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Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110003

SUMMIT PLENARY AGENDA

The World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) is the annual flagship multi-stakeholder convening by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI). Instituted in 2001 as Delhi Sustainable Development Summit, the Summit series has marked more than 20 years in its journey of making 'sustainable development' a globally shared goal. Over the years, the Summit series has brought together 56 Heads of State and Government, 126 Ministers, 13 Nobel Laureates, 1932 Business Leaders, 3023 Speakers, and 39,483 Delegates.

With a legacy of over two decades, WSDS is the only independently convened Summit based in the Global South that is organised at this scale for pioneering conversations to nudge ambition and action on sustainable development and climate solutions. The platform strives to provide long-term solutions for the benefit of global communities by assembling the world's most enlightened leaders and thinkers on a single platform. In addition to the Summit, a knowledge initiative titled 'Act4Earth' was launched during the 21st edition of the Summit to articulate normative directions and policy solutions for driving sustainable development and climate actions.

WSDS activities are enshrined in the theory of constructivism, according to which, socialization leads to emergence, cascading, and internalization of norms. When stakeholders from various spheres come together and reflect upon their experiences, they build their own representations and incorporate new information into their pre-existing knowledge. By playing a constructivist role, the initiative seeks to drive vision and reinforce commitments at all levels to enhance ambition and action to create a more sustainable and equitable world for present and future generations.

*We are living in a time of Polycrisis. Key challenges confronting the world include planetary crises, sliding back of key sustainable development goals and the ever-growing conflict situation threatening world peace. It is more important than ever that environment stewardship is promoted at all levels and across all spheres. Today's challenges for attaining sustainable development are complex and interconnected and will need everyone to work towards creating a more sustainable future. With this backdrop, the umbrella theme of the World Sustainable Development Summit 2024 is: **Leadership for Sustainable Development and Climate Justice**. The Summit outcomes are expected to set a roadmap for the leadership and environmental stewardship which encompasses normative routes, policy solutions, entrepreneurial initiatives, accelerated implementation and disruptive innovations to achieve sustainable development and climate justice.*

8:00 am onwards	Registration
10:00 – 10:45 am	<p>Invocation: Climate Action, Peace, and Spirituality</p> <p><i>Guided Meditation for Healing the Self and the Planet</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Vibha Dhawan, Director-General, TERI • BK Shivani, Rajyog Teacher, Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual Organization
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	<p>Leadership Panel: Financing Climate Action and Sustainable Development</p> <p>Chair: Mr Dipak Dasgupta, Distinguished Fellow, TERI</p> <p><i>Ministerial Address</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms Teresa Ribera Rodríguez, Minister, Ministry for the Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge, Spain • H.E. Mr Andreas Bjelland Eriksen, Minister, Ministry of Climate and Environment, Norway** <p><i>Leadership Address</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Martin Raiser, Vice President for South Asia Region, The World Bank <p><i>Perspectives</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Amar Bhattacharya, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution and Grantham Research Institute, LSE • Ms Priya Shankar, India Director, Climate and Environment Program, Bloomberg Philanthropies • Ms Pamela Jouven, Director, SME Climate Hub, We Mean Business Coalition • Dr Dhruva Purkayastha, India Director, Climate Policy Initiative
12:15 – 1:15 pm	<p>Leadership Panel: Integrating Sustainable Development for Collective Action</p> <p>Chair: Dr Prodipto Ghosh, Distinguished Fellow, TERI</p> <p><i>Leadership Message</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr Ban Ki-moon, 8th Secretary-General of the United Nations, and President, Global Green Growth Institute** • Dr Achim Steiner, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme** <p><i>Perspectives</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Manish Bapna, President & CEO, Natural Resources Defense Council • Ms Abanti Sankaranarayanan, Chief Group Public Affairs Officer & Member of the Group Executive Board, Mahindra Group • Ms Vaishnavi Prabhakaran, Head Sustainability, The Tata Power Company Limited • Dr Akanksha Chaurey, Director, IT Power Private Limited <p><i>Launch of SDG Blueprint Policy Brief</i></p>
1:15 – 2:15 pm	Lunch

<p>2:15 – 3:15 pm</p>	<p>Leadership Panel: Shaping Climate Responsive Futures</p> <p><i>Ministerial Address</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Mukhtar Babayev, Minister, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Republic of Azerbaijan** <p><i>Leadership Address</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Jennifer Morgan, State Secretary and Special Envoy for International Climate Action Federal Foreign Office of Germany* • Prof Hoesung Lee, Former Chair, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change <p><i>Perspectives</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Deepali Khanna, Vice President, Asia, The Rockefeller Foundation • Mr Perumal Arumugampillai Kalyani, Manager - Mitigation Division, UNFCCC • Mr Joe Phelan, Executive Director, Asia Pacific, World Business Council for Sustainable Development <p>Moderator: Ms Suruchi Bhadwal, Senior Fellow & Director, TERI</p>
<p>3:45 – 4:45 pm (Silver Oak)</p>	<p>Leadership Panel: Addressing the Energy Trilemma in a Resource Constraint World</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Sumant Sinha, Founder, Chairman & CEO, ReNew • Dr Ajay Mathur, Director General, The International Solar Alliance • Lord Adair Turner, Chair, Energy Transitions Commission • Dr Priyantha Wijayatunga, Senior Director of Energy, Asian Development Bank • Mr Girish Sethi, Senior Fellow & Senior Director, TERI • Ambassador Arne Walther, Former Secretary General of International Energy Forum • Dr Damilola Ogunbiyi, CEO and Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All** <p>Moderator: Ms Urmi Goswami, Assistant Editor, The Economic Times</p>
<p>4:45 – 5:15 pm</p>	<p><i>Refreshments</i></p>
<p>6:00 –7:00 pm</p>	<p>Inaugural: TERI@50 – The Role of Knowledge Institutions in Driving Leadership and Change</p> <p><i>National Anthem</i> <i>Lighting the lamp</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon'ble Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, Vice President of India • H.E. Brigadier (Retd) Mark Phillips, Prime Minister, Guyana • Shri Bhupender Yadav, Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change • Mr Nitin Desai, Chairman, TERI • Dr Vibha Dhawan, Director General, TERI • Dr Shailly Kedia, Senior Fellow and Associate Director, TERI <p><i>Launch of Publication – TERI's Solutions for Sustainable Development</i> <i>National Anthem</i></p>

7:15 –8:15 pm	<p>High-level Opening: Leadership in the Time of Polycrisis</p> <p><i>Initial Interventions/ Statements</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Brigadier (Retd) Mark Phillips, Prime Minister, Guyana • H.E. Mr Vatimi Rayalu, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Waterways, Fiji • H.E. Mr Willie Tokataake, Minister, Ministry of Infrastructure and Sustainable Energy, Kiribati • Mr P. Mudalige, Director General (Planning), Ministry of Environment, Sri Lanka <p><i>Message by Shri Narendra Modi, Hon’ble Prime Minister of India</i></p> <p><i>Perspectives</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Vibha Dhawan, Director General, TERI • Mr Manish Bapna, President & CEO, Natural Resources Defense Council <p>Moderator: Ambassador Manjeev Singh Puri, Distinguished Fellow, TERI</p>
8:30 pm onwards	<i>Special Event and Cocktail Dinner Hosted by NRDC on their First Anniversary in India (by invite only)</i>
8:30 pm onwards	<i>Dinner at The Hub</i>

Day 2 8 February 2024 Thursday	
8:30 am	Registrations
9:30 – 10:00 am	Special Session by TERI Alumni Association on Visionary Institution Building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Priyanka Kochhar, President, TERI Alumni Association (TAA) • Dr Saroj Pachauri, Public Health Expert • Dr Veena Joshi, TAA Member • Dr Akanksha Chaurey, Director, IT Power Private Limited • Dr Ash Pachauri, Founder, POP Movement • Dr Rajiv Chhibber, Vice President, Sahajanand Medical Technologies Ltd • Dr Vibha Dhawan, Director General, TERI
10:15 – 11:15 am	Leadership Panel: Infrastructure, Resilience and Oceans <p>Chair: Dr Vibha Dhawan, Director General, TERI</p> <p><i>Ministerial Address</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr Vatimi Rayalu, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Waterways, Fiji • H.E. Mr Virginijus Sinkevičius, European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries European Commission** <p><i>Leadership Address</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Celeste Saulo, Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organization** <p><i>Interactive Discussions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms May-Elin Stener, Norwegian Ambassador to India • Mr Amit Prothi, Director General, Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure • Ms Shloka Nath, CEO, India Climate Collaborative • Mr Himanshu Shekhar Mishra, Senior Editor, NDTV India
11:15 – 11:30 am	Transition to Thematic Tracks
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Thematic Tracks (Group A)
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Lunch
2:00 – 5:00 pm	16th Convocation Ceremony of TERI School of Advanced Studies
2:00 – 3:30 pm	Thematic Tracks (Group B)
3:30 – 4:00 pm	Refreshments
4:00 – 5:30 pm	Thematic Tracks (Group C)

<p>6:00 – 7:15 pm</p>	<p>Leadership Panel: Protecting Nature and Ecosystems- Towards Integrated Approaches</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Jayashree Nandi, Environment and Climate Correspondent, Hindustan Times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Jeffrey D. Sachs, University Professor; Director, Center for Sustainable Development in the Earth Institute, Columbia University* • Dr Erik Solheim, Sixth Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme; former Norwegian Minister* • Mr Avinash Persaud, Special Envoy to the Prime Minister of Barbados** • Ms Temina Lalani-Shariff, Regional Director, CGIAR • Dr Yash Veer Bhatnagar, Country Representative, International Union for Conservation of Nature • Ms Bahar Dutt, Environment Journalist and Conservation Biologist • Mr Rajiv Tikoo, Consulting Editor (Sustainability), Outlook Group • Mr Ranjit Barthakur, Founder & President, Balipara Foundation <p>Launch of the Policy Brief - Enhancing Industrial Water Use Efficiency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Union Minister, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India** <p><i>Dr Vibha Dhawan (Director General, TERI), Mr Mannu Upadhyay (Director, Ministry of Jal Shakti), and Mr Anshuman (Director and Senior Fellow, TERI)</i></p>
<p>7:30 – 9:00 pm</p>	<p><i>Cultural Evening and Cocktail Dinner sponsored by Johnson Controls International</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Cultural Performance by Students of The Modern School ECNCR, Delhi in cooperation with Act Now</i> • <i>Bhangra Dance by TAB Events</i>

9:00 am	Registrations
10:00 – 11:00 am	<p>Youth Plenary: Climate Justice as the North Star for Intergenerational Equity</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Ash Pachauri, Founder, POP Movement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Heeta Lakhani, Founder & Director, The ClimAct Foundation • Ms Prachi Shevgaonkar, Founder, Cool the Globe • Mr Ivan Ransom, Founder, Resilience 2020 - Mexico • Ms Sunaina Saxena, Editorial Team, TERI School of Advanced Studies <p>Launch of TSAS Vasudhara Magazine GO-WSDS certificates to Youth Cool it for the Climate – Competition Awards</p>
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	<p>Women Leadership Session: Women-led Green Development</p> <p>Chair: Ms Vaishali Nigam Sinha, Co-Founder and Chairperson, Sustainability, ReNew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Charlotte Morton, Chief Executive, World Biogas Association • Dr Purvi Mehta, Senior Advisor, Global Growth and Opportunities, Gates Foundation • Dr Dipankar Saharia, Senior Director, TERI • Dr Shailly Kedia, Senior Fellow, TERI
12:05 – 12:20 pm	MoU Signing between Cenergist and TERI
12:30 – 1:30 pm	<p>Leadership Panel: Accelerating Business Actions for Realizing Sustainable Development Goals</p> <p>Chair: Mr Sanjay Seth, Vice President & Chief Executive Officer, GRIHA Council; Senior Director-Sustainable Habitat Programme, TERI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Manish Chourasia, COO - Corporate & Cleantech Finance, Tata Capital Limited • Ms Sugandha Gopal, Partner, JSA Advisors & Solicitors • Mr Yasuo Takahashi, Executive Director, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies • Mr Vineet Handa, Founder, CEO, Kaizzen PR Services Pvt. Ltd. • Ms Neha Upadhyay, Founder, Guna Organics • Dr Livleen Kahlon, Senior Fellow and Associate Director, TERI <p>Launch of TERI CBS Video</p>
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Lunch
2:30 – 3:15 pm	<p>Spotlight: Energy Transitions for People, Peace, Prosperity and our Planet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shri R.K. Singh, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister (Power, New & Renewable Energy), Government of India • Dr Vibha Dhawan, Director General, TERI <p>Special Announcement on Collaboration between TERI and Ministry of Power</p>

3:15 – 4:15 pm	<p>Leadership Panel: Sustainable Consumption, Lifestyles and Climate Transitions</p> <p>Chair: Mr RR Rashmi, Distinguished Fellow, TERI</p> <p><i>Ministerial Address</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms Minister Steffi Lemke, Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, Germany** <p><i>Keynote Address</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Jim Skea, Chair, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change** <p><i>Perspectives</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Nameeta Prasad, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India • Mr Tim Gould, Chief Energy Economist, The International Energy Agency • Mr Satyajit Bhatkal, CEO, Paani Foundation • Dr Tejal Kanitkar, Associate Professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies • Mr Golo J. Pilz, Adviser, Brahma Kumaris
4:30 – 5:30 pm	<p>Valedictory Session: Leadership for Achieving Sustainable Development and Climate Justice</p> <p><i>Chair's Remarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Nitin Desai, Chairman, TERI <p><i>Leadership Address</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr Eric Garcetti, United States Ambassador to the Republic of India • Mr Shombi Sharp, United Nations Resident Coordinator in India <p><i>Policy Perspective</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Amit Raj, Director, Climate Change Division, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India <p><i>Curator's Summary</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Shailly Kedia, Curator, World Sustainable Development Summit <p><i>Launch of Act4Earth Manifesto</i> (Ms Madhuparna Maiti, Ms Palak Khanna, Ms Heena Makhija, Ms Shivangi Raj, Ms Ishita Srivastava)</p> <p><i>Vote of Thanks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Vibha Dhawan, Director General, TERI
5:30 – 7:00 pm	High Tea and Networking
*Virtual	**Pre-recorded video message