressed the need for innovative approaches and practical solutions to the climate crisis, highlighting as an example, TERI's Lighting a Billion Lives campaign where solar lanterns were provided as a clean alternative to the polluting kerosene lamps.