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To Celebrate India's Global Leadership in
Sustainability & Decarbonisation



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INVITED GUESTS & SPEAKERS



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Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan

Hon'ble Vice President of India

ESTEEMED GUESTS



Dr. S. Jaishankar

Union Cabinet Minister
External Affairs (MEA)



Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman

Union Cabinet Minister
Finance & Corporate Affairs



Shri Prahlad Joshi

Union Cabinet Minister
New & Renewable Energy



Hon. Simon Stiell

Executive Secretary,
UNECCC



Shri Piyush Goyal

Union Cabinet Minister
Commerce & Industry



Hon. Edward Samuel Miliband

Secretary of State for Energy
Security and Net Zero, UK



Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

Union Cabinet Minister
Culture & Tourism



Ms Mafalda Duarte

Executive Director, Green
Climate Fund (GCF)

THE GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT (GSS), 2026



THE CONTEXT & RATIONALE

The World faces challenges of Energy Crisis, Political Unrest, and Resource Scarcity, which disrupt the Development Process and Climate Actions, deepening Poverty and Inequality Dimensions today.

India's history of Resilience and Leadership in Sustainability is Key to addressing these crises. The Global Sustainability Summit (GSS), 2026, in New Delhi, provides a Platform for Indian Leaders and Global Stakeholders to discuss the Best possible Solutions, at this Point of time. IISD-CMI marks 18+ years of Dedicated Service to the Nation and the Planet. Let us unite to make The GSS'26 a Great Success.



VISION

This Celebration reflects the Institute's Vision to foster a Resilient & Decarbonised Society as India approaches its Centenary in 2047. The Goal is to enhance Lives and Livelihoods of the Common People, through Research, Innovation and Grassroot Engagements, making India a Global Leader in Sustainability and Decarbonisation through Centers of Excellence.

TEAM IISD-CMI MET WITH THE HON'BLE PRESIDENT OF INDIA



Team IISD-CMI met with the Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu and apprised the Institution's Exceptional Leadership in Scientific and Public Policy Research, Dialogue, towards Sustainability, Clean Transition, and Decarbonization.



Esteemed Madam Shared her Words of Wisdom, Heartfelt Compliments and Support for the Success of The Global Sustainability Summit (GSS) 2026.



Dr. Srikanta K. Panigrahi

Distinguished Research Fellow & Hon'ble Director General (IISD)



He is a Leading Global Sustainability Thought Leader, Distinguished Research Fellow, and Director General at the Indian Institute of Sustainable Development (IISD) and Carbon Minus India (CMI), an IISD Initiative; Both are Public Policy Think Tanks and Scientific Research Institutes at New Delhi.



He is a well-known Indian Policymaker and Technocrat who has worked with the Government of India, the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), and the World Bank. He is a Member to National Strategic Knowledge Mission and Several Other Missions on Climate Change to Implement the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC). He was a Member Secretary of a Working Group to prepare the National Action Plan for Operationalizing CDM in India; and of the Report of the Committee on Biofuels. Both Reports were Submitted to the Indian Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

He is on the Steering Committees & Task Forces of the Government of India and the United Nations on Technology Transfer, CCUS, Climate/ESG Risk Finance, Transition Finance, and UN-SDGs Implementation. He is appointed as a Prestigious Member of the SEBI ESG/BRSR Advisory Committee (EAC), Mumbai.



Dr Panigrahi is Known as " Chief Architect of Indian Carbon Market " he was one of the Authors of the Kyoto Protocol; and was Instrumental to initiate Kyoto in India, the entire UNFCCC CoP Process, Climate Change Negotiations and Designated National Authority (DNA) Formation and subsequently, as it's Member to Implement the National Action Plan, he formulated and operationalised CDM and it is only because of his Personal Pursuance and Leadership Initiatives; India was First Starter of CDM, among Developing World and could Emerge as Global CDM Leader.

He has led many Indian, National Delegations to Various Global Consultations and Forums in Water Treaties, IPR & Technology Transfer for Developing Countries, Plastic Treaty, Biosafety, and Montreal Protocol for the protection of the Ozone Layer.



He was awarded the National Science Popularisation Award by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, for his Extraordinary Contribution and Commitments to Popularising Science among the Common Mass, and was recognized by UNEP for his Valuable Contribution and Leadership in Catalyzing Environment Actions, on World Environment Day, 2007. MIT Sloan School of Management has recognized him as an En-Road Climate Ambassador in the Policy Makers Category.



He holds a Research Fellowship from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, MA, USA. He was a UNEP/UNESCO Fellow. He has Delivered Guest Lectures at 149 Prestigious Universities across the Globe, in India and abroad.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Program Date: 30th - 31st July '26 (Thursday-Friday)



Venue: Vigyan Bhawan, Maulana Azad Rd, Rajpath Area, Central Secretariat, New Delhi-110011, India



Registration: 8:00 - 9:00 AM

- Pre-Registration Only
- Spot Registration Not Available
- Security Check & Entry to Vigyan Bhawan will be restricted intermittently as per the Security Guidelines



Special Sessions on Sustainability & Decarbonization in Plenary Hall, Vigyan Bhawan



- **Chairman, MD, and CXO Roundtable** on ESG & BRSR Boardroom Challenges
- **National Sustainability Awards, 2026 Ceremony** by the Chief Guest



Lunch: 1:30 - 2:30 PM

Tea/Coffee/Cookies are available throughout the Program at the Food Court - In front of the Plenary Hall



Outstation attendees are advised **not to carry luggage**. Cloak Room Facilities are not available because of **Security Restrictions in Vigyan Bhawan**



RECALLING THE GSS' FOOTPRINTS

MEMORIES FROM PREVIOUS EDITIONS



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IN-DEPTH SESSIONS



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The GSS' 2025 Glimpse

SPECIAL SESSIONS

-  LiFE Mission
-  Green Hydrogen, Energy Transition & Decarbonisation
-  Women Leadership in Sustainability
-  Sustainable Finance & Climate Taxonomy
-  AI & Quantum Innovation for Sustainable Development
-  Preventive Health Care
-  Accelerating the Mobility Transition
-  India of My Dream: Vision @2047
-  Environmental Jurisprudence
-  Sustainable Fashion & Lifestyle
-  Sustainable Education in NEP, 2020
-  BRICS Leadership in Sustainability

TECHNICAL SESSIONS

-  Chairman, MD, and CXO Roundtable on ESG & BRSR Boardroom Challenges
-  Nature-Based Solutions (NBS), Nature & Wildlife Conservation
-  Investors' Roundtable for MSMEs & Startups: Financing Sustainable Growth
-  Technology Enables Sustainability
-  Climate Change, Natural Farming, & Food Security
-  Climate Diplomacy: The New Normal in Geopolitics

FELICITATING EXCEPTIONAL MSMEs & STARTUPS IN SUSTAINABILITY

By IISD-CMI Startup & MSME Facilitation Center



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- ✓ Renewable Energy & Green Hydrogen
- ✓ Sustainable Fashion & Lifestyle
- ✓ AI Quantum and Digital Innovation
- ✓ Circular Agripreneurs
- ✓ Sustainable Mobility

NATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS, 2026



Recognising Outstanding Individuals or Institutions of Indian Origin, for their Lifetime Contribution, having a Global Impact; evaluated by an Assessment Partner and Eminent Jury Panel.

Nominate Now

gss2026.iisdindia.in/awards/#Nomination

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE



Knowledge Report

Knowledge Partner to Deliver a Powerful Knowledge Report in Consultation with Team IISD-CMI



Lifestyle-Habit Changes

LiFE Mission, inspiring Individuals for Lifestyle-Habit Changes to reduce their Carbon, Water, and Ecological Footprint, for the Planet Earth



Digital Leaders & Influencers

The Digital Sustainability Leaders / Social Media Influencers to amplify and globally spread the Spirit of The GSS' 2026



R to L: Ms. Babita Sharma, Net Zero Advisor, Science and Innovation Network, British High Commission; Dr. Balakrishnan Pisupati, Country Head, India, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), India; and Hon'ble Director General, IISD, Dr. Srikanta K Panigrahi Presenting the Certificate to Shri M Sai Krishna, Deputy General Manager, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), for the National Certificate Course Program (NCCP), on ESG, BRSR and Sustainability Reporting.

ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

“ Advancing sustainability through policy, innovation and scientific research.

Indian Institute of Sustainable Development (IISD) is registered as a National Not-for-Profit, Independent Public Policy Think Tank and Scientific Research Institute in New Delhi, with the Objective of ensuring the overall improvement of the lives and livelihoods of the Common Man through Research, Innovation and engagement with Communities at the grassroots level. IISD strives to place India on a **Sustainable Path** that is **Inclusive and Equitable**, involving **People, Planet, and Business**.

OUTSTANDING IMPACT BY

IISD-CMI CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

for The Society, The Nation & The Planet



Climate & Net Zero

Detailed Project Report (DPR), Forest and Environment Clearance, and EIA for Green Hydrogen, Electric Vehicle (EV), Solar, Wind, Biomass, Small Hydro, Nuclear Projects & Monitoring



Sustainable Development in Fragile Cold Desert Ecosystem

Making Ladakh Net zero, with the Center for Sustainable Development, in 4 Sectors of Agriculture, Water, Renewable Energy, & Sustainable Tourism



Human Centric Sustainability Solutions

Sustainable Fashion, through Apparel Certification Systems and Promotion of Ethical Fashion, using Sustainable Materials, by Knowledge Exchanges, and Working Groups



Policy, Reporting & Global Impact

ESG, BRSR, and Sustainability Reporting for Corporates, in tune with the Company's Business Strategies, including Net zero, Scope 3, and Sustainable Supply Chain Advisory Services

CONTACT US



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