

Balancing Business Goals in a Sustainability Paradigm

November 5-6, 2019

FICCI, Federation House, New Delhi

Agenda Outline

Day 1	
Tuesday, November 5, 2019	
09:00 – 10:30 Hrs	Registration
10:30 – 11:30 Hrs	Inaugural Session
11:30 – 11:45 Hrs	Tea/Coffee Break
11:45 – 13:00 Hrs	Plenary Session I: SDGs and the Road to a \$5 Trillion Economy – Government-Industry Partnership and its imperatives
	<p>This session will be the context setting plenary for the Conclave and will have a two-part discussion: one part of the discussion focusing on government and industry partnership for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the second part focusing on the imperative for corporate sustainability in India. All panellists will give their perspective on both these intertwined topics.</p> <p>Part I - Achievement of the SDGs by India would require a strong partnership between government and industry in all areas where public and private sectors could leverage each other's strengths. This session will deliberate on the approaches and pathways for a collaborative partnership for the SDGs.</p> <p>Part 2 – The focus on corporate sustainability questions the soundness and</p>

	<p>practicality of the business-as-usual approach and encourages policymakers, business and industry to explore new economic opportunities within environmental and natural resource parameters. This session will provide closing thoughts on the potential of corporate sustainability thinking to decouple economic growth from resource use.</p>
13:00 - 14:00 Hrs	Lunch
14:00 – 15:10 Hrs	Plenary Session II: Sustainable Supply Chain: Role of Big Businesses
	<p>Supply chain sustainability is a strong determinant of how companies deliver on their sustainability goals in the long-term. It is fundamental for corporates to focus on their buying practices and enable and empower suppliers to make sustainable choices. This session will focus on how corporates can address the challenge of supply chain sustainability and will highlight corporate initiatives on supply chain sustainability.</p>
15:10 – 15:25 Hrs	Tea Break
15:25 – 16:30 Hrs	Plenary Session III: Resource Use Efficiency: Mainstreaming Sustainable Consumption & Production
	<p>The challenge of achieving economic growth and development in the face of the limited carrying capacity of the environment has necessitated the development of sustainable consumption and production (SCP) strategies at the policy and programme levels. This session will deliberate on the strategies and approaches for resource use efficiency in Corporate India.</p>
16:30 – 17:30 Hrs	Plenary Session IV: Green Public Procurement
	<p>Green procurement is a process whereby authorities seek to procure goods and services with a reduced environmental impact throughout their life cycle when compared to goods and services with the same primary function that would otherwise be procured. This session will deliberate on green public procurement, given that the government is the largest procurer of good and services in the economy, and dwell on the strategic priority that this requires in India, including standards and certification, and how it can drive demand for sustainable products, services and projects in India.</p>

Day 2
Wednesday, November 6, 2019

10:15 – 11:15 Hrs	Opening Session: Profit with Purpose – The New Paradigm of Shareholders and Stakeholders
	Recently, the Business Roundtable in the US made a significant change in its definition of the purpose of companies, moving away from the notion of merely driving shareholder value to running business in the interests of all stakeholders. This session will discuss how Corporate India views corporate responsibility and the purpose of businesses.
11:20 - 12:35 Hrs	Plenary Session VI: Sustainability and Finance
	This session will focus on opportunities for sustainable finance in India, enabling frameworks, the role of government, the financial sector, and markets. It will discuss how sustainable finance can help to deliver on national priorities including the SDGs, and support the scale up and replication of successful business models.
12:35 - 13:35 Hrs	Plenary Session V: Sustainability Reporting
	Sustainability reports offer an overview of the commitment of companies to measure, analyze and disclose the economic, environmental and social impacts caused by their operations. This session will highlight trends in sustainability reporting, the role of integrated reporting and how sustainability reporting can be a powerful tool for companies who want to have a leading edge in the global economy.
13:15 - 14:00 Hrs	Lunch End of Conference