

8th Annual INDIA AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDARDS

 Virtual
Conference

International Dialogues and Conference
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Accelerating and Reinforcing Transformative Change for Societal Resilience



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About 'India and Sustainability Standards Conference'

Centre for Responsible Business CRB's annual flagship conference 'India and Sustainability Standards: International Dialogues and Conference' convenes international and Indian businesses, policymakers and all stakeholders to dialogue and develop roadmaps across issues and industry sectors – in supporting the momentum towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

CRB believes that sustainable business principles are a key ingredient that businesses of the future (and businesses with a purpose) should integrate into their enduring core values – that should ultimately inform their strategies and operations.

In the eighth edition of ISS, our endeavor is to convene a diverse set of stakeholders to understand and deliberate on the opportunities and challenges of integrating sustainability in core business practices and strategies.

Journey so far



Overview of ISS 2021

2021 is an important year and presents great opportunities with a number of global events like the COPs on climate, biodiversity and desertification; Global Food Systems Summit; 10th anniversary of the UNGPs; Generation Equality Forum and so on. These and other such events are expected to explore answers to pertinent issues on the sustainability agenda. CRB has been trying to make sense of what these global developments signify for India's aspiration to meet the SDGs, especially post COVID19.

Over 800 delegates and 60 organisations who participated in CRB's seventh annual sustainability conference in October 2020, echoed the value of sustainable enterprise, markets and society for achieving resilience and equity in the long-term. The need for applying a systems lens and fostering unconventional and bold collaborative models were underlined.

At the 8th edition of CRB's annual sustainability conference (27-29 October 2021), some prominent issues will take centre stage, these include:

- ⦿ Addressing climate risks through net zero GHG emission and commitment towards carbon neutrality
- ⦿ Reducing human led environmental damages by adopting and promoting sustainable and circular business models, including value chains
- ⦿ Examining the role(s) that businesses can play in protecting nature and conserving biological diversity
- ⦿ Addressing inequality through an effective business and human rights framework, building on the experience of the UNGPs and the National Action Plans (NAPs)
- ⦿ Fostering collaboration and cooperation across stakeholders, geographies, power and institutional structures and systems
- ⦿ Viewing the evolving role of technology and finance as enablers, thereby reducing the divide they seem to have created

Overall Format

- ⦿ ISS 2021 will be built around a live and interactive agenda that includes Inaugural Session, and two High Level Panels on Day 1 and parallel breakout sessions (90 mins each) on Day 2 & 3
- ⦿ The online "virtual event" experience will incorporate engagement approaches including live polls, chat functionality and networking lounge

**Inaugural
Session**

0930-1130hrs

*Accelerating and Reinforcing
Transformative Change for a
Resilient Society***CHIEF GUEST****SHRI. SURESH PRABHU**
Member of Parliament**KEYNOTE****PROF. MERVYN KING**
Senior Counsel and former Judge
The Supreme Court of South Africa**High - Level
Panel 1**

1145-1315hrs

*Examining Our Willingness &
Ability to Drive Transformative
Change*

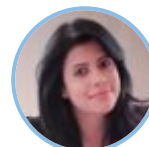
- What is our understanding of 'Transformative Change' as embedded in the 2030 Agenda?
- What pathways and approaches would help achieve measurable positive impacts?
- How can we move forward rapidly and efficiently not just in doing no harm but effectively in achieve positive impacts?
- Are we investing in future-proofing? What are some of the emerging signs?

**Chair****ARUN MAIRA**
Former Member
Planning Commission
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Co-Chair
International
Resource Pane**ANSHU GUPTA**
Founder Director
Goonj**DR SALLY UREN**
Chief Executive
Forum for the Future**High - Level
Panel 2**

1400-1530 hrs

*Enabling Business
Contribution towards
a Resilient Society*

- Why and how will business balance the trade-offs between competitiveness, growth and social/environmental impacts in the recovery phase?
- How can we better integrate the needs and aspirations of SMEs in the recovery process?
- What will help businesses improve their ability to identify and address vulnerabilities in their value chain and in the wider society?
- What enabling factors will support 'business unusual' achieve measurable positive impacts on lives, livelihoods and nature?

**KIRTI POONIA**
Head
Okhai**EVA ZABEJ**
Executive Director
Business for Nature**RICHARD HOWITT**
Strategic Advisor on
Corporate
Responsibility and
Sustainability, Business
and Human Rights

Breakout
Session
Themes

- ⊙ Business & Human Rights
- ⊙ Sustainable Palm Oil Dialogue India
- ⊙ Deforestation linked Commodities Supply Chain
- ⊙ Aligning Resource Efficiency with Climate Strategies
- ⊙ Self-assessment of Precarious & Vulnerable Workers in A&T Supply Chain
- ⊙ Sustainability Education & Research in B-Schools
- ⊙ Collaboratives approaches for setting Industry Expectations in Sustainability and Food Safety
- ⊙ Climate Change CSOs and Resilience
- ⊙ Business, Nature & Biodiversity
- ⊙ Multistakeholder Dialogue on Sustainable Sugar Supply Chain
- ⊙ Water and Industrial Wastewater Management
- ⊙ Sustainable & Circular IT and Electronics
- ⊙ Child free Apparel & Textile Supply Chain
- ⊙ Gender Issues in the Tea Supply Chain
- ⊙ Food Loss and Waste
- ⊙ Towards Family Friendly Workplace in A&T sector



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