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India is no longer preparing for climate change - it is living with it. Heat stress, water scarcity, and extreme weather are already hitting workers, farmers, communities, and businesses, affecting public health, livelihoods, and supply chains. These are not distant risks. They are shaping investment decisions, infrastructure planning, and long-term resilience for industry and society alike.

Stakeholders, including industry and MSMEs often lack localized risk insights, practical adaptation tools, and the partnerships and financing needed to respond effectively. The need of the hour is widespread, coordinated action.

“SAARTH - Sustainable Action Alliance for Resilient Tomorrow”, is a multi-stakeholder, industry-led coalition. It will accelerate climate resilience in India by translating climate risks into actionable, scalable, and investment-ready solutions.

SAARTH will bridge the gap by making climate resilience central to development and competitiveness. The platform will convene stakeholders to co-develop scalable solutions that strengthen resilience, enhance preparedness, and accelerate India's transition to a climate-resilient economy.



# Vision

To unite stakeholders  
in collective action for a  
resilient, sustainable and  
future-ready economy and  
for the long-term  
well-being of communities.



# Mission

Catalyse collective action  
across stakeholders

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Faciliate innovative  
solutions

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Advance knowledge-sharing  
and learning

# Core Objectives

- **Drive**

policy dialogues and calibrations with relevant stakeholders, for regulatory mechanisms to promote adaptation

- **Enhance**

knowledge development and serve as a best practice and research repository for sector-specific solutions to climate risks, vulnerability and adaptation pathways

- **Strengthen**

industry preparedness through data, tools and evidences that can facilitate decision-making

- **Enable**

MSMEs and value chains through capacity building to transition towards climate-resilient operations

- **Create**

viable and scalable adaptation solutions

- **Make**

finance, technology, and partnerships accessible

## A Blueprint for Stakeholder Action

National and regional level climate-related policy dialogues

Evidence-backed research & insights

Risk informed planning through localized hazard & vulnerability data

Value chain and MSME resilience

Frameworks and digital tools to assess physical risks & vulnerabilities

Phased execution including pilots

Adaptation measures to protect rural livelihoods

Advance nature-based solutions





## **CII-ITC Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development**

The CII-ITC Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development (CESD) is the ecosystem creator for sustainable development in India. As a 20-year-old Industry-led institution within CII, the Centre drives sustainable, environmental, inclusive and climate-friendly transformation among stakeholders through research, data-driven digital tools, frameworks, collaborative initiatives and capacity development.

CESD works towards bringing local and global macro challenges to the centre stage; building policy consensus on critical issues; strengthening stakeholders' awareness and representation on policy & regulatory reforms and enabling actions that positively impact the environment, nature and communities.

With a vision to drive transformation towards sustainable development, CESD continues to play a focal role in Government-Industry dialogues on national regulations; articulating stakeholders' discourse on global policies; putting forth Indian Industry's stand on macro-economic issues and accentuating the need for sustainable and inclusive transformation.

CESD focuses on six transformational pathways: Advancing Creation of a Circular Economy; Facilitating an Enabling Ecosystem for ESG Reporting; Accelerating Nature Positive Actions; Enhancing Solutions for Clean Air; Building Climate Resilience and Low-Carbon Economy and Fostering Dialogues, Engagements & Knowledge Exchange.

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