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India Sustainability Conclave 2018

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Introduction

The Indian corporate sector has taken initiatives on the social and environmental front for several decades, either driven by compliance or by a market pull. The sustainability dialogue has in the last four years taken a new turn because of various regulatory requirements such as Business Responsibility Reporting (BRR) arising out of the National Voluntary Guidelines for Social and Environmental Responsibility (NVGs) and the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) provisions under the Companies Bill. This has started a new conversation within the corporate sector on the appropriate paradigm for sustainability.

Rapidly proliferating corporate sustainability initiatives are restoring the balance between regulation and voluntary activities. Today, the attitude towards sustainability investment is not merely defined by compliance requirements, but by the pressing demands of climate change and reasonable expectations of stakeholders. In today's scenario, sustainability has ceased to be an optional topic in the strategy harvesting process, and has become a medium to filter risks and optimise opportunities for growth. Companies are ensuring that the key focus is not merely on accumulation of financial returns, but a curation of leading practice and material issues, that are aligned with the company's business priorities. This is a multidimensional benefit scenario, achieved through a combination of improved resource-accessibility, cost-reduction, marketing and recruiting benefits.

Most corporates feel the need to define, implement, measure and communicate their sustainability strategy. It helps to identify and address the concerns of key external and internal stakeholders. It contributes directly to triple bottom-line profitability, mitigates risks, enhances brand image, creates a competitive edge and boosts employee morale. Executives recognise that tangible, results-focused sustainability strategies are evidence of sound management, resulting in increased readiness to adapt to changing markets and respond to customer needs. A clear sustainability strategy helps to provide confidence and reassurance to stakeholders that a company has a solid foundation for future success.

Corporate sustainability in India is currently a multi-level learning process, where regulators, companies and other stakeholders are experimenting with innovative approaches to establish sustainability benchmarks. Companies have started to weave their corporate policies within the fabric of sustainability in order to add value to the society within which they operate. Indian Businesses are increasingly taking up corporate sustainability initiatives as it makes good business sense for them in the long run.

FICCI as the voice of Indian business and industry launched its annual flagship event– India Sustainability Conclave in March 2012 in New Delhi as an annual platform to engage businesses and other stakeholders on corporate sustainability and its mainstreaming in India, and to create a momentum towards adoption of sustainability practices. Since then the Conclave has become an annual event and attracts diverse stakeholder groups from industry, government, multilateral and bilateral organisations, private sector engaged in sustainability services, academia, civil society, consultants, financial institutions and international community on a common platform. The Conclave has built a continuing dialogue since the last three years on various topics like sustainability reporting, sustainable supply chains, and sustainable financing while exploring the needs, drivers, enablers and advantages of building a sustainability paradigm. New topics have also been introduced each year relevant to the theme to add a new dimension to the Conclave and make it more meaningful and enriching for participants.

India Sustainability Conclave 2018

The Fifth Edition of India Sustainability Conclave is scheduled on March 5 - 6, 2018 in FICCI, Federation House, Tansen Marg, New Delhi. India Sustainability Conclave has always endeavoured to highlight the direction that corporates have taken to reach their sustainability goals. The Conclave in the previous years has focused on the changing paradigm of businesses towards integration of sustainability oriented goals. This year conclave will focus on three important dimensions:

- Importance of corporate sustainability in the context of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Environmental concerns and threats are increasingly becoming a risk to business continuity
- Embedding sustainability in corporate goals and strategies is becoming an imperative for companies to build their business resilience.

The Fifth ISC would deepen the discussions on areas of Trends in Corporate Sustainability in India and Globally; Reporting Framework in Sustainability; Supply Chain Sustainability; Sustainability Governance; Skilling for Sustainability, and an importance of linking sustainability to companies' financial decisions.



Objectives

India Sustainability Conclave 2018 will be an interesting brainstorming platform with knowledge, networking and capacity building as additional take-away to address key issues of sustainability for businesses including:

- Presenting national and international best practices and case studies
- Recommending policy directives that will create an enabling environment for companies to engage in sustainability and helping create a market for sustainability
- Providing a platform to engage with relevant stakeholders in the area of sustainability while building their capacities on emerging sustainability issues



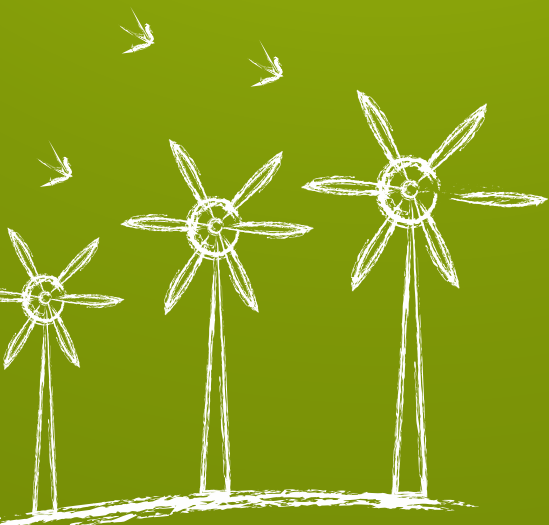
Session Themes

- Current Trends in Corporate Sustainability : Global & Indian
- Reporting Framework in Sustainability
- Supply Chain Sustainability
- Sustainability Governance
- Developing Capital Markets for Sustainability
- Technology Interface as an Enabler for Integrating Sustainability
- Skills for Sustainability

Target Audience

Industry Leaders, Heads of Sustainability and CSR in Companies, Industry Associations, Bilateral/Multilateral Organizations, Consulting Companies, Credit Rating Companies, Media, Non-Governmental Organizations, Policymakers and Regulators, Research Institutes, Stock Exchanges, Sustainability Professionals and Service Providers, Training Institutions, etc.

Organizations can participate as partner/ sponsor. For participation, please contact FICCI India Sustainability Conclave 2018 Team.





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Registration Fee	Indian Delegates	FICCI Corporate Members (25% Discount)	FICCI Associate Members (10% Discount)	Educational Institutions (50% Discount)
Discounted rates for Registration on or before 26 February 2018	INR 5,000	INR 3,750	INR 4,500	INR 2,500
Rates for Registration after 26 February 2018	INR 5,500	INR 4,125	INR 4,950	INR 2,750

*Rates are inclusive of GST

Please note that registration fee once paid is non-refundable, however, change of delegate is allowed. The registration fee includes Conclave kit, lunch and refreshments, and excludes boarding, lodging and transport.

The following person(s) from our organization would be participating in India Sustainability Conclave 2018:

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India Sustainability Conclave - Glimpses from the Past Editions



From Left to Right: Dr Prodipto Ghosh, Chairman, FICCI Climate Change Task Force and Former Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India; Dr Bhaskar Chatterjee, Advisor - FICCI, Secretary General - Indian Steel Association (ISA), Former Director General & CEO - Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs; Dr Mukund Rajan, Chairman, FICCI Environment Committee & Chairman, Tata Sustainability Council, Tata Sons Limited; Ms Rita Roy Choudhury, Assistant Secretary General, FICCI at the Inaugural Session of ISC 2016



From Left to Right: Mr Utkarsh Agrawal, Associate Director, Research and Design, S&P Dow Jones Indices; Mr Bose Varghese, Head-Green Initiatives, Infosys; Mr P S Malik, Head - Corporate Sustainability, L&T; Dr Mukund Rajan, Chairman, FICCI Environment Committee & Chairman, Tata Sustainability Council, Tata Sons Limited; Mr Tony Henshaw, Chief Sustainability Officer, Aditya Birla Group; Mr Joe Phelan, Director, WBCSD – India at the Plenary Session I on Corporate Sustainability: Growing Imperatives for India.



From Left to Right: Mr Mahesh Babu, Managing Director, IL&FS Environmental Infrastructure and Services Ltd; Mr Krish Iyer, CEO, Walmart – India; Dr Prodipto Ghosh, Chairman, FICCI Climate Change Task Force and Former Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India; Mr Sushill K Jiwarajka, Co-Founder and Chairman, OMC Power; Mr V Saibaba, CEO- Solar Business & President- Strategic Business Development (Wind), Inox Wind Ltd at the Plenary Session VI on Strategic Worth of Sustainability for Business: CEO'S Perspective

About FICCI

FICCI, the apex industry organization in India, is the leader in policy thinking and change and is in the vanguard of nation building. Established in 1927 and with a nationwide membership of over 1500 corporates and over 500 chambers of commerce and business associations, FICCI espouses the shared vision of Indian businesses and speaks directly and indirectly for over 2,50,000 business units.

FICCI facilitates business-to-business linkages, promotes trade and investment linkages, creates awareness on key issues for the economy, provides inputs for policymaking, acts as a conduit for government-industry exchange and promotes bilateral ties. FICCI's Committees and Task Forces on Environment, Climate Change, Water and Renewable Energy serve as platforms for policy deliberations and interface with the government on key policy and regulatory developments. Corporate Sustainability assumes an important dimension to focus on as FICCI realizes the growing interest of Indian companies in building a sustainability paradigm. The FICCI Environment Division works on five main thematic areas in the space of environment:

Waste Management (E-waste, Hazardous, Plastic, MSW, Biomedical) – FICCI along with MoEFCC and CPCB, had organized Multi-Stakeholder Consultation workshops to deliberate the Rules and provide a platform for all stakeholders to discuss ground level issues in implementation

Environment & Forest Clearances – deliberates on fast tracking of the environment and forest clearances for industrial projects.

Corporate Sustainability – work towards integrating concerns of environment and society in larger business strategy and linking corporate sustainability with larger sustainable development goals. FICCI has formed a 'FICCI Chief Sustainability Officers (CSOs) Forum' which comprise of CSOs from leading Indian companies working towards driving corporate sustainability from the forefront.

Clean Technology - Focusing on awareness for clean technology

Biodiversity - FICCI has been working closely with the government in the environment policy domain, providing critical inputs and industry feedback on policy and regulatory issues. The Environment Committee plays a pivotal role in this regard. Under the Environment Committee, Biodiversity Regulatory Taskforce, is formed to disseminate the information to its members on requirement for compliance. The taskforce is constituted to establish relation of industry with biodiversity, the regulations and their impact on business and industry. FICCI has constituted this taskforce with a view to disseminate information to its members on requirement for Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) compliance, and identify the gaps, issues posed by the regulation in India and formulate strategies to resolve them.

FICCI therefore is deeply engaged in mainstreaming Indian Industry's views in environmental policy areas such as waste management (municipal, electronic and hazardous waste management), environmental and forest clearances, biodiversity issues, etc.

FICCI launched the India Sustainability Conclave in 2012 as an annual platform to bring the dialogue on corporate sustainability to the forefront and converge all stakeholders in this space for sharing of best practices and knowledge that will mobilize enhanced engagement in corporate sustainability. FICCI deliberates annually on key issues that help the industry to align their business goals in the sustainability paradigm like supply chain, stakeholder engagement, financing aspect of sustainability, sustainable production and consumption as well as sustainability reporting. These are all done under the aegis of the FICCI Environment Committee.

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