

15th DELHI SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT

Sustainable Development Goals and Dealing with Climate Change

February 5–7, 2015, New Delhi, India

Curtain Raiser – February 4, 2015
High Level Corporate Dialogue

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The DSDS 2015 Masthead

The art of the Gond tribe of India expresses through fine lines, dots, and dashes their everyday quest for life. Gond paintings portray folk and *puranic* deities, birds, animals, fish, trees, or simply events of life. Viewing a good image begets good luck; this inherent belief led the Gonds to decorate their houses and the floors with traditional tattoos and motifs. However, the art has since transposed onto paper and canvas. The DSDS 2015 masthead draws inspiration from this traditional art form of India, to depict the close connection between nature and humankind.



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February 4 — Curtain Raiser: High Level Corporate Dialogue

Started in 2004, the High Level Corporate Dialogue has become an integral part of DSDS, bringing together eminent international and Indian CEOs to discuss the challenges businesses face in the context of sustainable development. Till date, the event has attracted over 1,500 CEOs, senior government officials, and thought leaders from across the globe. The 2014 Corporate Dialogue discussions centred on the theme 'How will Indian Businesses lead India's Energy, Water, and Food Security?' The next edition of the Corporate Dialogue, to be held on February 4, 2015, will provide business perspectives towards defining the SDGs.



Glimpses of the High Level Corporate Dialogue 2014



The UN General Assembly while formulating and laying down the SDGs would be required to adhere to the work done in this area in the past, including Agenda 21, which came into existence in the first Rio Summit in 1992 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation agreed on in 2002. Among the requirements for setting SDGs, there is an explicit need to ensure active involvement of all relevant stakeholders, as appropriate, in the process. DSDS 2015 would be a unique opportunity to focus on the SDGs and provide vital inputs to the process being followed by the UN General Assembly. The benefit and value of the output on the SDGs to be produced at DSDS 2015 would be an effort totally unencumbered by official limitations and the result of deliberations involving all stakeholders and the most creative minds.



Dr R K Pachauri
Director-General, TERI





(Left to right) Mr Salman Khurshid, Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, India; HE Mr Danny Faure, Vice-President, Seychelles; Mr Kofi Annan, Former Secretary General, United Nations; Dr Annapurna Vancheswaran, Director, Sustainable Development Outreach, TERI; Dr Farooq Abdullah, Hon'ble Minister of New and Renewable Energy, India; and Dr R K Pachauri, Director-General, TERI, at the Inaugural Session of DSDS 2014

About Delhi Sustainable Development Summit (DSDS)

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), since 2001, annually organizes the DSDS, an International Summit to facilitate the exchange of knowledge on all aspects of sustainable development. Over the past 14 years, the Summit has hosted 37 current and former Heads of State, ministers from over 50 countries, and delegates from across continents. Each year, the Summit brings together Heads of State and Government, Nobel Laureates, business leaders, and academicians to address issues of global sustainability.

Heads of State and Government at DSDS 2001–2014



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Nobel Laureates 2001–2014



Sustainable Development Leadership Award

DSDS 2015 will mark 10 years of the *Sustainable Development Leadership Award*. The Award, presented since 2005 at DSDS, felicitates eminent individuals engaged in encouraging global initiatives that can lead the world towards a sustainable future.

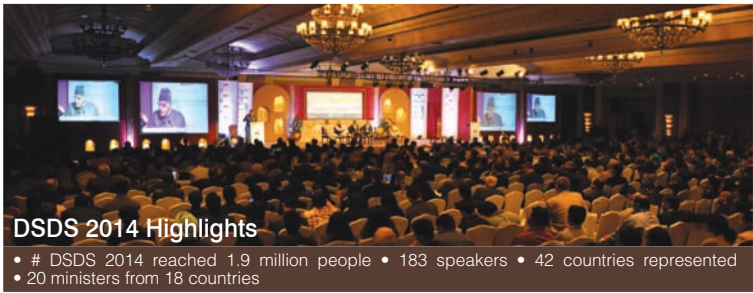
Past Recipients



Sub-themes: Plenaries at the Summit will be designed around the following sub-themes:

- Sustainable Production and Consumption: Policy and Practice
- Linking MDGs to SDGs: Can they be Merged?
- Engaging All Stakeholders in Defining the SDGs
- Disparities in Wealth and Income: Can SDGs be Differentiated?
- The Science of Climate Change — The Driver of Action
- Building on CoP20 in Lima, Peru
- What Kind of Agreement Do We Need in CoP21?
- The Ethics of Climate Change: Differentiated Responsibility and Poverty
- Bringing Together Climate Finance and Development Finance

Regional Debates: To discuss issues of sustainable development beyond the city of New Delhi, dialogues with a variety of stakeholders will be hosted between August to December, 2014 across different Indian cities.



Thematic Tracks: In addition to Summit plenaries, parallel break-away sessions allow for discussions on finer nuances of the Summit theme. These Tracks are populated by domain experts and practitioners.