

GALAXY OF EMINENT SPEAKERS AND HEADS OF STATE TO ATTEND TERI'S FLAGSHIP EVENT DSDS 2013

The 13th annual Delhi Sustainable Development Summit, slated to be held from January 31-February 02, 2013 in New Delhi, 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.

New Delhi, Dec 21th, 2012: Playing host to a plethora of illustrious speakers, the **DSDS 2013** will bring together the top leaders of three Development Banks--**Mr. Haruhiko Kuroda**, President of the Asian Development Bank; **Mr. Donald Kaberuka**, President of the African Development Bank; **Mr. Walter Vergara**, Chief, Climate Change and Sustainability Division, Inter-American Development Bank, on a common platform.

The presence of the top leaders of the development banks at DSDS 2013 assumes significance since the role of the development banks in the less developed regions is well recognised but inadequately emphasized.

In the past, the summit has witnessed the participation of 33 heads of states, ministerial representation from 43 countries, and has been inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India since 2010. The upcoming edition of the summit will also witness the presence **Ms. Tarja Halonen**, Former President, Finland, **H.E. Mr Mikhail Sergeevich Gorbachev**, Former President of the Former Soviet Union, **H.E. Mr Bharrat Jagdeo**, Former President, Guyana.

Nobel Laureate Carlo Rubbia, **Mr . Thomas L Friedman**, Foreign Affairs Columnist , The New York Times, USA. **H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser**, President of the sixty-sixth session of the UN General Assembly, **Mr. Brice Lalonde**, Executive Coordinator of Rio+20; **Mr. Bruno Lafont**, Chairman and CEO, Lafarge Group, France have also consented their presence in the summit. These names are among the first of the many distinguished luminaries that have confirmed and many more such eminent personalities are expected at DSDS 2013. **Nobel Laureate Ms.Tawakkol Karman** has also expressed her keen interest to attend the summit.