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World Sustainable Development Forum

DSDS 2006

The WSDF (World Sustainable Development Forum) was formed in 2005 with a distinguished set of patrons. The purpose of the Forum is to create awareness and actions towards meeting the objectives of sustainable development globally. The DSDS (Delhi Sustainable Development Summit) organized by TERI annually is one small step towards creating awareness, and exchanging knowledge and experiences by which the benefits of sustainable development can be spread and implemented worldwide.



However, it is important to carry this effort further across the globe. With this in view, the WSDF is organizing a small event in **Shirakawa, Japan** in **May 2006** through the courtesy and hospitality of **Toyota Motor Corporation**. It would be a Business Forum on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development discussing the role of science and technology, and the need to bridge the divide between developed and developing countries in this field.

The 21st century has been dubbed the century of the environment. The Toyota Shirakawa-Go Eco-Institute opened in April 2005 to respond to the educational needs of this new environmental age. We invite any expressions of interest for participation in the Shirakawa event from distinguished participants of DSDS 2006.

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Director-General, TERI

Participation only by invitation



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To maintain the momentum set by the successive past Summits and to ensure that the DSDS experience is spread to other parts of the world, TERI constituted the WSDF (World Sustainable Development Forum). Further, the WSDF will study the linkages across each of the MDGs and adopt an integrated approach that would not only penetrate each segment of society, but would also bring about efficiency in the use of resources expended in meeting these goals.

TERI, through the WSDF, would work in partnership with other like-minded organizations to ensure that a continuous flow of knowledge is maintained and disseminated to meet the MDGs and in fact to go beyond.

The forum would recognize annually a global leader for outstanding contributions to sustainable development, a

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- **HE Mr Kjell Magne Bondevik**, former Prime Minister of Norway
- **Lord John Browne**, Group Chief Executive, BP
- **HE Mr Olafur Ragnar Grimsson**, President of Iceland
- **HE Mr Ryutaro Hashimoto**, former Prime Minister of Japan
- **Mr Jeffrey Immelt**, Chairman and CEO, General Electric Company, USA
- **Mr Kamal Nath**, Hon'ble Minister for Commerce and Industry, Government of India

continuation of the Sustainable Development Leadership Award instituted in DSDS 2005 and awarded to Dr Shoichiro Toyoda, Honorary Chairman / Member of the Board, Toyota Motor Corporation, Japan.

Objectives of the WSDF

- Undertake research to assess the progress achieved in meeting the MDGs.
- Address the technological gap between the North and the South and the potential of technological solutions and their actual use.
- Bring out theme papers and publications to serve the larger objectives of sustainability as an ongoing endeavour.
- Sensitize and generate awareness by organizing RSDS (regional sustainable development summits) in other parts of the world.

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- **Dr Jose Antonio Ocampo**, Under Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations
- **Mr A Raja**, Hon'ble Minister for Environment and Forests, Government of India
- **Prof. Jeffrey D Sachs**, Director, The Earth Institute
- **Prof. Klaus Töpfer**, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme, Nairobi
- **Dr Shoichiro Toyoda**, Honorary Chairman/Member of the Board, Toyota Motor Corporation, Japan

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Science and technology considerations are involved in virtually all facets of the 21st century – whether controlling proliferation of arms, protection against threats to infrastructure, addressing HIV/AIDS and other global infectious diseases, protecting biodiversity, or mitigating pollution issues – science is indispensable to understanding the problems, and technology is central to their remediation. The world today, is essentially driven by technology, energy, medicine and health, clean air and water, transportation, sanitation, management use, and conservation of natural resources—all are based ultimately in science and technology. So it becomes obvious and necessary to have elements of science and technology in the development process. Achieving sustainability in development demands new knowledge, which science and technology must provide. Thus research and innovation are essential to increasing our abilities to deal with the sustainable development challenge.

The event in Shirakawa, Japan, is the second regional event under the WSDF banner. It would be a focused session with a participation of about 100 people.

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