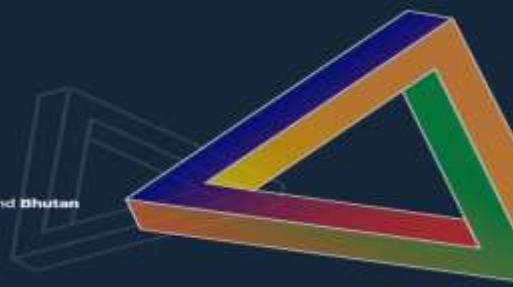




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**Friday, April 21 to Saturday, April 22, 2017
India Habitat Centre (IHC), Lodhi Road, New Delhi**

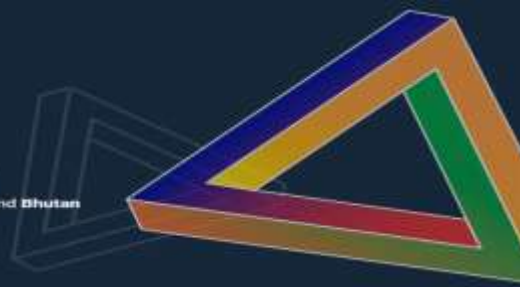
Friday, April 21, 2017 (Day 1) at Silver Oak Hall	
0830-0900	Depart for IHC
0900-0930	Registration, Networking and Tea at Silver Oak Hall
Plenary Session (Venue: Silver Oak Hall)	
0930-1010	Opening Ceremony <i>Welcome Address</i> Dr. S. K. Sarkar, Director, Water Resources Division, TERI Introduction to the Alumni Meet Mr. Matthew K. Asada, First Secretary, Exchanges and Education, U.S. Embassy
	Keynote Session Address by U.S. Chargé d’Affaires Ms. MaryKay Carlson: <i>“Building Bridges through Exchanges: The Role of People-to-People Ties in Foreign Policy”</i>
	Address by Mr. Amarendra Khatua, Secretary (Special Assignment), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and Director General, Indian Council for Cultural Relations: <i>“Indian Cultural Diplomacy”</i>
1010-1040	Q&A
1040-1045	Announcements for the day
1045-1130	Ice Breaker Networking with Tea Facilitator: Mr. Yatin K. Thakur, Founder – Startup India Advisory Services

Breakaway Session	
<i>(Participants will be distributed into three groups based on their choice of thematic discussion)</i>	
1130-1300	Thematic Discussions: U.S.-India Cooperation: Alumni as Change Agents
	Group 1: Entrepreneurship in the 21 st Century: Challenges and Opportunities Venue: Silver Oak Hall Moderator: Ms. Vaishali Neotia, Chief Executive Officer, MERXIUS Software
	Group 2: Affordable Clean Energy: Adapting to Climate Change Impacts Venue: Maple Hall Moderator: Dr. Geetha Nayak, Team Leader, ABS Partnership Project, Deutsche Gesellschaft Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH



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	<p>Group 3: Role of Gender Empowerment in the Country's Development Venue: TERI Seminar Hall (Ground Floor) Moderator: Mr. Harish Sadani, Co-Founder and Chief Functionary, Men Against Violence and Abuse (MAVA)</p>
1300-1400	Lunch (To be served outside Silver Oak and Maple Halls)

Plenary Session (Venue: Silver Oak Hall)	
1400-1500	<p>Ignited Talks <i>3 minutes of presentation followed by 2 minutes of Q & A; 10 speakers sharing their success stories.</i> Moderator: Ms. Vasanthi Hariprakash, Independent Anchor-Moderator, Film Festival Curator & Media Strategist</p>
1500-1600	<p>U.S. Embassy Grant Opportunities: Sources and Strategies for Funding Presenter: Ms. Traci Mell, Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer for Strategic Programming, U.S. Embassy</p>
1600-1615	<p>Group Photo At Plaza Steps, IHC Lawn</p>
1615-1630	Tea (To be served outside Silver Oak Hall)

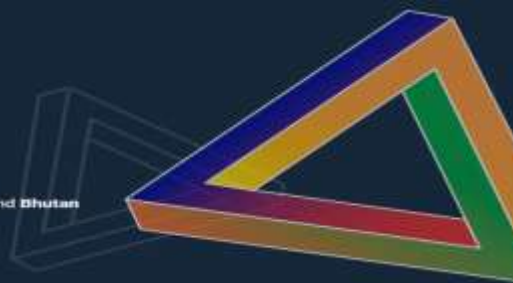
1630-1730	<p>Leveraging Social Media (per registration) Venue: Silver Oak Hall Coordinator: Ms. Mahima Kaul, Head-Public Policy, Twitter India</p>
	<p>Networking Session: "Story of Us, Identifying Synergies" Venue: TERI Seminar Hall (Ground Floor) Facilitator: Ms. Avani Parekh, Founder – LoveDoctor & Director of Empathy, Sheroes</p>
	<p>Inspire. Empower. Connect: Networking and Building Associations Venue: Maple Hall</p>
1745	Departure from IHC to The Claridges

Cultural Evening and Dinner	
Venue: The Roosevelt House, Embassy of United States, Shantipath, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi	
1830	Departure from The Claridges/ IHC
1900-2130	Cultural Performance and Networking Dinner
2130	Departure back to The Claridges/ IHC



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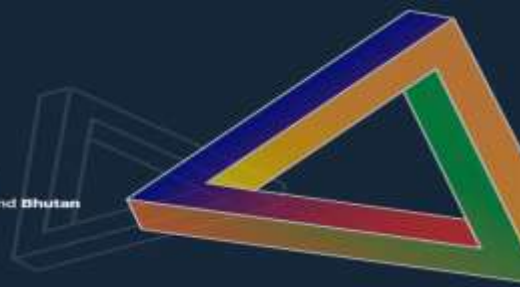
Saturday, April 22, 2017 (Day 2)	
Eco-Walk: Walk Along Yamuna <i>Coordinator: Mr. Vimlendu Jha, Swechha India</i> 0730: Departure from The Claridges	
Heritage Walk: Humayun's Tomb and Batashewala Mughal Tomb Complex <i>Coordinator: Aga Khan Trust for Culture, India</i> 0830: Departure from The Claridges	
Heritage Walk: Rashtrapati Bhavan <i>Coordinator: The Energy and Resources Institute</i> 0830: Departure from The Claridges	
Heritage Walk: Rashtrapati Bhavan Museum <i>Coordinator: The Energy and Resources Institute</i> 0830: Departure from The Claridges	
1100	Reassemble at Jacaranda Hall, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road
1100-1130	Tea

Breakaway Session	
<i>(Participants will be distributed into three groups based on their choice of thematic discussion)</i>	
1130-1300	Thematic Discussions: U.S.-India Cooperation: Alumni Bolstering Sustainable Ties
	Group 1: Reducing Poverty and Income Inequality: Finding Ways for Inclusive Development <i>Venue:</i> Jacaranda Hall <i>Moderator:</i> Ms. Swati Bhattacharjee, Senior Assistant Editor, Ananda Bazar Patrika
	Group 2: Transforming the Education System to Tap the Demographic Dividend <i>Venue:</i> TERI Seminar Hall (Ground Floor) <i>Moderator:</i> Ms. Rizio Raj, Founder & Executive Director, Lila Foundation
	Group 3: Role of Civil Society and Media in Upholding Democracy <i>Venue:</i> Maple Hall <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Naveen S. Garewal, Chief of Bureau, The Tribune
1300-1400	Lunch <i>(To be served outside Jacaranda and Maple Halls)</i>



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Plenary Session (Venue: Jacaranda Hall)	
1400-1500	<p>Leadership and Public Policy: Creating and Leveraging your Brand <i>Venue:</i> Jacaranda Hall <i>Keynote Speaker:</i> Mr. Amitabh Kant, Chief Executive Officer, NITI Aayog <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. D N V Kumara Guru, Director, External Relations and Human Resources, Indian School of Business</p>

Breakaway Session <i>(Participants will be distributed into five regional groups based on their origin)</i>	
1515-1630	<p>Strengthening the Alumni Community: Way Forward <i>Facilitator:</i> Public Affairs Section, U.S. Embassy</p>
	<p>Group 1: Northern Region (New Delhi) <i>Venue:</i> Jacaranda Hall 1</p>
	<p>Group 2: Eastern Region (Kolkata) <i>Venue:</i> Jacaranda Hall 2</p>
	<p>Group 3: South-Eastern Region (Hyderabad) <i>Venue:</i> Maple Hall</p>
	<p>Group 4: Southern Region (Chennai) <i>Venue:</i> TERI Seminar Hall (Ground Floor)</p>
	<p>Group 5: Western Region (Mumbai) <i>Venue:</i> TERI Board Room (4th Floor)</p>
1630-1645	Tea <i>(To be served outside Jacaranda Hall)</i>

Plenary Session (Venue: Jacaranda Hall)	
1645-1730	<p>Recap Session Recap of the Breakaway Sessions</p>
1730-1745	<p>Concluding Ceremony <i>Concluding Remarks</i> Mr. Matthew K. Asada, First Secretary, Exchanges and Education, U.S. Embassy <i>Vote of Thanks</i> Dr. Shresth Tayal, Fellow, Water Resources Division, TERI</p>
1745-1800	<i>Au Revoir</i> and Collection of Mementos and Photographs
1800	Departure to Hotel