



The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)  
is proud to honour

**Her Excellency Ms Marina Silva**

Hon'ble Minister of Environment and Climate Change Brazil  
with the

**Sustainable Development Leadership Award 2025**



Ms. Marina Silva is globally recognized for her pioneering leadership in environmentalism, dedicating her life to combating deforestation and the climate crisis.

As Brazil's Minister of Environment and Climate Change, she has been at the forefront of climate action, leading efforts to halt rampant illegal deforestation in the Amazon. Her actions were instrumental in achieving an 84% reduction in the Amazon deforestation rate between 2004 and 2012.

Marina Silva's global influence is reflected in the numerous awards she has received. In 1996, she was awarded the Goldman Prize, often regarded as the Nobel Prize for the Environment. In 2007, the British newspaper The Guardian included her among the 50 people who could help save the planet. That same year, she won the Champions of the Earth award, the UN's highest environmental honour. In 2008, she received the Duke of Edinburgh Medal from Prince Philip at St. James's Palace in London, the most prestigious award granted by the World Wildlife Fund, in recognition of her dedication to the Brazilian Amazon.

Her continued influence was reaffirmed in 2024 when she was named one of Time magazine's 100 Most Influential People. Ahead of Brazil's hosting of COP30 in 2025, she has advocated for the inclusion of climate education in the implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions, ensuring alignment with global temperature goals.

Marina Silva's life story is a testament to perseverance. TERI honours and celebrates her inspiring leadership, unwavering commitment to environmental sustainability, transformative vision for bridging development and conservation, and role as a global beacon of hope for future generations.