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ACT4EARTH NATIONAL DIALOGUE AND INFORMATION SESSION ON WORLD SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT 2024

Road to Dubai: From G20 to COP28

Date: 7th November 2023 (Tuesday) | **Time:** 10.00 AM – 1.00 PM (IST)
Venue: Marigold Hall, India Habitat Centre

Draft Concept Note and Structure of the Dialogue

About World Sustainable Development Summit

The World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) is the annual flagship multistakeholder initiative organized by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI). Instituted in 2001, the Summit series has a legacy of over two decades for making ‘sustainable development’ a globally shared goal. Over the years, the Summit platform has brought together thought leaders, heads of state and government, scholars, corporates, youth groups, and civil society representatives from across the world. The Summit series has established itself as a responsible and an effective platform for mobilizing opinion-makers to drive ambition and advance pioneering actions to address some of the most relevant issues concerning sustainable development and climate change.

About Act4Earth

Act4Earth initiative was launched at the valedictory session of WSDS 2022. Building on the discussions of WSDS, this initiative seeks to continuously engage with stakeholders through research and dialogue. Act4Earth initiative has two components: COP Compass and SDG Charter. The COP Compass will seek to inspire and mobilize leadership at all levels, for inclusive transitions through ambitious and informed policies and measures which will enable paradigm shifts – towards meeting the UNFCCC and Paris goals through mitigation,

adaptation and means of implementation. The SDG Charter will seek to identify gaps and suggest ways for strengthening and mainstreaming sustainable development in policy agendas for enhanced environmental, social, and economic outcomes.

From G20 to COP28: Key Issues

We are living in a time of polycrisis. Key challenges confronting the world include planetary crises, sliding back of key sustainable development goals (SDGs) and the ever-growing international conflict threatening world peace. It is more important than ever that environmental stewardship is promoted.

The G20 New Delhi Leaders’ Declaration called for accelerating SDGs as well as focusing on equitable climate outcomes; and laid down the groundwork for the upcoming COP28 to be held in Dubai. The G20 New Delhi Leaders’ Declaration also highlighted the need of USD 5.8-5.9 trillion in the pre-2030 period required for developing countries, for their needs to implement their NDCs, as well as the need of USD 4 trillion per year for clean energy technologies by 2030 to reach net zero emissions by 2050. This dialogue aims to bring together perspectives on equitable outcomes for COP28 and on enabling stronger synergies between SDGs and climate action.

Questions for the Dialogue

- Adaptation is a key issue for the Global South. What concrete outcomes and metrics can come out on the topic of the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA) to galvanize actions towards adaptation finance and implementation?
- The agreement on establishing Loss and Damage Finance Facility (LDFF) was adopted at the last COP. From a Global South perspective, what should be the key considerations and contours for this financial mechanism?
- From a Global South perspective, what will be the expectations from COP28 with respect to redefining the financial needs for clean energy transitions and setting up of New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) and Long-Term Climate Finance (LTF) for climate finance?
- With the First Global Stocktake concluding at COP28, what progress can be expected in terms of reaching a concrete resolution? What improvisations need to be considered?
- How can synergies between SDGs and climate action be strengthened through tools such as green and climate-sensitive budgeting?
- Lifestyle for Sustainable Development (LiFE) was a key pillar of the Green Development Pact of India’s G20 Presidency? How can LiFE be further internationalized in other international forums?

Structure of the Event

10:00 to 10:30 am	Registration with Tea/Coffee
10:30 to 11:30 am	Setting the Stage: Road to Dubai: From G20 to COP28
11:30 am to 12:30 pm	Panel Discussion
12:30 to 1:00 pm	Unveiling World Sustainable Development Summit 2024
1:00 to 2:00 pm	Lunch