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Centre for Responsible Business's (CRB) annual flagship conference 'India and Sustainability Standards: International Dialogues and Conference' convenes a diverse set of stakeholders to dialogue and develop roadmaps across key sustainability issues and industry sectors – in supporting the momentum towards Sustainability.

This year, the conference will continue to provide an enabling platform to showcase and deliberate on key sustainability topics. The conference will aim to engage and enable dialogue on various sustainability issues while inspiring innovation, action, and solutions that can contribute towards a sustainable future.

'Solutions for Sustainability and Inclusivity: Policy, Innovation & Collaboration'

Adopting and highlighting a solutions-based approach to sustainability is crucial for addressing the multifaceted challenges that the global community faces today. Sustainable development is a complex issue that demands creative solutions and identifying and implementing practical strategies to achieve sustainability efficiently. With an emphasis on policy, collaboration, and innovation, this year's conference aims to unpack these three components to highlight various initiatives that are globally reshaping the approach to sustainability/sustainable business practices.

- Policies play a crucial role in promoting sustainability and addressing the challenges that arise in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Well-crafted policies incentivise sustainable practices and adjust the economic system to better account for the true value of the environment and society. By enabling a conducive environment for environmentally responsible practices, policies can drive change and facilitate adoption of green technologies. Furthermore, policies can encourage international cooperation, thereby addressing the global nature of sustainability problems. With these key considerations in mind, it is clear that policy-related solutions are one of the most effective tools we have at our disposal to promote sustainability and effect lasting change on a global scale. The conference sessions will discuss policy coherence, consistency and coordination at both the vertical (international national- subnational-local) and the horizontal (groupings like the G7, G20, BRICS, etc.) levels of policymaking and implementation.
- Innovation and sustainability are intertwined; they offer complementary strategies for tackling social and environmental issues, with innovation being recognised as a key tool for driving industrial and economic growth. Innovation can facilitate the development of processes, products, and services that are more efficient, consume fewer resources, and generate less waste and environmental risks. Such advancements include the promotion of green technologies and sustainable production methods, which represent the vanguard tools for promoting sustainable development in organizations. Innovations would be approached from different angles including - technological innovation, financing innovation, business model innovation, grassroots innovation and innovations in the policy and the regulatory framework.
- Collaboration serves as a powerful lever for promoting sustainable solutions and achieving our collective goals. In a world that is increasingly interconnected and facing complex challenges, collaboration allows for the pooling of resources, expertise, and perspectives from diverse stakeholders. By working together, we can harness collective intelligence, identify innovative approaches, and implement comprehensive solutions that are more effective and enduring. Collaboration fosters the sharing of knowledge, experience, and best practices, creating a platform for cross-sectoral and interdisciplinary cooperation. It enables stakeholders to align their efforts, coordinate actions, and overcome barriers that could be potentially insurmountable for individual actors. By leveraging collaboration as a catalyst, we can unlock the transformative potential needed to address the complex sustainability challenges we face, paving the way towards a more sustainable and resilient future. Yes, collaboration is not easy and in many cases remains academic or theoretical and not ingrained in practice.

Over the years, ISS has evolved as a unique multi-stakeholder sustainability platform that helps to convene a wide spectrum of national and international stakeholders on the topic. It has helped in inviting a large community of otherwise uninitiated stakeholders; created awareness and understanding not only of solutions but also their application in the real world; forged trust and understanding between stakeholder groups and led to various spin-offs and initiatives.

Day 1 - November 6, 2023

Inaugural Session:

Solutions for Sustainability and Inclusivity: Policy, Innovation & Collaboration

First High-Level Plenary:

Solutions for Sustainability & Inclusivity: Role of Policy

Second High-Level Plenary:

Solutions for Sustainability & Inclusivity: Purpose-driven Innovations

Third High - Level Plenary:

Collaborative Cotton Futures: ACRE's Regenerative Agriculture Initiative in India

Speakers



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Networking Dinner
Special Performance
by
Manzil Mystics



Day 2 - November 7, 2023

Empowering Women Cotton Farmers: Cultivating Change, Closing Gender Gaps, and Combatting Climate Change

Aligning Sustainability to the Policy Landscape for Soft Commodities

Enabling Indian SMEs for Sustainable and Circular Textiles

Driving Responsible Business: Developing Effective Human Rights Policies & Processes

Valuing Nature and People in Business Strategy and Operations

Innovative Strategies for Advancing Sustainable Palm Oil Production in India

Supporting Gender Equality and Social Inclusion: Innovative Solutions to Transform Supply Chains

**Integration of Sustainability in Management Education
Exploring Inclusive Solutions through Policy, Innovation & Collaboration**

Strategising Climate Adaptation for the Private Sector

Responsible Business Conduct and the RMG Sector

Small Business, Big Impact: India's SMEs on the Path to Net Zero

EU-India Business Collaborative Initiative on Sustainable Development, Climate Action and Inclusivity

Day 3 - November 8, 2023

Transforming Indian Workplaces with Family-friendly Policies for a Brighter Future and Sustainable Development

Driving Demand for Sustainable Consumption: Contributing to Mission LiFE

Neutrality to Stewardship: Transitioning towards Water Secure India

Responsible Sourcing of Agri -commodities: Challenges and Opportunities

State Experiences and Innovative Approaches to Fast-track the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Sustainable Supply Chain by Promoting Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work

Collaborative Systems Change: Increasing Impact of Solutions for Sustainability & Inclusivity

Social Stock Exchange Help in Focusing Investor Attention on the Sector

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