



India Sustainability Conclave 2018

Balancing business goals in a sustainability paradigm

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 FICCI, Federation House, New Delhi



PROGRAMME OUTLINE

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018

DAY 1

09:30 - 10:30 HRS	REGISTRATION
10:30 - 11:15 HRS	INAUGURAL SESSION
	<p>The landmark event of India ratifying the Paris accord will bring in the coming years much needed acceleration to India's sustainability journey. India has already embarked on an ambitious project like Make in India, adoption of 17 Global Sustainable Development Goals. In terms of national policies and programmes, Swachh Bharat Mission has provided the much needed impetus to sewage, solid waste management, toilets etc. Smart cities programme has also now acquired momentum. This is a stage where large scale investment for urban sustainability needs to be analyzed.</p> <p>The sustainability dialogue has also taken a new turn because of various regulatory requirements such as Business Responsibility Reporting (BRR) arising out of the National Voluntary Guidelines for Social and Environmental Responsibility (NVGs) and the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) provisions under the Companies Bill. This has started a new conversation within the corporate sector on the appropriate paradigm for sustainability.</p>
11:15 - 11:30 HRS	TEA BREAK
PLENARY I	CURRENT TRENDS IN CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY: GLOBAL & INDIAN <i>Why is Sustainability becoming an imperative for companies?</i>
11:30 - 13:00 HRS	Corporate Sustainability has taken a new direction. The year 2018 will highlight profound global and Indian shifts on Corporate Sustainability scenario. This context setting session will focus on the global as

	<p>well as Indian experiences on the Sustainability front and the discussion will revolve around the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sustainability Approaches & Strategy: Companies have evolved from knowing to doing and from compliance to competitive advantage. They also know the risk of getting this wrong. This session will deal with strategies being adopted and practiced by the companies to embrace sustainability and in developing forward-thinking sustainability practices. ● Integration of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) & Sustainability: Companies have started regarding corporate social responsibility as a platform for growth and differentiation, and started shifting their thinking about what it means to be socially and environmentally aware. The integration not only create new revenue streams for the company but also help to enter new markets, and favourable positioning in the talent structure. The session will deliberate upon ways in which businesses could move beyond compliance using leading-edge technologies in order to meet major global sustainability challenges.
13:00 - 14:00 HRS	LUNCH
PLENARY SESSION II	REPORTING FRAMEWORK IN SUSTAINABILITY
14:00 - 15:30 HRS	<p>Sustainability reporting is changing. No longer just the domain of multi-nationals, a push for disclosure by stock exchanges across the region is compelling reporting in listed companies from conglomerates to holding companies and small to medium enterprises. These new faces of reporting companies are just starting their sustainability reporting journey, and with these new perspectives will come new outlooks, approaches and stakeholders. In this light this session will aim in deliberating two important aspects related to Sustainability Reporting -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How Sustainability Reporting is evolving? <p>There are many reporting frameworks that companies have adopted. (a) NVG/BRR(Part 2): which is a comprehensive guideline to encourage responsible business behavior in India, (b) GRI Framework: reporting organizations disclose their most critical impacts by using GRI framework, (c) Integrated Reporting: a concise communication about how an organization's strategy, governance, performance and prospects lead to the creation of value over the short, medium and long term. This part of session will discuss various reporting frameworks, assurance requirements and standards.</p> ● How Sustainability Reporting can become an important tool for companies? <p>There are many important reasons to do sustainability reporting. Sustainability Reporting prompts performance monitoring, business improvements, increased trust and brand reputation, and an assessment of non-financial risk. Companies can use sustainability accounting and reporting as a managerial tool to assess their progress. Also the investor community gets interested if a company is reporting. In this part of the session we will see exemplary roles that corporates have played in sustainability reporting.</p>
PLENARY SESSION III	SUPPLY CHAIN SUSTAINABILITY
15:30 - 17:00 HRS	<p>Supply chain sustainability management is key to maintaining the integrity of a brand, ensuring business continuity and managing operational costs. It is increasingly recognized as a key component of corporate responsibility. Managing the social, environmental and economic impacts of supply chains, and combating corruption, makes good business sense as well as is accepted as the right thing to do. There is a need that businesses adopt sustainability practices on the supply chain front and drive the principles across the value chain in their organizations. This session will highlight perspectives and insights of leading companies managing their supply chain in a sustainable way.</p>

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10:15 - 10:45 HRS	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
10:45 - 11:30 HRS	"IN CONVERSATION" SESSION
PLENARY SESSION IV	SPECIAL CFOs PANEL: SUSTAINABILITY GOVERNANCE
11:30 - 12:15 HRS	Making sustainability a good business practice cannot happen without a robust governance structure in place. Sustainability governance is critical to ensure that strategies and processes are being effectively implemented. It is imperative to establish accountability so that both internal and external compliance standards are strictly met and sustainable businesses are made a reality. Today, businesses face risks not only from core financial/political/ or marketing aspects but they also need to build in challenges emerging from factors such as climate change and resource availability. CFOs can play a huge role in integrating sustainability in to every day decision making. While it is difficult to design a 'one size fits all' kind of a governance structure, companies can certainly benefit by drawing on each other's experiences and possible commonalities.
PLENARY SESSION V	DEVELOPING CAPITAL MARKETS FOR SUSTAINABILITY
12:15 - 13:15 HRS	Capital markets have an important role to play in steering the direction towards sustainable development. On the one hand, integrating aspects of environmental and social costs into capital markets is capable of bringing a systemic change by allowing for much better allocation of funding sources and on the other hand, capital markets could play an important role in channeling finance to projects that have sustainability at the core. The session would focus on drawing broad contours of the roadmap for leveraging capital markets for funding sustainable growth, thereby laying a solid foundation for the future.
13:15-14.00 HRS	LUNCH
PLENARY SESSION VI	TECHNOLOGY INTERFACE AS AN ENABLER FOR INTEGRATING SUSTAINABILITY
14:00-15:00 HRS	Sustainability involves creation of societies without hunger and with clean environment. Technological development has been the driver of growth in the past but now more than ever, it can help in achievement of targets for sustainability much faster, deeper and with frugality. Precision farming, digital banking are initiatives that rise up as examples. Any initiative without the implant of technology will be sub optimal.
PLENARY SESSION VII	VALEDICTORY SESSION ON SKILLS FOR SUSTAINABILITY
15:00- 16:00 HRS	The education sector needs to take cognizance of evolving market dynamics, including disruptive technologies and dramatic shifts in consumer needs and behavior. In parallel companies need to keep itself abreast of the sustainability, develop dynamic, industry-relevant, curricula for green jobs and impart requisite skill-sets. Deliberations will focus on ways in which youth could be equipped with the skills needed for green jobs of the future and identify interventions needed to overcome existing barriers to their development.