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CII-ITC Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development

12TH SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT
 2030 Agenda: Driving Inclusive Growth

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The last few decades have made it clear that economic development can no longer be viewed in isolation from environmental protection and social progress. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted in September 2015 is a remarkable opportunity to reshape the global economy and make it more sustainable and inclusive. This requires multi-stakeholder partnerships nationally and internationally. The global community has drawn a plan of action to achieve the equilibrium of economic, social, and environmental sustainability envisioned by the United Nations.

Now as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) move from pledges to practice, a much wider and better-informed deliberation is needed around how business and governments can add the most value for a purposeful shift towards inclusive growth.

It is with this background, that CII-ITC Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development is organizing the 12th edition of Sustainability Summit. It is a platform for businesses, governments, think tanks, civil society to share experiences, discuss and debate issues of sustainable development holistically. The theme for the 12th Sustainability Summit is '2030 Agenda: Driving Inclusive Growth' and the Summit will focus on the collective journey of stakeholders in achieving SDGs by 2030.

The Summit will have a wide spread of keynote addresses, plenaries, panel discussions, debates, master classes, workshops, parallel sessions, hard talks/ TED style talks, in conversations and immense networking opportunities spread over two full days on 6-7 September 2017 in New Delhi.

The 11th Sustainability Summit emphasised on some of the key goals out of the 17 SDGs and on building our business competitiveness. Last year as well in the earlier editions of the Sustainability Summit have witnessed inspiring discussions and intellectual insights that encouraged to shape the sustainable future. The Sustainability Summit has provided a platform to present sustainability solutions and best practices, people have shared experiences, success stories and exchanged ideas and have built networks to enhance their learning experiences.

The two days of the 12th Sustainability Summit will have several tracks focussing on climate change, technology revolution, business responsibility and circular economy. These tracks will see further deliberations on energy, agriculture, NDCs, water, health & nutrition, cashless economy, artificial intelligence, e-commerce, business ethics, sustainable mining, responsible consumption & production, waste management, biodiversity, and circular cities.

The Summit will feature eminent business leaders, politicians & thought leaders from across the globe, who are the beacon of hope in achieving the SDGs. They will share their inspiring perspectives and intellectual insights for a sustainable future.





CLIMATE CHANGE : TAKING URGENT ACTION

Clean energy :

A game changer in attaining inclusive growth

Access to affordable, reliable and sustainable energy is crucial to achieving many of the SDGs—from poverty eradication through advancements in health, education, water supply and industrialization to mitigating climate change. The transition to clean energy is crucial to address the impacts of climate change. After the Paris Agreement, majority of countries are committed to scaling up renewable energy and energy efficiency. India is moving towards realising the clean energy vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to achieve 175GW by the year 2022. The RE capacity has gone from 33.8GW to 43GW, overtaking hydroelectric capacity. To achieve the targets, there is a need to overcome the twin challenge of finance and technology. The session will bring together global stakeholders who will discuss the current rate of progress that is required to achieve the goal set in the Paris Agreement and in translating SDG 7 into action.

Agriculture & climate adaptation

Agriculture is in the spotlight of development efforts, and is central to achieving many of the interdependent SDGs. Climatic changes and increasing climatic variability have aggravated the problem of food security by exerting pressure on agriculture. With the global population expected to grow to over 9.7 billion by 2050, coupled with the negative impacts of climate change on agricultural production, a serious strain is being placed on the sector. There is an urgent need to systemically transform the existing global agricultural system through climate smart agriculture to achieve the global goals. The session will discuss how stakeholders together can ensure increase in agricultural productivity and reduce the vulnerability of Indian agriculture to the adverse impacts of climate change and making it more resilient.

Tackling climate change with

Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)

190 countries have committed to national climate plans known as Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement on climate change, where countries are looking for ways to convert these commitments into action. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Agreement together offer an opportunity to end extreme poverty, create climate compatible development and avoid dangerous impacts of climate change. Translating the NDCs into reality is a complex and demanding process. It requires climate targets to be integrated into sector policies, budget policies and investment programmes. Dialogues with the industry and engaging them through public-private partnerships is important for the implementation of NDCs. Countries need to raise their national climate protection targets in order to reduce negative impacts of climate change. The multi-stakeholder session will discuss the action taken to make concrete progress in mitigating climate change and whether those actions are on the right track to meet the Paris Agreement.



TECHNOLOGICAL REVOLUTION

Digital Inclusion : Transforming India

India is the fastest growing country in terms of digital transformation. The vision of Digital India aims to transform the country into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy by leveraging IT as a growth engine of India. The demonetisation exercise carried out by the Indian Government towards the end of 2016 paved the way for digitisation. The Union Budget for 2017-18 clearly highlights the Government of India's determination to promote the digital economy by reducing cash transactions, bringing more economic activity into the formal sector and curbing corruption. The industry too accepts that digitisation is no longer a luxury for organisations, but a necessity to drive revenues, efficiency and profitability. Progressive Indian industrial companies are willing to invest heavily in digitisation technologies which will subsequently work together with customers and suppliers in industrial digital ecosystems. The session will share the views of different stakeholders on driving digital transformation in India.

Developing sustainably with artificial intelligence

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is now more than science fiction and has become a reality. AI is advancing and penetrating swiftly into many areas, from smart personal assistants to self-driving cars. AI innovation will be central to the achievement of SDGs by monitoring, discovering, predicting and interpreting the overwhelming quantities of data essential for sustainable development. It will also serve as a key resource in curbing greenhouse gas emissions in urban environments, support the development of smart cities, extend medical care to remote regions, develop effective education systems, and enhance novel economic concepts, such as micro-finance and micro-work. In India, initiatives like Make in India, Skill India, and Digital India can be impacted by the recent advances in artificial intelligence, making it imperative for Indian policymakers to take both an immediate and a long-term view. The session will explore the possibilities and experiences in building an artificial intelligence ecosystem and take a quantum leap into the AI-driven future.

E-commerce : An inclusive growth story

The e-commerce sector in India is on a growth trajectory. It is rapidly changing the landscape of allied industries led by changing in consumer trends and lifestyle changes. Like any industry which is spurred by evolution, the direct impact of the e-commerce growth has been on the creation of employment opportunities across the value chain. The rise of e-commerce platform has created significant demand for skills across the digital space thereby increasing digital inclusion and promoting livelihoods. It also promotes small & micro enterprises to access global markets and provides new opportunities to craftsmen, traditional artisans, merchants, farmers, sellers, and women. E-commerce can be the enabler for Government initiatives like Make in India, Digital India, and Skill India. It is very important for Government to support the e-commerce ecosystem by appropriate regulations for its sustained growth and development. The session will focus on how e-commerce sector impact the socio-economic fabric of the nation for a balanced development.



BUSINESS RESPONSIBILITY: A KEY TO INCLUSIVE GROWTH

Business ethics management : Prevention & detection

Ethical considerations have become important in business practices as unethical actions and decisions will not yield long-term benefits and sustenance. Successful organizations are now embracing inclusive solutions through collaborative means. With India getting integrated with the global economy, the investor community, both domestic and international, is demanding greater disclosure and transparency on business decisions and increased shareholder value from corporates in India. For this, various changes have been brought to legislations and regulations to foster goals of good corporate governance. Siemens in association with CII has launched an integrity initiative to support organisations and projects fighting corruption and fraud. The SDGs can only be achieved if all stakeholders recognize the need to fight corruption and embraces the principles of transparency, accountability and good governance. This session will engage various stakeholders to present the collaborative efforts on adopting responsible practices which promote corrupt-free businesses in the country.

Boosting growth with responsible mining

Mining industry plays an important role in meeting the increasing demand for minerals and metals to sustain high economic growth rate of the country. When managed responsibly, it can also help reduce poverty through job creation, induced economic activity and the provision of basic services. These attributes make the industry a major potential contributor to the SDGs. Being an extractive industry, mining has many environmental, social and economic implications. Therefore, the mining industry must ramp up its engagement, partnership and dialogue with other industry sectors, government, civil society and local communities to address the environmental and social challenges of mining. This session aims to focus on initiatives and success stories of companies that are choosing to pursue a path of sustainable mining and incorporating the SDGs into their own practices and operations.

Partnership for sustainable water solutions

Sustainable Development Goal 6 recognizes the centrality of water resources to sustainable development and the vital role that improved drinking water, sanitation and hygiene plays in progress in the areas of health, education and poverty reduction. Water stress is affecting more than 2 billion people around the globe today and is projected to rise. India has invested significantly in water infrastructure that has led to growth and prosperity. However, more recently, attempts to augment India's water supply have been challenged by mounting population, over-consumption, industrial competition, climate change, and pollution. In order to tackle water dilemma, India must look beyond technological fixes and short-term supply side measures, and seek opportunities for cooperation across scales to improve its water accounting. The session will draw attention on the actions needed to develop sustainable water solutions through the partnership between businesses and governments that will successfully implement and monitor the water-related SDGs over the next 15 years.

Sustainable living with good health & nutrition

Good health starts with nutrition. Without the security of daily food (nutrients, calories, vitamins, minerals, and micronutrients), humans cannot live, learn, prosper or lead healthy and productive lives. As the global population is expected to grow from 7.4 billion people in 2015 to more than 9.7 billion people in 2050, along with depleting natural resources, there is an opportunity for people to adopt actions for sustainable living. This can help to reduce the carbon footprint or environmental impact by altering to sustainable lifestyle. Governments are paying attention to the importance of linking policies and investments that integrate agriculture with improved health and nutrition. Collaborative actions by public and private sector through comprehensive strategy will help to reduce malnutrition and build strong and resilient individuals, families, communities, nations and promote sustainable living. The session will draw emphasis on how SDGs open a window of opportunity to resolve the world's nutrition challenges and walk on the path of sustainable living.





CIRCULAR ECONOMY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Responsible consumption & production

Sustainable growth and development requires minimizing natural resources and toxic materials used, and the waste and pollutants generated, throughout the entire production and consumption process. SDG 12 encourages sustainable consumption and production patterns through various measures, including specific policies and international agreements on the management of materials that are toxic to the environment. The goal is to create a circular economy through responsible consumption and production, which will produce no waste and no pollution, find sustainable business models, influencing consumers to be conscious about their consumption enabling a radical systemic shift needed to achieve the SDGs. The session will share experiences of leading companies strengthening the business case for moving towards circular economy business models, finding ways to reuse resources, regenerate natural capital and decouple resource use from growth.

Circular economy boosts biodiversity

Nature, as a perfect circular system, is an important inspiration for the circular economy. Today, people are aware of the plethora of goods and services that nature gives for free. The circular economy model is conceived as a continuous positive development cycle that preserves and enhances natural capital, optimises resource yields, and minimises system risks by managing finite stocks and renewable flows. Investing in natural solutions contributes to resource efficiency roadmap and has a positive impact on biodiversity, society and the economy. Industries are initiating to address its impact on nature and embrace the restorative imperatives contained within circular economy models. The session will bring together businesses and experts to share innovative business models and nature-based solutions where investing in nature offers multiple economic, social and environmental benefits.

Circular cities are smarter

This is an era of future exhaustion of fossil fuels and much needed commodities is an accepted reality. At the same time, waste management puts strain on the environment. Rather than perceiving waste as a burden, one should consider its wide variety of useful properties, such as building materials from which new and alternative products can be created. The Circular City is where waste, commodities and energy is managed in smarter and more efficient ways. A circular economy shifts a city from linear industrial systems to cyclical, regenerative systems. The session will discuss the approach to circular cities that leads to less pressure on our environment, while creating new business models, innovative designs and new alliances and cooperation between different stakeholders.

SPECIAL FOCUS

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM FOR DEVELOPMENT

As 2017 is declared as the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development by the UN, the plenary will deliberate on the contribution of the tourism sector to the three pillars of sustainability – economic, social and environmental.

THE NEXT GENERATION OF SUSTAINABILITY LEADERS

The plenary will focus and share the experiences on next generation leaders and their views on sustainable future.

BIOMIMICRY : INSPIRATION FROM NATURE

The plenary will draw attention on how creative minds are inspired by nature in finding solutions to the global challenges

SPIRITUALITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

The motivational plenary that will highlight the inherent interconnectedness of sustainability and spirituality.

PARTICIPATION

Register now, and join more than 5,500 of your peers who have participated in the previous editions of the Sustainability Summit

Why you should attend the Sustainability Summit?

- Maximise your learning
- Solutions-based deliberations
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- Inspiring talks & stimulating discussions
- Learn best practices

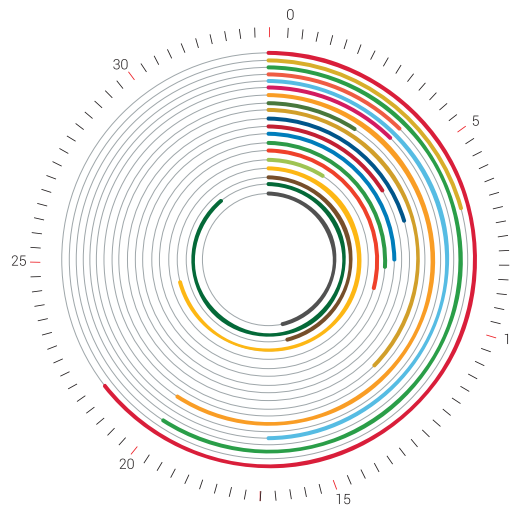
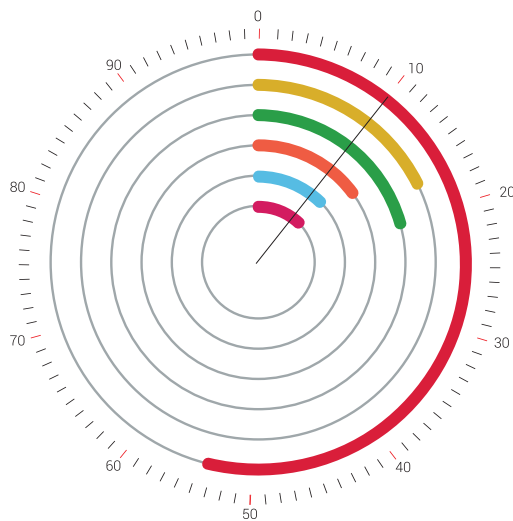
The Sustainability Summit attracts participants from business, academia, not-for-profits, consulting firms, Central and State governments, and bi-lateral and multilateral agencies.

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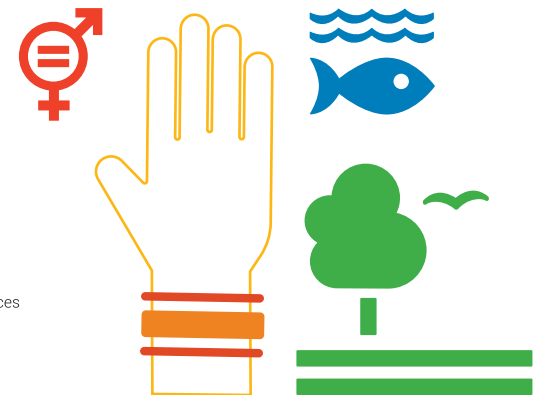
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- Valuable networking opportunities

Participation Trends (2006-2016)



- Industry(Public & Private)
- Non-profit Institution/NGO
- Inter national Participation
- Academic Institutes
- Central, State & Local Government
- Media

- Cement & Steel manufacturing
- Retail
- Pharma
- Business conglomerate
- Construction
- FMCG/Health & Nutrition
- Energy & Power
- Water products/ water
- Chemical
- Port & SEZ
- Real estate
- Consulting
- Financial services
- Automobile & automobile parts
- Home/office products & appliances
- Certification
- Telecommunications
- Mining
- IT



OUR SUSTAINABILITY PARTNERS (2006-2016)





Confederation of Indian Industry

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) works to create and sustain an environment conducive to the development of India, partnering industry, Government, and civil society, through advisory and consultative processes.

CII is a non-government, not-for-profit, industry-led and industry-managed organization, playing a proactive role in India's development process. Founded in 1895, India's premier business association has over 8,300 members, from the private as well as public sectors, including SMEs and MNCs, and an indirect membership of over 200,000 enterprises from around 250 national and regional sectoral industry bodies.

CII charts change by working closely with Government on policy issues, interfacing with thought leaders, and enhancing efficiency, competitiveness and business opportunities for industry through a range of specialized services and strategic global linkages. It also provides a platform for consensus-building and networking on key issues.

Extending its agenda beyond business, CII assists industry to identify and execute corporate citizenship programmes. Partnerships with civil society organizations carry forward corporate initiatives for integrated and inclusive development across diverse domains including affirmative action, healthcare, education, livelihood, diversity management, skill development, empowerment of women, and water, to name a few.

The CII theme for 2017-18, **India Together. Inclusive. Ahead. Responsible** emphasizes Industry's role in partnering Government to accelerate India's growth and development. The focus will be on key enablers such as job creation; skill development and training; affirmative action; women parity; new models of development; sustainability; corporate social responsibility, governance and transparency.

With 66 offices, including 9 Centres of Excellence, in India, and 10 overseas offices in Australia, Bahrain, China, Egypt, France, Germany, Singapore, South Africa, UK, and USA, as well as institutional partnerships with 344 counterpart organizations in 129 countries, CII serves as a reference point for Indian industry and the international business community.

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CII-ITC Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development

CII-ITC Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development is a not-for-profit, industry-led institution that helps business become sustainable. It is on a mission to catalyse innovative ideas and solutions, in India, and globally, to enable business, and its stakeholders, in sustainable value creation. Its knowledge, action and recognition activities enable companies to be future ready, improve footprints' profiles, and advocate policymakers and legislators to improve standards of sustainable business through domestic and global policy interventions.

CESD leverages its role of an all-inclusive ecosystem player, partnering industry, government, and civil society. It has been a pioneer of environment management systems, biodiversity mapping, sustainability reporting, integrated reporting, and social & natural capital valuation in India, thus upgrading business in India to sustainable competitiveness.

With three locations in India, CESD operates across the country and has also been active in parts of South and South East Asia, Middle East, and Africa. It has held institutional partnerships and memberships of the United Nations Global Compact, Global Reporting Initiative, International Integrated Reporting Council, Carbon Disclosure Project, development agencies of Canada, the USA, the UK, and Germany.

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