

CEO FORUM 2026

Transformations: Vision, Voices and Values
for Sustainable Development

24 February 2026

Mumtaz Hall, Taj Palace, New Delhi



The world is at a critical juncture. The challenges confronting the world today are deeply interconnected, spanning climate change, economic volatility, social inequalities, and technological disruption. Addressing them requires transformational approaches that go beyond incremental action. Long-term vision is needed to anticipate risks and opportunities in an increasingly uncertain global landscape; diverse voices are essential to ensure that transitions are inclusive, credible, and grounded in real-world contexts; and strong values must anchor decision-making to principles of equity, responsibility, and resilience. It is within this context that the CEO Forum 2026 is being convened.

Building on TERI's long-standing engagement with business leaders and sustainability practitioners, the CEO Forum 2026 will focus on the theme "Transformations: Vision, Voices, and Values for Sustainable Development." The forum will bring together CEOs and senior leaders to reflect on what transformative leadership entails at a moment when the world is off track, and to explore how businesses can play a decisive role in driving systemic change aligned with global climate and development imperatives. The CEO Forum has, over the years, evolved into a trusted platform for candid dialogue between business, policy and thought leaders.

To view highlights from the CEO Forum 2025 click here <https://youtu.be/Zqu4dopSkb8>

Highlights from the business convenings at WSDS 2025 are available here <https://youtu.be/1SkbPLHlyWw>

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Tentative Agenda Flow

Time	Particulars
4:00 – 4:15 pm	Welcome & Call-to-Action – curtain raiser to Silver Jubilee edition of WSDS by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Vibha Dhawan, Director General, TERI • Mr Mahendra Singhi, Distinguished Fellow and Governing Council Member, TERI • Mr Thomas Guillot, CEO, Global Cement and Concrete Association (GCCA) • Dr Virinder Sharma, Member (Technical), Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (CAQM), Government of India
4:15 – 4:25 pm	Special Address #1 by <i>Dr Soumya Kanti Ghosh, Group Chief Economic Advisor, State Bank of India</i>
4:25 – 4:35 pm	Special Address #2 - 'Industrial Transition Accelerator and unlocking clean industrial growth for sustainable development' by <i>Dr Dhruba Purkayastha, Senior Fellow, Industrial Transition Accelerator, Mission Possible Partnership</i>
4:35 – 4:50 pm	<u>Fireside Chat: Transformations to balance sustainable development with economic growth – India and Global South</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Sourav Roy-CEO, TATA Steel Foundation • Mr Andrew Prag, Managing Director – Policy, We Mean Business Coalition • Dr Vibha Dhawan, Director General, TERI
4:50 – 5:50 pm	TERI-Grundfos Session: Water-Energy Nexus in Infrastructure Investment Decisions Opening Remarks: Ms Usha Subramaniam, Country President, Grundfos Framing presentation: Dr Ritu Mathur, Director - Energy Assessment & Modelling, TERI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Mr Ajay Shankar, Distinguished Fellow, TERI • Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Chitranjan Kaushik, CEO, Ecofirst Services Ltd ○ Mr Vinayak Pai, Managing Director & CEO, Tata Projects Ltd ○ Mr T. R. Kishor Nair, CEO, Avaada Energy Pvt. Ltd
5:50 – 6:35 pm	CEO Panel #1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Business Editor, TV9 • Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Sanjay Swarup, Chairman & Managing Director, Container Corporation of India Ltd. ○ Mr Abhishek Ranjan, CEO, BRPL ○ Mr R. K. Goyal, Managing Director, Kalyani Steels Ltd ○ Dr S.S.V. Ramakumar, Chief Technology Officer and Executive Vice President, AM Green
6:35 – 6:40 pm	<u>Showcase:</u> TERI's LaBL 2.0: Leveraging clean energy for a Billion Livelihoods
6:40 – 7:25 pm	Transformative Actions by Chief Sustainability Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Business Editor, Outlook Business • Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Kranav Sharma, Technical Manager - Industrial Innovation, VERRA ○ Ms Vaishali Suravar, Chief Sustainability Officer, Hindalco Industries Ltd ○ Mr Vijayanand, Head of HSE and ESG, Hero Future Energies Private Limited ○ Mr Dylan Tanner, Executive Director and Founder, InfluenceMap ○ Ms Aditi Jha, Board Director, Country Head - Legal & Government Affairs, LinkedIn India
7:25 – 7:30 pm	<u>Showcase:</u> TERI's work on Bio-energy pathways in Sustainable Agriculture and Green Shipping
7:30 – 8:15 pm	CEO Panel #2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Amb Ajai Malhotra, Distinguished Fellow TERI • Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Guilherme Mendonca, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Siemens Energy India Ltd ○ Mr O. P. Sinha, Chairperson, OTBL (ONGC-TERI Biotech Limited) and Director (Exploration), ONGC Ltd ○ Mr RK Singhal, Director (Business Development), GAIL Ltd ○ Mr Sachin Chugh, Hydrogen and Energy Lead - India, ARUP UK
8:15 pm	Vote of Thanks
	Networking Dinner commences