

# **About World Sustainable Development Summit**

The World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) is the annual flagship multi-stakeholder 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 2023



The twenty-third edition of the Summit will be hosted in New Delhi from **February 07-09, 2024** under the broad rubric of **Leadership for Sustainable Development and Climate Justice**.

## **About the Umbrella Theme**

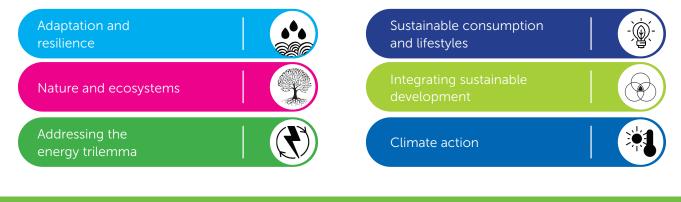
We are living in a time of Polycrisis. Key challenges confronting the world include planetary crises, sliding back of key sustainable development goals and the ever-growing conflict situation threating world peace. It is more important than ever that environment stewardship is promoted at all levels and across all spheres. Today's challenges for attaining sustainable development are complex and interconnected and will need everyone to work towards creating a more sustainable future. With this backdrop, the umbrella theme of the World Sustainable Development Summit 2024 is: **Leadership for Sustainable Development and Climate Justice**.

# **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 initiate 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> <li>Human resources</li> <li>Financial resources</li> </ul>	<ul> <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> <li>Summit</li> <li>WSDS special knowledge products</li> <li>Youth prizes</li> <li>Outreach through media social media</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Leadership mobilized</li> <li>Knowledge created</li> </ul>	<ul> <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 2024**





# **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 seeks 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 seeks to pioneer conversations that will drive ambition and action on climate change and sustainable development needs. The Act4Earth platform has 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, and leaders 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 dialogue and nudging action.



## **COP28 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

- COP28 and Road to Dubai
- Energy transitions



#### **SDG Charter**

Through developing inclusive and ambitious policy frameworks, SDG Charter will seek to ensure that sustainable development is further mainstreamed in agendas such as G20 for enhanced environmental, social and economic outcomes.

#### Themes

- Green budgeting
- Internationalizing sustainable lifestyles



#### **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.





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