



## WOMEN AND THE GREEN ECONOMY (**WAGE**<sup>®</sup>) FORUM

*Earth Day Network in association with The Energy Resources Institute*

Wednesday, February 1, 2012  
Mumtaz, Taj Palace Hotel, New Delhi

### Speakers:

- **Dr. Elinor Ostrom, Nobel Laureate economist**
- **Dr. R.K. Pachauri, Chairman, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change**
- **Ms. Kathleen Rogers, President, Earth Day Network**
- **Ms. Annapurna Vancheswaran, Director, SDO, TERI**

### Panels:

Crisis of Leadership: Why and How Women Should Lead the Green Economy

Moderator:

- **Dr. Ligia Noronha, Director-RRGS, TERI**

Panelists:

- **Dr. Jyoti Parikh, Executive Director, IRADe**
- **H.E. Ms Ann Ollestad, Norway's Ambassador to India**
- **Dr. Govind Kelkar, Senior Advisor: UN Women, South Asia, Sub Regional Office**

Changing the Green Economy Dialogue: A Conversation with Media Decision Makers and Women Thought-Leaders

Moderator:

- **Ms. Denice Zeck, Executive Director American Forum / International Women's Editorial Forum**

Panelists:

- **Mr. Bitto Sehgal, Editor, Sanctuary Asia**
- **Ms. Narayani Ganesh - Editor Speaking Tree and Edit Page The Times of India**
- **Ms. Kalpana Sharma, Independent Journalist**

Women's Leadership in Promoting Sustainability in Government, Business and Civil Society

Moderator:

- **Ms. Richenda Van Leeuwen, Senior Director, Energy and Climate Team, UN Foundation**

Panelists:

- **Dr Leena Srivastava, Executive Director, TERI**

- **Ms Aban Marker Kabraji, Asia Regional Director of IUCN, the International Union for Conservation of Nature**
- **Dr. Ranjana Kumari, Head, Women Power Connect**

Participants<sup>1</sup>:

1. **Aggarwal, Dr. Rajanee, Delhi: President, Federation of Indian Women Entrepreneurs**  
 FIWE is one of India's premier Institution focused towards Women Empowerment dedicated towards Entrepreneurship Development. The objective of the organization is to foster the Economic Empowerment of Women, particularly the grass root segment, by helping them to become self-reliant individuals or successful entrepreneurs and become a part of the mainstream industry. Dr. Aggarwal has worked towards making FIWE a stronger organization working on all important issues related to women entrepreneurs.
2. **Ahmed, Dr. Sara, Delhi: Senior Program Specialist, Agriculture and Environment, International Development Research Centre, Regional Office for South Asia and China**  
 Dr. Ahmed has worked on the political economy of water in India for 20 years. She is an informed source on the connections between water, climate change, and gender issues. She was Chair of the international Gender and Water Alliance and sat on the steering committee of the Forum for Policy Dialogue on Water Conflicts in India.
3. **Apparusu, Ms. Suman K. Hyderabad: Founder, Managing Trustee, Change Planet Partners Climate Innovation Foundation (CPPCIF)**  
 The CPPCIF is set up as an independent public trust with a vision and mission to enable and catalyze climate innovations in India for the food, water and energy sectors.
4. **Apte, Ms. Vinitaa, Pune: President, Technology, Education, Research and Rehabilitation for Environment (TERRE) Policy Centre**  
 Ms. Apte has created the social media platform for Ozon Action and from 2004 - till date she is a consultant for UNEP Ozon Action. Presently she is executing the communication projects in the large private sectors in India and in UNEP. She has conducted numerous training and awareness events in the schools and for the teachers on the environmental protection.
5. **Arora, Mr. Anil, Delhi: Project Officer, GEF/UNDP CEE Small Grants Programme, Centre for Environment Education**  
 Mr. Arora is associated with Small Grants Programme from 2001. He has been closely engaged with UNDP's role in activities of the SGP and the support received from MoEF in enlarging its scope year-after-year for up-scaling of projects. The Global Environment Facility's Small Grants Programme aims to deliver global environmental benefits in the GEF Focal Areas of biodiversity conservation, climate change mitigation, protection of international waters, prevention of land degradation (primarily desertification and deforestation), and

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<sup>1</sup> As of Jan. 25, 2012.

elimination of persistent organic pollutants through community-based approaches.

**6. Arora, Ms. Komal, MyKartavya, Delhi: (NASSCOM Foundation)**

The social development arm of NASSCOM, the internationally recognized trade body of the Indian IT-BPO industry was established to transform the lives of the underserved through the application of Information and Communication Technology. NASSCOM Foundation aims to channelize the potential of the IT-BPO industry towards inclusive development of India by actively facilitating through Advocacy, Advisory, Research and Programs.

**7. Balakrishnan, Ms. Lalita, Delhi: Chairperson, Women's Commission**

With more than 35 years experience in journalism and social service and as Honorary Vice-President and Chairperson of the Rural Energy Department of the All-India Women's Conference (AIWC), Mrs. Lalita Balakrishnan has been a pioneer in the environmental field and has spearheaded the country's woodstove programme which has been judged to be the best by the Government of India. She is India's National Coordinator for the International Forum for Sustainable Energy and a Director on the Board of India's Renewable Energy Development Agency.

**8. Bhardwaj, Ms Shivani j, Delhi: Program Director, Sathi for All Partnerships**

Ms. Bhardwaj is a gender mainstreaming and child rights expert. As Program Director Sathi All For Partnerships (SAFP) she coordinates two global forums : The Consult For Women and Land Rights and Women and Habitat Network. She is a member of the steering committee of the World Urban Campaign and Gender Equality Action Plan of the UN Habitat.

**9. Bhatnagar, Ms. Aparna, Delhi: Founder/Director, Green and Good Store**

Ms. Bhatnagar is a successful entrepreneur and founded the "Green and Good Store" - a social enterprise, an online retail store that sells products which bring about positive environmental and social change in the world. Every product sold at the store supports at least one pillar of sustainable development and thus promotes environmental sustainability, social empowerment, economic inclusion and preservation of traditional knowledge.

**10. Bisht, Ms. Krishna, Delhi: CEO, Mahila Haat**

Ms. Bisht has led Mahila Haat to initiate economic upliftment of women through skill development and appropriate training programmes, assistance for production of high quality products in Uttarakhand in Northern India. She has worked to enhance the representation of women in the Panchayats (local self governance units in rural India), and has developed projects to strengthen the women-environment relationship.

**11. Chadha, Ms. Aditi Kapoor, Delhi: Director, Alternative Futures**

Ms. Chadha Kapoor is a successful development and media professional, working on issues of environment, gender and poverty having worked with UN Agencies, OXFAM, SEWA, and The Times of India. She is a fellow of Leadership for Environment and Development (LEAD) and was Board Member of World Resources Institute, Washington, D.C. from 2000-2009.

**12. Chahal, Ms. Sairee, Delhi: CEO Fleximoms**

Founder of SAITA Consulting Pvt Ltd, a consulting firm focused on Small and Medium Businesses and transforming entrepreneurial businesses. She is a member of the CII Committee for MSME's.

**13. Channa, Dr. Subhadra, New Delhi: Prof., Department of Anthropology, Science Faculty, Delhi University**

Dr. Channa's research interests include caste, especially Dalits, Gender and other forms of marginalization, environment and cosmology, religion and symbolism, research methodology, exploring dimensions of identity especially of the marginal, climate change and related issues, specialization in Himalayan studies. She is a member of the Core Body of the Climate Change Community, UNDP.

**14. Chaturvedi, Ms. Bharati, Delhi: Founder/Director, Chintan Environmental Research and Action Group**

Ms. Chaturvedi conceived Chintan as a partnership between the urban poor in the informal sector and people like herself (urbanites concerned about environmental justice). She was a (Leadership in Environment and Development) LEAD fellow. As part of her policy advocacy work, she served on the Expert Committee on Plastic Waste, set up by the Ministry of Environment and Forests to finalize rules for plastic waste handling, and a Task Force for social security for the informal sector, set up by the Ministry of Labour and Employment. She writes a weekly column on *Earthwatch* and was one of the founders of Srishti, an environmental group formed by students at Delhi University to address environmental concerns.

**15. Chinta, Ms. Ramalakshmi, IFS, Hyderabad: Director, Andhra Pradesh Environment Connect**

Ms. Chintan has worked with both government officials in Andhra Pradesh and NGOs to generate environmental awareness across her state. Some of her notable projects were on anti-plastic, plantation drives, and waste management. The organization is a unique group consisting of government officials and activists.

**16. Daniel, Ms. Rema Alex, Delhi: National President, YMCA**

Ms. Daniel is the current Principal of St. Paul's School and has almost two decades of experience in the field of education. She is the recipient of the Spardha Shree Award and Delhi Environmental Education Award.

**17. Datta, Ms. Archana, Delhi: CDM Consultant, FICCI Quality Forum, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry**

Ms. Datta has experience in the areas of environment management, sustainable development, climate change and Clean Development Mechanism (CDM). She has operational experience on latest software in GIS and remote sensing. She has several publications on various environmental issues in journals, International conferences, newspaper, and magazines.

**18. De, Ms. Sejuti Sarkar, Delhi: Chief Coordinator, Society for Natural Resource Management and Community Development**

- 19. Development Alternatives, Delhi: One representative (Ref: Dr. Kiran Sharma)**  
A national level organization working to empower communities through strengthening of Institutions and basic needs fulfillment, creation of Green Jobs through Skill Development and Enterprise Development and Low carbon pathways through Clean Technology and Natural Resources Management.
- 20. Dhar, Dr. Bulbul, Delhi: Hony Director, Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women's Studies, Jamil Millia Islamia**  
An experienced academician at the Delhi University, JNU and the Jamia Milia Islamia, Dr. Dhar's research papers and presentations have been primarily on Gender and Empowerment, Political Economy and Governance, Human Rights and African Studies.
- 21. Dutta, Ms. Soma, Delhi: Asia Regional Network Coordinator, ENERGIA**  
ENERGIA is the international network on gender and sustainable energy working in Africa and Asia. Ms. Dutta is engaged in policies that explicitly address gender and energy issues that would result in better outcomes and facilitates the process of needs assessment at the national and regional levels.
- 22. Evans, Mr. James Warren, Delhi: Senior Specialist, World Bank**  
Mr. Evans oversees the implementation of the Bank's Environment Strategy, in particular, for integrating environmental objectives in lending and non-lending operations; providing leadership to the global environment agenda with internal and external stakeholders including the expansion and strengthening of global environmental partnerships. Evans is also a key spokesperson for the Bank on climate change and related programs, such as Carbon Finance, with a primary responsibility of implementing and integrating climate concerns into operational work.
- 23. Ghosh, Mr. Sourabh, Delhi: Program Officer, Hunger Project**  
Sourabh is responsible for facilitating the National Platform to Promote Decentralisation, an initiative of THP as well as programme implementation and management in the states of Uttarakhand and Maharashtra.
- 24. Jain, Ms. Devaki, Bangalore: Eco-Feminist and author, and founder, Alternatives for Women for a New Era (DAWN)**  
Ms Jain has been a member of many policy designing task forces on women's economic empowerment such as Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Planning Commission of the Government of India. She was an Adviser and Convener of Expert group on Economic Affairs at the National Commission for Women.
- 25. Jalan, Dr. Ramesh, Delhi: Moderator, Climate Change Community, Solution Exchange, UNDP**  
Dr Jalan has initiated wide discussions and dissemination of knowledge information through the Solution Exchange of the United Nations in India, working with a mandate to facilitate the achievement of National Development Goals and Millennium Development Goals. The initiative brings together development practitioners from the grassroots, NGOs, multi-laterals and bi-laterals, private sector, academia, activists as well as the Government to share

knowledge, facilitate collaboration amongst them and increase the effectiveness of development programmes.

**26. Jani, Ms. Bhairavi, Mumbai: Director, SCA Group, and Coordinator, CII India@75**

A successful business entrepreneur of Supply Chain Management, Ms. Jani has developed and implemented numerous web-enabled, user-friendly, customized IT solutions. She has the distinction of having envisaged and executed the first-of-its-kind promotional logistics solution in India.

**27. Joseph, Ms. Amita, Delhi: CEO, Business and Community Foundation**

Ms. Joseph works to promote responsible business practice through education, advocacy and open public discourse. With a background in management, law and human rights Ms Joseph and wide experience in legal and developmental sectors.

**28. Joshi. Dr. Veena, Delhi: Senior Advisor-Energy, Embassy of Switzerland, Climate Change and Development Division**

Dr. Joshi's focus is on developing new modalities for programme implementation to promote energy efficiency in buildings and small scale industries and decentralised power generation in rural areas. Other programme development and management experience includes – Renewable energy services; Rural Energy and Housing; Human and Institutional Development; Post cyclone Orissa relief and rehabilitation programme, SDC's India Country programme

**29. Kanoria, Ms. Madhu, Delhi: VP, SAARC Chamber Women Entrepreneur Council**

Ms. Kanoria through the Council works towards facilitating co-operation and networking among the women entrepreneurs of the SAARC region. It is an effective platform for strengthening the intra-regional development of women entrepreneurship for economic development thus helping to exchange information on entrepreneurial skills and building trade links among the women of the SAARC region.

**30. Kartiki, Ms. Katha, Delhi: Research Associate, Center for Policy Research**

Ms. Kartiki's profile at the CPR involves research, analysis and coordination of the Climate Initiative's work on domestic climate politics and international climate negotiations. She is currently coordinating and leading a research study on *State Action Plans on Climate Change in India*. She is a member of the Indian Youth Climate Network (IYCN).

**31. Kaur, Ms Kavita, Delhi: Country Representative, Nexant**

Ms. Kaur Nexant is a provider of intelligent grid software and clean energy solutions—pioneering, developing, and advancing electric power grid and alternative energy technologies and services.

**32. Kumar, Mr. Vijay, Delhi: Ministry of Rural Development**

The Ministry has been acting as a catalyst effecting the change in rural areas through the implementation of wide spectrum of programmes which are aimed at poverty alleviation, employment generation, infrastructure development and social security. Mr. Kumar focus areas include Rural Development, Land Resources and Drinking Water and Sanitation

- 33. Mehra, Ms. Shephali, Delhi: Senior Associate, Kochhar & Co**  
Kochhar & Co. is one of the leading and largest corporate law Firms in India. Ms Mehra's practice areas are Environment Labour and Employment.
- 34. Meijer, Ms. Frederika, Delhi: Country Representative UNFPA**  
Ms. Meijer has 25 years of professional experience, covering reproductive health, gender issues, adolescent reproductive health issues and advisory services to governments under the auspices of the European Commission and the United Nations.
- 35. Natarajan, Mr.Hari, Bangalore: Founder, Small Scale Sustainable Infrastructure Dev. Fund**  
Mr. Natarajan has founded the organization with an aim to provide infrastructure and related services by facilitating finance, business development and technical services in India for poverty alleviation and disseminating this model to other developing countries. By ensuring the creation of such locally owned small/micro-enterprises run by poor/ marginalized/ disabled people, women, NGOs, SHGs etc., S<sup>3</sup>IDF helps start fundable business ventures in poor communities that benefit the poor both as consumers and owners/operators.
- 36. Pande, Mr. Varad, Delhi: Officer on Special Duty, Ministry of Rural Development**  
Mr. Pande has served in the MoEF and now at the MoRD, working closely with Minister Jairam Ramesh on issues like climate change, environmental governance, forestry, and wildlife. He is Member of the Government's Expert Group on Strategies for Low Carbon Inclusive Growth. He has also worked for The World Bank on decentralisation and primary education reform in India.
- 37. Parikh, Dr. Jyoti, Delhi: Member, PM's Council on Climate Change**  
Dr. Parikh is a recipient of Nobel Peace Prize awarded to IPCC authors in 2007. She has served as energy consultant to the World Bank, the U.S. Department of Energy, EEC, Brussels and UN agencies such as UNIDO, FAO, UNU, and UNESCO, Environment Consultant to UNDP and the World Bank. She has authored books and research papers in the area of energy economics, climate change and modeling, renewable energy, energy technology assessment, rural energy, power sector, environment economics, natural resource management and climate change.
- 38. Raghupati, Ms. Usha, Delhi: Professor, National Institute of Urban Affairs**  
Ms. Raghupati's research on urban services (particularly water supply and solid waste management), urban poverty, public-private partnerships in urban services, and urban environmental infrastructure financing are notable. She is a Leadership for Environment and Development (LEAD) Programme Fellow and was a member of a Commission on Water set up by the World Humanity Action Trust (WHAT), London.
- 39. Riyawala, Ms. Rehana, Ahmedabad: Secretary, SEWA**  
SEWA is one of the largest trade unions in India and an organisation of poor, self-employed women workers. Ms. Riyawala 's role at SEWA focuses on ways to increase economic activities for women workers, bring them into mainstream economy and to provide social security.

- 40. Roy-Zaveri, Ms. Yasmin, Delhi: Senior Program Manager, Embassy of Sweden**  
Sweden's development cooperation with India mostly concerns the environment and climate. Ms. Roy has been closely associated with SIDA's developmental works on health, focusing especially on rural health and environment.
- 41. Shah, Ms. Nisha, Ahmedabad: SEWA**  
SEWA is one of the largest trade unions in India and an organisation of poor, self-employed women workers. Nisha is the project coordinator for the 'Futures Prices Project' at SEWA. The project was designed and developed to help farmers manage price risk, by providing them with two types of prices - futures and spot prices. By assisting farmers in managing risks, this project has the potential to contribute significantly to economic growth, by improving the allocation of risk and increasing agricultural productivity
- 42. Sharma, Mr. Mukul, Delhi: South Asia Regional Director, Climate Parliament**  
Mr. Sharma is a scholar, writer and development professional specializing in environment, social and human rights issues. He was a Special correspondent in Navbharat Times in Delhi and has worked in leading organizations like Amnesty International and Heinrich Boell Foundation.
- 43. Shiva, Dr. Vandana, Nainital: Founder, Navdanya, and Director Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Ecology**  
Dr. Shiva is a well known physicist, feminist, philosopher of science, writer and science policy advocate. She founded Navdanya in an aim to protect the diversity and integrity of living resources, especially native seeds. She serves as an ecology advisor to several organizations including the Third World Network and the Asia Pacific People's Environment Network. In 1993 she was the recipient of the Right Livelihood Award, commonly known as the "Alternative Nobel Prize".
- 44. Shukoske, Dr. Jane, Gurgaon: CEO, Institute of Rural Research and Development**  
Dr. Shukoske serves on the Governing Body of O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat, Haryana, India. Jane previously taught at the University of Baltimore School of Law, Maryland, USA, and directed the United States-India Education Foundation (formerly USEFI) in New Delhi, India
- 45. Sikri, Ms. Veena, Delhi: Country Representative, South Asia Women's Network (SWAN)**  
Ms. Sikri has years of experience in the Indian academic field, having been a Professor, Ford Foundation endowed Chair, Bangladesh Studies Programme, Academy of International Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, a visiting Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of South East Asian Studies in Singapore. Her Diplomatic positions held include High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh & Malaysia, Consul General of India, Hong Kong, Director General, Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, New Delhi, October 1983 to December 1984.
- 46. Sinha, Mr. Satish, Delhi: Chief Program Co-ordinator, Toxics Link**  
Mr. Sinha's knowledge and expertise on environmental issues, especially in areas of municipal, hazardous & medical waste management, food safety & chemicals and POPs, has helped in taking these critical issues forward. He has worked extensively on the policy and legal aspects of E-waste. Prior to joining

Toxics Link he held an important assignment of Director FICCI-CARE Gujarat Rehabilitation project post the Gujarat earthquake of 2000.

**47. Springfors, Ms. Anna, Delhi: Counselor, Head of Development, Cooperation, Embassy of Sweden**

Sweden's development cooperation with India mostly concerns the environment and climate. Ms. Springfors has been involved in SIDA's environmentally sustainable production techniques, waste management, energy and sustainable town planning and urban transport programmes.

**48. Suri, Mandakini Devasher, Delhi: Program Officer, The Asia Foundation**

Ms. Suri's interest is in the area of governance, transparency and accountability. Mandakini has also worked with the UNDP and the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI), an international human rights organization. In India, she has been closely involved in advocating with the government at the policy level and civil society organizations at the grassroots to enact and implement the right to information effectively.

**49. USAID, Delhi: One person from the Regional Renewable Energy Program**

**50. Verma, Ms. Kaavya, Delhi: Senior Associate, Green India States Trust (GIST) Advisory Private Limited**

Ms. Verma works with TEEB on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD). She has experience developing REDD methodologies and measurement indicators to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of forest conservation and incorporate REDD at the local level in countries like India and Ghana.