



WSDS-ACT4EARTH

COP29 Compass Dialogue

Date: 5th September 2024 | Time: 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm
Venue: TERI, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi

Bio-notes

Panel Discussion 2: Sustainable Lifestyles | 4:15 pm to 5:15 pm



Amb. Manjeev Singh Puri is a former Indian Ambassador. He joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1982 and served as Ambassador of India to the European Union, Belgium, Luxembourg (2013-2017) and Nepal (2017-2019). He has also served as Ambassador/Deputy Permanent Representative of India to the UN from 2009-2012, a period during which India was on the Security Council. Prior to that, from 2005-2009, he headed the division in the Ministry of External Affairs dealing with UN issues on the social and economic side. Major areas of Ambassador Puri's professional focus relate to global negotiations and related issues pertaining to climate change, sustainable development, and the environment. Climate financing and the role of multilateral development banks is a special area of interest for him, and his work was incorporated in the first report of the MDBs reform group set up during India's G-20 Presidency. Ambassador Puri was a lead negotiator for India at the UN on issues relating to the post 2015 development agenda, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and at the UN Conference on Sustainable Development held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in June 2012. He was also a lead member of India's delegation at various Climate Change negotiations, including the Conference of Parties of the UNFCCC in Copenhagen in December 2009 and before that at Montreal, Bali, Bonn and Poznan. Furthermore, he was involved with India's participation in the G8-G5 Summits from 2005 and was the point-person for the Major Economies Forum.



Mr Rijit Sengupta is CEO of the Centre for Responsible Business (CRB) – and has over twenty years of experience in various areas of sustainable development policy and practice across Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa. His interest lies in the interface of business and society – particularly environmental protection/management, consumer welfare, community welfare, livelihoods/SMEs, business regulation, responsible business and SDGs. He has designed and implemented various projects/programmes on these areas in Sub-Saharan Africa, South and South East Asia. Currently, while much of his work on sustainable business/SDGs is focused on India, he has been also advocating for greater North-South dialogue on sustainable business/SDGs at various international platforms, while researching and writing on these issues. He has a Master degree in Agriculture and in Environment Management.

He is an Alumnus of the University of Calcutta and the United Nations University (Tokyo). He is Member, Advisory Board of the Trade for Sustainable Development programme, International Trade Centre, Geneva and of the Consumer Information Programme of the One Planet Network.



Dr Suneel Pandey is engaged with the Circular Economy and Waste Management Division of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) as its Director. He is also an Adjunct Faculty at the TERI School of Advanced Studies. An expert in municipal, industrial and hospital waste management with over 30 years of research and consultancy experience, Dr Pandey's areas of expertise include air, water and soil quality monitoring, site assessments, and the performance evaluation of effluent treatment plants (ETPs). He is also the Chairman on the expert committee on circular economy in e-waste management constituted by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology Prior to his stint at TERI, Dr Pandey served as a Consultant for ERM India on projects related to hazardous and hospital waste management, environmental site assessments and institutional strengthening and capacity building. A postgraduate in Analytical Chemistry from the Banaras Hindu University, Dr Pandey also holds a doctorate in hazardous waste characterization from Nagpur University.