



DIALOGUE ON
**ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE IN THE CONTEXT OF SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT IN INDIA: THE CASE OF DESERT ECOSYSTEM**

Date: 15th – 16th November, 2012

AGENDA

Day 1: Thursday, 15th November, 2012

Venue: The Gateway Hotel, Jodhpur

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| 6.00 pm – 6.30 pm | Registration |
| 6.30 pm – 6.45 pm | Welcome Address by
I. P. Massey, Dean Faculty of Law, NLU
Tomislav Delinic, Resident representative to India, KAS (officiating)
Ligia Noronha, Executive Director, TERI |
| 6.45 pm – 7.15 pm | Opening Remarks: Setting the agenda for the dialogue
Presentation on the background paper on environmental governance issues and questions for consideration during the sessions.
Harsha Meenawat, TERI |
| 7.15 pm onwards | Inaugural Dinner |

Day 2: Friday, 16th November, 2012

Venue: National Law University, Jodhpur

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| 9.30 am – 11.00 am | Session I: Diverse viewpoints on natural resource management and problems of environmental governance in the Desert region
<i>This session would delve into the environmental governance challenges for natural resources of the Thar Desert – arid forests and grasslands, mineral and energy resources and water resources among others – and the prospective roles stakeholders can play in natural resource management.</i>
Chair: V S Shastri, Additional Dean, Faculty of Law, NLU
Framing the issues:
1. R V Asari, Gujarat Institute of Desert Ecology
2. T S Chouhan, University of Rajasthan
Discussants:
1. Sanjeev Kumar, Zoological Survey of India, Arid Zone Center
2. Devi Dayal, CAZRI, Bhuj Center |
| 11.00 am – 11.15 am | Tea/coffee break |
| 11.15 am – 1.00 pm | Session II: Indicators and impacts of climate change and rules/norms for sustainable development in the Desert region
<i>This session would discuss the various impacts of climate change being observed in the desert region and the implications for tourism, developmental activities, water resources, agriculture, biodiversity and wildlife.</i> |

Chair: K.K.Banerji, Dean Faculty of Science, NLU

Framing the issues:

1. Shashi Tyagi, GRAVIS
2. Harsha Meenawat, TERI

Discussants

1. T S Rathore, Arid Forest Research Institute
2. Prithviraj Singh, Jal Bhagirathi

1.00 pm – 2.00 pm

Lunch

2.00 pm – 3.30 pm

Session III: From regulation to governance: Institutional methods and capacities for policy-making in environmental governance

The focus of this session would be on the role of institutions and stakeholders in the region for addressing environmental challenges and the gaps thereof. The session would also delve into stocktaking of state led initiatives, their impacts on the ecosystem and the current institutional capacities to address challenges.

Chair: Tomislav Delinic, KAS

Framing the issues:

1. Nidhi Srivastava, TERI
2. B K Sharma, Foundation for Ecological Society

Discussants:

1. Narendra Jain, SEWA Mandir
2. Krishna Dwivedi, TERI

3.30 pm – 3.45 pm

Tea/coffee

3.45 pm – 5.15 pm

Panel discussion: Way forward for sustainable development for the Desert Ecosystem

This discussion would focus on the issues discussed the day before and bring out relevant recommendations to take forward from the dialogue.

Chair: Mononita Das, NLU

Panelists:

1. Manvendra Singh, Former MP, Barmer
2. Ravinder R Raina, Astonfield Renewables
3. Prem Kumar Kalra, IIT Rajasthan
4. R V Asari, Gujarat Institute of Desert Ecology

5.15 pm – 5.45 pm

Concluding remarks for the dialogue by Ligia Noronha, TERI

6.30 pm onwards

Dinner