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Webinar on ‘Adaptation and Resilience: Towards Resilient Countries, Communities and Corporates’

December 4, 2020

3.30-5.30 P.M. (IST) | 10.00 A.M.-12.00 P.M. (GMT)

AGENDA

3:30 – 3:50 p.m. (20 mins)	Opening Remarks
	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Dr Ajay Mathur, Director General, TERI <p>Keynote address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Mr. Ken O’Flaherty, Regional COP26 Ambassador for Asia-Pacific and South Asia, Government of UK
3:50 – 4:40 p.m. (50 mins)	<p>Panel 1: Building on The Call for Action</p> <p>The Call for Action on Adaptation and Resilience (A&R) advocates for a vision that puts adaptation at the centre of decision making and urges for action to be taken to protect people, economies and the environment. Building on this Call, the panel discussion will steer a dialogue around best practices; integrating adaptation and resilience into long-term planning; increasing the resilience of economies and financial systems by integrating climate risk into investment decision making and business planning; accelerating transition to resilient land use and ecosystems; urgently increasing the availability of adaptation and resilience finance; and building a coalition of front runner countries to ensure a future with resilient countries, communities and corporates</p>
	<p>Moderator: Mr Vel Gnanendran, Climate and Environment Director, FCDO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Mr Sandeep Poundrik, Director General, Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)  Ms Jaehyang So, Programs Director, Global Center on Adaptation  Prof Saleemul Huq*, Director, International Centre for Climate Change & Development (ICCCAD), Bangladesh  Ms Anu Jogesh, Policy and Governance Lead, Acclimatise South Asia  Mr Anirban Ghosh, Chief Sustainability Officer, Mahindra Group

<p>4:40 – 5:30 p.m. (50 mins)</p>	<p>Panel 2: Risk Informed Early Response Enhanced information of climate risks is the stepping stone for better planning and adaptation actions. In India, the State Action Plan on Climate Change (SAPCCs) were mostly around adaptation actions and climate impact modelling. However, there is a pressing need in improving the understanding in climate risks and impacts, and strengthening social safety nets. It is understood that investing in capability development of communities and promoting scientific and community based management of eco-systems, capacitates them to better cope with stressors and disturbances and reorganise effectively. Promoting effective early response system would also allow timely integration of climatic risks to investments and plans by public and private sector actors, thus contributing to the development of climate resilient economies.</p>
	<p>Moderator: Mr RR Rashmi, Distinguished Fellow, TERI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Mr. Benjamin Webster, Head, Secretariat for the Risk-informed Early Action Partnership (REAP) ✚ Dr D. S. Pai, Scientist G & Head, Climate Research & Services, IMD ✚ Dr Joseph Daron, Science Manager, International Climate Services, Met Office, UK ✚ Mr Saurabh Bhardwaj, Fellow and Area Convenor, Centre for Climate Modelling, TERI ✚ Ms. Ritu Bharadwaj, Senior Researcher, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)
	<p>Concluding Remarks</p>
	<p>Ms Anna French, Deputy Development Director, British High Commission, New Delhi</p>

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