

India Just Transition Summit

Navigating a people-centered low-carbon transition for India

16 - 17 October 2024 | Hyatt Regency, New Delhi



AGENDA

Day 1 | OCTOBER 16, 2024

9:30 – 10:00 am

Registrations + Tea / Coffee

10:00 – 11:00 am

**Inaugural Session:
Putting People First in India's Low-Carbon Transition**

Welcome Remarks

Ms Ashwini Hingne, Associate Program Director,
Climate, Economics & Finance, WRI India

Context Setting

Ms Ulka Kelkar, Executive Program Director,
Climate, Economics & Finance, WRI India

Special Address

Dr Brian Motherway, Head of the Office of Energy Efficiency
and Inclusive Transitions, International Energy Agency (IEA)

Dr Crispian Olver, Executive Director,
Presidential Climate Commission (PCC), South Africa

Keynote Address

Mr Sharath Kumar Pallerla, Scientist G, Ministry of Environment,
Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India

**Publication/
Network launch**

Prof Pradip Swarnakar, Founder and Coordinator,
Just Transition Research Centre, IIT Kanpur

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Paper Presentations: Impact on local communities

Session Chairs

Dr Purnamita Dasgupta, Chair in Environmental Economics and Head, Environmental and Resource Economics Unit Institute of Economic Growth, University of Delhi

Ms Santosh Agarwal, Deputy Director General and former Coal Controller, Ministry of Coal, Government of India

Paper Presenters

Tenneti Rathna Kumar, Trupti Mishra, Rayees Sheik, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay

Amrita Kaur Slatch, Shiekh Intekhab Alam, RWTH Aachen University

Rushalee Gupta, Riya Gupta, Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)

Vaibhav Chowdhary and Animesh Ghosh, Ashoka University

Aparna Sajeev, Mandavi Singh, and Vani Pandey, TERI

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Paper Presentations: Land-based transition

Session Chairs

Dr Arjan De Haan, Senior Program Specialist, Climate Adaptation and Resilience, International Development Research Centre

Dr Manish Kumar Shrivastava, Senior Fellow, TERI

Mr Rajnath Ram, Program Director, Energy, Natural Resources & Environment, & Island Development, NITI Aayog, Government of India*

Paper Presenters

Devina Kuttappa and Mekhala Sastry, Vasudha Foundation

Arvind Poswal, Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)

Sukanya Khar and Dr Kaveri Iychettira, IIT Delhi,

Nicole Rocque, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

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Paper Presentations: Gender-inclusive transitions

Session Chairs

Ms Zoe Woodlee, First Secretary, Economic & Trade, Australian High Commission

Mr Kaushik Deb, Executive Director, Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago (EPIC India)

Paper Presenters

Sunaina Saxena, Shashwat Datta, Power Foundation of India

Sravanthi Choragudi, Divecha Centre for Climate Change, Indian Institute of Science

Smitha Hari, AuctusESG

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Paper Presentations: Innovative solutions and approaches

Session Chairs

Mr Ketul Acharya, President, Global Alliance for Mass Entrepreneurship (GAME)

Dr Rohith Jyothish, Assistant Professor, Jindal School of International Affairs

Paper Presenters

Sagar Kisan Wadkar, Dr. Shrija Sinha, Vaishali Goswami and Naveen Kumar Singh, National Cooperative Union of India

Mohua Mukherjee, Oxford Institute for Energy Studies

Dr Nupur Bapuly, The Nature Conservancy, India

Vineeth Daniel Vinoy, Manipal Academy of Higher Education

1:30 – 2:30 pm

Lunch

2:30 – 5:00 pm

Paper Presentations: Regional transitions

Session Chairs

Dr Alexander Fisher, Director Indo-German Coordination on Climate Change, GIZ

Paper Presenters

Altaf Azam and Samrat Deb, The Climate Group

Dhwaj Khattar, Indicc Associates

Dulari Parmar, Roshni Nuggehalli, Vishwajeet Poojary, YUVA, Asar Social Impact Advisors

Harpreet Bhullar, Purnabha Dasgupta, Purpose

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Paper Presentations: Workforce and livelihoods

Session Chairs

Dr Asmita Kabra, Professor, School of Human Studies, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University, Delhi

Mr Sanjay Kumar, Director, Curriculum Development, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Government of India

Paper Presenters

Rakhi Sharma, Indian Federation of Green Energy

Shrija, Soumen Maity and Doreen Boyd, Development Alternatives

Tariq Habib, Manish Kumar, Manika Gupta, Climate Policy Initiative (CPI)

Akash Sharma Sanchita Chattarjee, CUTS International

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Paper Presentations: Industrial transitions I

Session Chairs

Dr Gurudas Nulkar, Director and Head, Centre for Sustainable Development, Gokhale Institute of Politics & Economics (GIPE)

Mr Arun Goyal, Former Secretary to Govt of India, Cabinet Secretariat and ex-Member, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission

Paper Presenters

Arun Krishnan, Manish Kumar, Vivek Sen, Climate Policy Initiative

Saon Ray, Kuntala Bandyopdhyay, ICRIER

Safa Khan and Kritika Singh, Oxford Policy Management

Rohit Magotra, Probal Ghosh, Sudershan Singh,

Neelakshi Vasnik, Integrated Research and Action for Development

2:30 – 5:00 pm

Paper Presentations: Industrial transitions II

Session Chairs

Dr Ananya Chakraborty, Senior Research Specialist, Climate Resilience Practice WRI India

Mr Manish Mishra, Chief, Regulatory Affairs, Tata Steel

Paper Presenters

Jyoti Mukul, Confederation of Indian Industry

Vishal Sukhija, WWF India

Rajvidya Wadalkar, Urvika Goel, Lovish Raheja, IITB-Monash Research Academy

Kanika Balani, University of Sussex

Aparna Sharma, Harman Singh, Vaibhav Chaturvedi,

The Council on Energy Environment and Water, New Delhi

5:00 – 6:00 pm

Poster Presentation Walk Through followed by High-Tea

Day 2 | OCTOBER 17, 2024

9:30 – 10:00 am

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10:00 – 10:40 am

High-level Plenary:
Navigating a People-centered Low-carbon Transition in India

Welcome Remarks **Mr Madhav Pai, CEO, WRI India**

Special Address **Mr Arpit Sharma, CEO, Skill Council for Green Jobs (SCGJ)**

**Dr Anil Kumar Jain, Chairperson, Petroleum and
Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB)**

**Ms Sharan Burrow, Former General Secretary
of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)**

Publication Launch by WRI India

10:40 am – 12:00 pm

**Just Transition across India:
Opportunities and Challenges from Sectoral Transitions**

This session will delve into the different dimensions and complexities of just transition challenges in India and also explore opportunities for inclusion and economic development that the low-carbon transition presents for people.

Session Keynote **Mr AK Rastogi, Chairman, Task Force, Sustainable Just Transition & Green Hydrogen, Government of Jharkhand**

Panel Discussion **Mr CK Mohan, President,
Tamil Nadu Small and Tiny Industries Association (TANSTIA)**

Mr Gautam Mody, General Secretary, New Trade Union Initiative

Mr Mani V G S, Vice President, Karo Sambhav

Dr Pankaj Sharma, Additional Director, D&ES, Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC), Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoPNG), Government of India

Ms Roli Srivastava, Founder, The Migration Story

Dr Runa Sarkar, Professor, Economics Group, IIM Calcutta

Dr Saon Ray, Visiting Professor, ICRIER

**Mr Vinod Kumar Pandey, General Manager (Environment)
Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Limited, (CMPDI)**

Day 2 | OCTOBER 17, 2024**12:00 – 1:15 pm****From Policy to Practice:
Implementing Solutions for a Just and Equitable Transition**

This session will explore strategies, approaches and solutions for ensuring a people-centered and equitable low-carbon transition in India.

Session Keynote

Ms Katie Ross, Head of Monitoring and Evaluation,
Presidential Climate Commission Secretariat, South Africa
and Senior Director, Climate Economics and Finance, WRI

Panel Discussion

Ms Akshi Chawla, Director, Centre for
Economic Data and Analysis, Ashoka University

Mr Cecil Premi, Director, Apex Skill Council, Government of Tamil Nadu

Ms Neha Khanna, Senior Manager, Climate Policy Institute (CPI)

Mr R K Singh, Chief General Manager,
Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)

Ms Sabina Dewan, President and Executive Director,
JustJobs Network

Mr Subramanya Pulipaka, CEO, National Solar Energy
Federation of India (NSEFI)

1:15 – 2:30 pm

Lunch

2:30 – 4:30 pm**Just Transition Shark Tank: Financing People-Centred Transition**

This session will spotlight ongoing just transition initiatives in India and deliberate with finance experts, funders and investors innovative approaches to bridge the gap between project implementation and the necessary financial support for enabling a just transition in India.

Presentations

Ms Harpreet Bhullar, Associate Director - Impact Measurement
& Learning, Purpose

Ms Sivasankari TP, Founder and Managing Director,
AR4 Tech Pvt Ltd, Coimbatore

Ms Akansha Singh, CEO, Swayambhu Innovative solutions Pvt Ltd

Dr Deepali Khetriwal, Cofounder, E[co]work

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Panel

Mr Jarnail Singh, Deputy Director, India Office, Climate Solutions, MacArthur Foundation

Mr Naim Keruwala, Program Director (CITIIS) - National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)

Ms Preety Bhandari, Former Senior Advisor, Global Climate Program and the Finance Center, World Resources Institute

Ms Shweta Srinivasan, Senior Specialist - Energy Transitions, India Climate Collaborative

4:30 – 5:00 pm

High Tea

5:00 – 6:00 pm

Valedictory Session: Charting the Path Ahead - Advancing a People-Centered Low-carbon Transition in India

Reflections

Prof Pradip Swarnakar, Founder and Coordinator, Just Transition Research Centre, IIT Kanpur

Keynote Address

Ms Uma Mahadevan Dasgupta, Additional Chief Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Government of Karnataka

Keynote Address

Dr Philipp Ackermann, German Ambassador to India and Bhutan

High-level Address

Mr Jayant Chaudhary, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, and Minister of State in the Education Department, Government of India*

Closing remarks and next steps

Ms Ashwini Hingne, Associate Program Director, WRI India