

SDG Blueprint for Sustainable Agriculture: Expert Consultation

Focus on SDG 9, SDG 11, SDG 12

Date: 12th October 2023

Venue: TERI Headquarters, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi

CONCEPT NOTE WITH STRUCTURE

The 2030 Agenda has 17 overarching SDGs, 169 targets, and 231 unique indicators to track policy development and progress toward these goals (UN, 2023). IPCC WG II (2022) estimates that cataclysmic wildfires, floods, droughts, and heatwaves are already harming billions of people worldwide and could cause irreparable harm to the earth's ecosystems. Given the vulnerability of agriculture in India due to climate change, it is at the crossroads of three of the most pressing challenges of the twenty-first century: sustaining food and nutrition security, adapting to and mitigating climate change, and ensuring the sustainable use of natural resources.

Agriculture value chains and food systems in India are complex and include components of pre-production, production, and post-production, serving as one of the most important sources of employment and livelihoods. They are made up of interconnected networks that connect various actors, such as farmers, agricultural workers, input providers, and traders. Despite having an exhaustive and complex agricultural value chain, the linkages between SDGs and various components in the value chain are not studied. Currently, approaches in Indian policy landscape on sustainable agriculture does not adequately consider linkages with SDGs and implications across value chains.

TERI with support of the Royal Norwegian Embassy is undertaking a study which aims to understand synergies and trade-offs between sustainable agriculture and SDGs for informing policies at the national level. The study considers crop-based agriculture systems and related value chains broadly comprising of pre-production, production, and post-production stages.

The study includes the following:

- Mapping synergies and trade-offs of 169 targets of SDGs
- Mapping of stakeholders and policies
- Prioritizing policy mechanisms at the national level that enable synergies between sustainable agriculture and various SDGs.
- Suggesting metrics at the interface of SDGs and sustainable agriculture.

Through this expert consultation, we seek multidisciplinary perspectives on interlinkages and policy interface between various SDGs and sustainable agriculture, the focus being on barriers and opportunities on specific policy solutions.

Structure

9:30-10:00	Registration
10:00-10:05	Welcome Remarks
10:05- 10:20	Framing Presentation
10:20 -10:30	Ice Breaking Session
10:30 -12:00	Discussions in Breakout Groups
12:00-12:45	Reporting Back
12:45- 13:00	Concluding Remarks and Vote of Thanks
13:00 onwards	Lunch