Time Agenda Items 1545-1555 Welcome and Setting the context-Dr. Manish Pande

Director and Head, PAD Division, QCI

Presenters Introduction - Devyani Hari, CRB

155-1610 Presentation 1 (10 mins)

> Mr. Anil Bhardwaj Secretary General, FISME

Key perspectives covered:

What were the trends of sustainability in the Indian

SME sector - pre COVID?

Impact of COVID on SMEs, experience of sustainable

enterprises

How can SMEs maintain focus on sustainability as they rebuild? And how critical will be sustainability as

Indian SMEs aim for GVC integration? Q&A (5 mins)

1610-1625 Presentation 2 (10 mins)

Dr. Aishvarya Raj

Senior Director & Head ZED Division, QCI

Key Perspectives covered:

Workplace Assessment for Safety and Hygiene - how does it work and why it is critical for SMEs

How can focus on quality help SMEs rebuild better? How can SMEs be supported in building back better?

Q&A (5 mins)

1625-1640 Presentation 3 (10 mins)

Ms. Petra Walterova

Programme Officer, Trade for Sustainable

Development (T4SD), Sustainable and Inclusive Value Chains, Division of Enterprises and Institutions

Key Perspectives covered:

How do T4SD hubs support SMEs? How does this affect integration into GVCs?

International examples of sustainable SMEs and

experience through COVID?

What is the way forward as SMEs rebuild post COVID

especially with respect to sustainability?

Q&A (5 mins)

1640-1655 Presentation 4 (10 mins)

Santiago Fernandez De Cordoba, Coordinator UNFSS,

UNCTAD

Key perspectives covered:

Adoption of VSS by MSMEs - Extent of adoption - How many of the VSS are being adopted by MSMEs? In case of low adoption how can it be changed?

Examples of countries with a high uptake; how to scale VSS uptake through domestic regulation, public procurement and trade policy?

How can VSS support SMEs build back better?

Q&A (5 mins)

1655-1710 Presentation 5 (10 mins)

Anjana Seshadri ESG Officer, NEEV Fund

Key perspectives covered:

What are the ESG finance options available for SMEs

in India?

How has ESG finance helped SMEs during times of COVID?

How can access to innovative and ESG related finance help SMEs build back post COVID?

Q&A (5 mins)

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## Session Objectives

- Deep dive into how SMEs have been adopting and supporting the sustainability
- Understand how sustainability, if at all, has helped SMEs recover better
- Explore how the pandemic has impacted the sustainability dialogue in the SME sector
- Understand how SMEs can be supported in building back better - role of government policies/ schemes, funding, standards, access to finance etc.

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