

# WORLD SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT 2023

MAINSTREAMING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE FOR COLLECTIVE ACTION

February 22-24, 2023  
New Delhi



## About World Sustainable Development Summit

The World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) is the annual flagship event organized by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI). The only independently convened international Summit on sustainable development and environment based in the Global South, WSDS strives to provide long-term solutions for the benefit of global communities by assembling the world's most enlightened leaders and thinkers on a single platform. The Summit series aims to extend its reach through closer engagement with stakeholders to collectively act through a major initiative on policy research and dialogue - #Act4Earth.



## Statistics @WSDS 2022

12,000+ Registered Delegates	143 Countries	45 Sessions	327 Speakers	25 Ministers	22 Partners	10 E-Expo Booths
1,800+ Media Coverage	600,000+ Social Media Reach	40,000+ Website Users				

The twenty-second edition of the Summit will be hosted in New Delhi from February 22-24, 2023 under the broad rubric of **'Mainstreaming Sustainable Development and Climate Resilience for Collective Action'**.



## About the Umbrella Theme

It has been 50 years since the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, popularly known as the 1972 Stockholm Conference. Fifty years on, the world has made many strides in bringing to the forefront the issues related to the environment, biodiversity loss, climate change, and has achieved many milestones in integrating sustainable development into the public, private and societal discourses. But we still have a long way to go. It is increasingly being recognized that our political, environmental, and commercial activities are still carried out in silos and lack a systemic approach. The mechanisms and tools within policymaking are often carried out in departmental silos, thus missing the opportunity to collectively act towards sustainable development. With this background, the theme of 22nd edition of World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) will be organized under the umbrella theme of **Mainstreaming Sustainable Development and Climate Resilience for Collective Action**.

## Theory of Change

- Enshrined in the theory of constructivism, according to which, actors construct knowledge rather than just passively taking in information.
- When stakeholders and world leaders across the board reflect upon their experiences, they further build on their own representations and incorporate new information into their pre-existing knowledge.
- By playing a constructivist role through research and dialogue, the initiative will seek to reinforce and strengthen commitments at all levels to enhance ambition and action through the World Sustainable Development Summit, thus creating a more sustainable and equitable world for present and future generations.

Inputs	Activities	Outputs	Outcomes	Impact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Human resources</li><li>• Financial resources</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Partnership mobilization</li><li>• Summit curation</li><li>• Research</li><li>• Dialogue</li><li>• Communications and outreach</li><li>• Logistics and event management</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summit</li><li>• WSDS special knowledge products</li><li>• Youth prizes</li><li>• Outreach through media social media</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Leadership mobilized</li><li>• Knowledge created</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enhanced ambition and action to create a more sustainable and equitable world for present and future generations</li></ul>

## Themes-in-Focus at WSDS 2022

Financing sustainable development



Science, technology and innovation



Inclusive energy transitions



Sustainable consumption and lifestyles



G20 leadership



Climate action



## SUMMIT FEATURES



Ministerial Sessions and Plenaries



CEO Forum



Youth Recognition



Thematic Tracks



Expo



## Act4Earth: Knowledge Driven Policy and Action

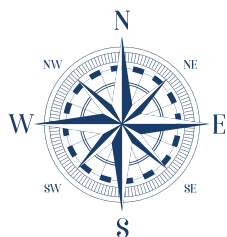
The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) launched a major initiative titled, "Act4Earth" at the valedictory session of the 21<sup>st</sup> Edition of World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS). Building on the discussions from the Summit, this initiative will seek to continuously engage with stakeholders across the board on issues related to sustainable development and climate action. Being a major platform in the Global South, Act4Earth together with WSDS will seek to pioneer conversations that will drive ambition and action on climate change and sustainable development needs. The Act4Earth platform will have two main components: COP Compass; and SDG Charter.

### Objectives

The overarching objective for Act4Earth would be to drive ambitious and urgent action on climate change and sustainable development through knowledge, dialogue and capacity building. The objectives of Act4Earth initiative include:

1. Fast-track meeting of global goals on climate change and sustainable development through a continuous process of 'talking to walking' by strengthened stakeholder engagement.
2. Drive actions by governments, at all levels by strengthening research-based understanding of sustainable development policies and initiatives from countries across the world.
3. Enhance perspectives and strengthen frameworks for enabling paradigm shifts needed for achieving sustainable development and climate goals through creation and dissemination of knowledge.
4. Accelerate solution-based approaches for addressing new and emerging challenges through capacity building and nudging action.

### COP Compass



Through engagement for knowledge creation, dissemination and dialogue, 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 Paris goals through mitigation, adaptation and means of implementation.

#### Themes

- Climate Negotiations and Road to Sharm el-Sheikh
- Global Commons and Climate Action

### SDG Charter



Through developing inclusive and ambitious policy frameworks, SDG Charter will seek to ensure that sustainable development is further mainstreamed in government agendas which will lead to enhanced environmental, social and economic outcomes.

#### Themes

- Lifestyles, sustainable consumption and SDG 12
- Inclusive energy transitions and SDG 7

### ACT4EARTH FEATURES



Dialogue



Policy briefs



MDPs



National event



UNFCCC  
side event



## About WSDS

Instituted in 2001 as Delhi Sustainable Development Summit, 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 leaders, 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. In previous editions, the Summit has involved speakers, delegates, and participants to address several key issues pertaining to climate change and environment protection. The platform has reached out to the global community via exclusive features such as, High-level Ministerial Sessions, Plenary Sessions, Thematic Tracks, Youth Plenary, Women Leadership Session, International Dialogues, CEO Forum, Media Colloquium, and exhibitions on clean and green innovations.



**54**  
Heads of State  
and Government

**103**  
Ministers

**13**  
Nobel  
Laureates

**1888**  
Business  
Leaders

**2745**  
Speakers

**38,280**  
Delegates



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**#Act4Earth**

