

[Eco Edge- Integrating Sustainability in Value Chains of Companies](#) hosted a roundtable on Sustainable Finance for Value Chains on June 11, 2024, in Mumbai. The event brought together financial institutions, sourcing companies, and value chain companies. Notable speakers included Mr. Roger Charles, Executive Director- Institutional Banking Group Sustainability, [DBS Bank](#); Mr. [Ajay Bhatt](#), Head of Corporate, Product, and Sustainability Strategy, [Škoda Auto](#); Mr. [Shikhar Jain](#), ED, [CII-ITC Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development](#) (CESD); and Mr. [shailesh bhandari](#), Director, B.U. Bhandari dealership.

The objective of the roundtable was to provide a platform for companies and their value chain partners looking for finance for their ESG implementation plans and financial institutions aimed at sustainable lending, to deliberate challenges and identify solutions which can synchronize the financial strategies of both stakeholders.

Key takeaways from the roundtable include:

- ▶ Collaboration among finance treasury, sustainability, and procurement departments is essential for transitioning to sustainable value chains.
- ▶ Maturity-based certification programs on value chains can be used by banks and sourcing companies to provide incentives to the value chains companies.
- ▶ The lack of consistent, verifiable, and decision-useful ESG data poses significant challenges for financial institutions in complying with regulations, managing risks, and making sustainable investment decisions. This necessitates collaborative efforts to establish data standards and sharing mechanisms. Eco Edge can serve as a data repository for these institutions to facilitate decision-making and bridge the gaps.
- ▶ The start-up ecosystem should be engaged to introduce technological innovations for sustainable value chains.
- ▶ Advocacy for an Indian taxonomy should be pursued, involving CFOs in the conversation.

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