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**22 MAY 2021**  
**BIODIVERSITY DAY**

**We're part of the solution #ForNature**

*"Biodiversity is the answer to several sustainable development challenges. From Nature-based Solutions to climate, health issues, food and water security, and sustainable livelihoods, biodiversity is the foundation upon which we can build back better".*



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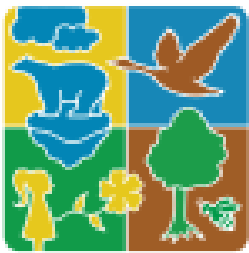


# 22 MAY 2021 BIODIVERSITY DAY

We're part of the solution #ForNature

The United Nations proclaimed 22 May as the International Day for Biological Diversity (Biodiversity Day) to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues (UNGA Resolution 1994, COP1 Decision, UNGA Resolution 2000). Biodiversity Day 2021 is a call to action for biodiversity.

The 2020 slogan "Our solutions are in nature" was crafted to support 15 COP of CBD, which has been postponed to 2021. The slogan was meant to mirror themes of the new Global Biodiversity Framework, the GBO5 as well as the relationship with IPBES regional assessments. The slogan "We're part of the solution" builds on the 2020 slogan and extends the 2021 campaign in the same direction, promoting 15 COP of CBD, but makes the slogan more personal and proactive.



## 22 मई 2021

जैव विविधता दिवस  
हम सुलझाव का हिस्सा हैं  
#प्रकृतिकेलिए



## 22 ಮೇ 2021

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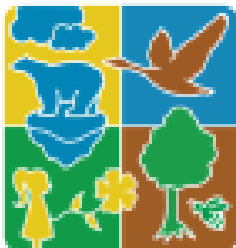
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## 22 मे 2021

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आम्ही उपायाचा एक भाग  
आहोत #निसर्गासाठी



## 22 மே 2021

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## 22 మే 2021

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## Key Messages of Biodiversity Day 2021

- We all have a role to play in achieving the 2050 Vision of living in harmony with nature
- We're part of nature, so we must be part of the solution for biodiversity loss and climate change
- Human activities are driving biodiversity loss and nature degradation, but we can act to turn things around
- The post-2020 global biodiversity framework offers an opportunity to reset our relationship with nature
- We need an all-of-society approach to address our interconnected environmental challenges
- Investing in a green recovery will benefit people and nature and reduce the risk of future pandemics
- COVID-19 has shown that we need a One Health approach to secure the wellbeing of people and our shared planet. The post-2020 global biodiversity framework is part of the solution
- The COVID-19 pandemic has shown that the world needs to work together to resolve our common challenges. We all can be part of the solution

## Experts Views

*"We need to protect nature, restore ecosystems and establish a balance in our relationship with the planet. By reversing biodiversity loss, we can improve human health, realize sustainable development and address the climate emergency. We all need to be part of a movement for change".*

*- Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations*



*"Now is the time to change our relationship with nature. It is imperative we get a compact that will support and enable transformative change and alter the behaviour of people, businesses and governments around the world. By acting for nature, we create a fairer, healthier and more sustainable world".*

*- Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary, CBD*

*"This is India's glory. Ecology is part of our culture. We believe that animals, birds, fruits, flowers, vegetation as well as humans all coexist and grow together. It is due to these ethos that India is in harmony with nature, with only 2.4 per cent of the earth's land area, it hosts around 8 per cent of the world's recorded Biodiversity."*

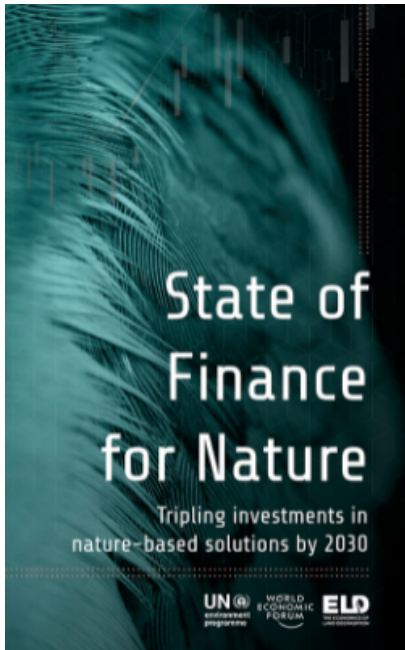
*-Mr. Prakash Jaadekar, Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change*



To read and know more about International Biodiversity Day visit at:  
<https://www.cbd.int/biodiversity-day>

# SPECIAL REPORTS

## Leveraging the Power of Nature

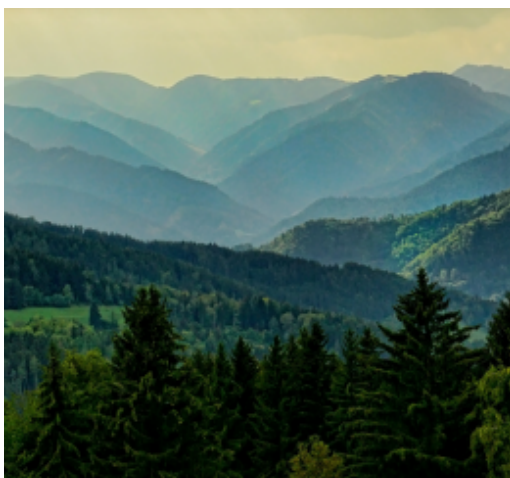


If the world is to meet the climate change, biodiversity, and land degradation targets, it needs to close a USD 4.1 trillion financing gap in nature by 2050. The current investments in Nature-based Solutions amount to USD 133 billion – most of which comes from public sources.

The State of Finance of Nature, this year's report calls for investments in Nature-based Solutions to triple by 2030 and to increase four-fold by 2050 from the current level. While an increase in public funding would help plug some of the gap, there needs to be a significant increase in private sector investment in Nature-based Solutions.

Read full paper @  
<https://www.unep.org/resources/state-finance-nature>

## Strategic Corporate Conservation Planning



### Accelerating Green Finance in India: Definitions and Beyond

CPI Discussion Brief  
June, 2020



India is ranked the fifth most vulnerable nation to the effects of climate change with 2.5- 4.5% of its GDP at risk annually. As a result, India has pledged to reduce the carbon intensity of its GDP by 33-35% by 2030 from its 2005 levels, but to achieve this target, India needs to mobilize a total of \$2.5 trillion over 2016-30. There is a growing need to sensitize India's financial sector to the importance and benefits of Green Finance. This can happen through sustained, market-led collaborative actions that accelerate green capital flows, beginning with an agreed definition of Green Finance. CPI analysis finds that a combination of these approaches may be the best fit for India, with a finance sector taxonomy foundational to driving green economic activity.

Read More on Green Financing Approaches @  
[https://www.climatepolicyinitiative.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Accelerating-Green-Finance-in-India\\_Definitions-and-Beyond.pdf](https://www.climatepolicyinitiative.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Accelerating-Green-Finance-in-India_Definitions-and-Beyond.pdf)



# IBBI ACTIVITIES

## Biodiversity Means Business: Partnerships

**BIODIVERSITY MEANS  
BUSINESS : PARTNERSHIPS**



**LEAD THE  
GREEN  
CHANGE**

The EU Delegation in India along with European Business and Technology Centre (EBTC) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) organised a half-day virtual event, “Biodiversity means Business: Partnership” on May 21, 2021.

*The event reflected on key aspects of partnership models in the EU-India context in view of the multi-faceted concept of biodiversity that can form the basis for bankable and scalable projects.*

### Highlights

- The opening session got together leading experts from government & business to set the momentum for the need for strong partnerships for nature and the opportunities in hand through EU-India partnerships.
- The first Panel Session focused on 'Building the foundation for partnerships-information , standards, certificates, and financial resources'. Areas of discussion included the kind of partnership models, flow of data and information, decision-making on tracking of biodiversity impacts, best practices of EU-India businesses and policy interventions supporting partnerships and green financing.
- The second Panel Session focused on 'EU-India partnership models and the role of local partners for conserving biodiversity and building a nature positive value chain management.



To read more about the programme and get information on the upcoming events, please visit:

<https://leadthegreenchange.in/>

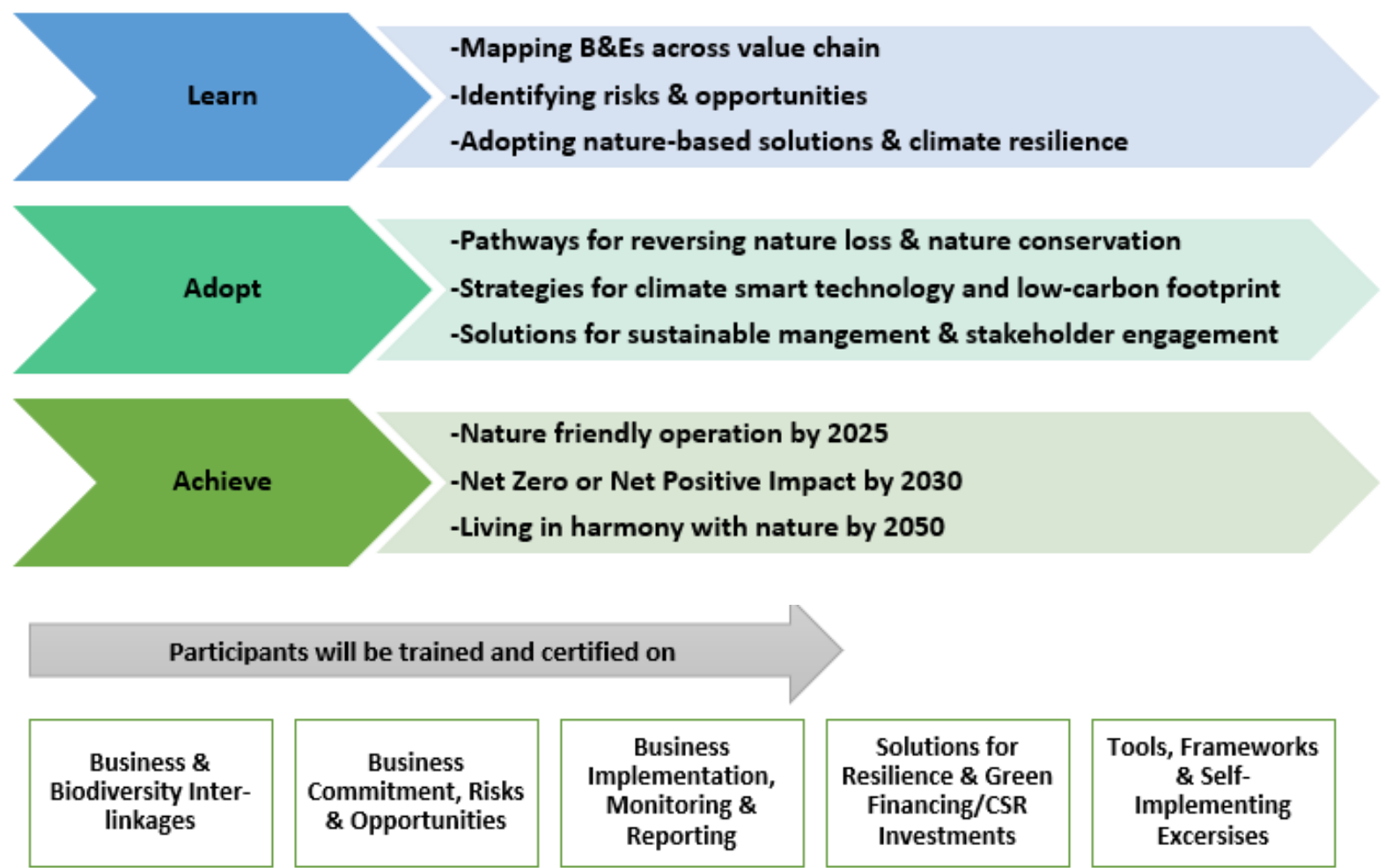
# Upcoming Programme



Confederation of Indian Industry

## CII & UNDP Certified Training Programme on 'Building Resilience Towards Climate Change & Biodiversity Loss'

*Businesses are faced with the challenges of climate change, biodiversity loss and availability of resources. For a sustainable future, businesses need to shift from a 'business-as-usual' scenario to 'business-in harmony with nature' scenario. This can be only done with a clear understanding of their linkages with nature & climate and adopting a strong action for risk management and benefit sharing across businesses, society, and economy.*



**Participation Registration & Fee Details**  
will be shared shortly

Share your interest to participate  
at:

syamala.lingala@cii.in and pravir.deshmukh@cii.in

*Join the CII & UNDP online training programme and be a Biodiversity Champion driving your company to become sustainable, climate smart and nature positive business!*

Webinar Series on RACE TO ZERO

CII invites you to join the discussions on Race to Zero Campaign. With the aim to create awareness on key topics around climate action and to learn from peer network, series of webinars are being organised

**KEY TOPICS AND SCHEDULE**

**EP 100 (Energy Productivity) – Fuelling Race to Zero**  
8 June | 1500-1640 hrs

**SME Climate Hub – Future Proof Business with Climate Action**  
25 June | 1500-1640 hrs

**RE 100 – Renewable Energy for Climate Proof Future**  
14 July | 1500-1640 hrs

**EV 100 – Clean Transport to Decarbonize Transportation**  
28 July | 1500-1640 hrs

**Technology Transfer – Adopting and Innovating for Net Zero Future**  
11 Aug | 1500-1640 hrs

**CEO Dialogue on Race to Zero**  
21 Sep | 1500-1640 hrs

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Visit for Registration:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ma1y\\_Olb8k\\_xu\\_ZttjxuHFhatSrsXuzQ1pHcJc0f4Ag/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ma1y_Olb8k_xu_ZttjxuHFhatSrsXuzQ1pHcJc0f4Ag/viewform?edit_requested=true)

