



## Press Release

### **Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to inaugurate TERI's flagship forum, World Sustainable Development Summit 2018**

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**New Delhi, January 12, 2018:** Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 2018 edition of the World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS 2018) in New Delhi on February 16. WSDS is the flagship forum of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), which seeks to bring together global leaders and thinkers in the sustainable development, energy and environment sectors. Themed 'Partnerships for a Resilient Planet', WSDS 2018 aims to create action frameworks to resolve some of the most urgent challenges facing developing economies in the backdrop of climate change.

The Summit, which is the only global platform in the developing world to engage policy makers, researchers, think tanks, diplomats and corporates from around the world, is expected to see the participation of over 2,000 delegates. Discussions at WSDS 2018 will focus on collaborations aimed at influencing global dialogues on technology acquisition and financing, and on policies which promote the accelerated uptake of resource efficient and waste minimizing/reuse technologies as well as nudge consumer behaviour towards more sustainable practices.

**Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, TERI,** said, "As India and other emerging countries develop, the choices they make, in terms of technologies, policies and business models that they adopt, can have a huge impact locally and globally. Our aim is to ensure that these choices embrace sustainability – especially through resource use efficiency and waste management – while enhancing livelihoods, lifestyles and the development narrative."

The Summit will address a wide variety of issues, including combating land degradation, effective waste management mechanisms to achieve landfill free cities, effectively combating air pollution, measures to increase resource and energy efficiency, facilitating the transition to clean energy and creating financial mechanisms to enable effective climate change mitigation. The summit will also feature a 'Greenovation Exhibition' to showcase the latest technological advancements made to meet the sustainable development goals.

The Summit will host several distinguished personalities including Mr. Harsh Vardhan, Minister for MoEFCC, Mr. Suresh Prabhu, Minister for Industries and Commerce, Mr. Hardeep Puri, Minister of State (IC) Housing and Urban Affairs, Mr. Jayant Sinha, Minister of State for Civil Aviation, Mr. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, the Fijian Attorney General and Minister for Economy, Public Enterprises, Civil Service and Communications, Government of Republic of Fiji and a range of luminaries related to the field of sustainable development, such as Ms Monique Barbut, Executive Secretary, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD); Prof Jeffrey Sachs, Director, Earth Institute, Columbia University; Dr. Yongping Zhai, Chief of Energy Sector Group, Asian Development Bank, and Ms. Laurence Tubiana, CEO, European Climate Foundation, along with key political and corporate leaders.



### **About WSDS**

The WSDS (World Sustainable Development Summit) has been the flagship event of TERI since 2001. It is a global forum that seeks to provide long-term solutions to protect our planet. Held annually, WSDS is the only event of its kind in the world with participation by global stakeholders—multilateral and bilateral development organizations, governments, the corporate sector, non-governmental organizations, and academic and research institutions. Now, globally esteemed as a credible summit on global issues related to sustainable development, it continues to provide hope to communities lagging behind on development indicators. 47 heads of state and government, 13 Nobel laureates, ministers from over 60 countries, 1500 business leaders, 1600+ speakers and delegates from across continents have participated over its past 16 editions.

### **About TERI**

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) is a leading think tank dedicated to conducting research for sustainable development of India and the Global South. Established in 1974, TERI has become the pre-eminent institution for research, discussion and thought leadership on environmental governance and sustainable development

TERI is ranked globally as one of the five most impactful think tanks by the International Center for Climate Governance. The Institute is committed to the application of thought that drives action in the direction of tackling climate change

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