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Welcome Address -

Dr Jitendra Vir Sharma

(Senior Director, Land Resources Division, TERI)



Dr Jitendra Vir Sharma is engaged with the Water Waste and Natural Resources Programme of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) as Senior Director.

Starting his career with the Indian Forest Services in 1983, Dr Sharma has 45 years of experience working on multiple policy assignments in relation to sustainable development of forests, biodiversity and wildlife conservation, mitigating climate change and poverty alleviation of forest fringe villages.

Associated with TERI since 2011, Dr Sharma has led several projects on development of climate financing models, the economic valuation of the forest ecosystem, change in forest governance, combating land degradation, and the enhancement of the livelihoods of forest communities.

An expert in global forest policy and international negotiations, Dr Sharma has been a negotiator on behalf of the Government of India to the United Nations under the United Nations Forum on Forests process. Dr Sharma holds a doctorate in economic valuation of forest ecosystems.

**Context setting by - Mr. Sayanta Ghosh (Associate Fellow & Area
Convener)**

Chair & Moderator of the Event

Mr Subhash Chandra

(CEO, National CAMPA, MoEF&CC, Government of India)



Mr. Subhash Chandra, an Indian Forest Service officer, is the CEO of the National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (National CAMPA). National CAMPA oversees afforestation and forest restoration efforts to compensate for forest land diversion.

He has extensive experience in forest policy, forest rights, landscape restoration, sustainable forest management, urban forestry, mining, and climate change. He currently coordinates with states on compensatory afforestation, Nagar Van, School Nursery Yojana, and mangrove conservation under the MISHTI Mission. CAMPA also supports conservation programs for endangered species like the Great Indian Bustard, Sangai deer, Gangetic Dolphin, and Dugong, along with initiatives like Cheetah reintroduction and wildlife habitat improvement in National Parks and Sanctuaries.

He previously held additional charges as Director General of Forests and Special Secretary at MoEF&CC (Aug–Dec 2021) and as Director of the Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal (Feb–July 2022). Before joining the Central Government, he headed the Goa Forest Department (2019–2021) and served as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Mines. His earlier roles include DIG (Forest Policy), Director (Horticulture, NDMC), and DCF in Delhi and Arunachal Pradesh Forest Departments.

Panel Speakers

Mr. Amit Anand

(Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Carbon Check (India) Private Limited)



Amit Anand, CEO of Carbon Check (India) Pvt. Ltd, has over 20 years of experience in the Carbon Market, working as a consultant and involved in GHG avoidance projects. He has been involved in validation and verification of GHG avoidance and removal projects under CDM/VERRA/Gold Standard for the Global Goals (GS4GG) and plastic waste reduction projects under VERRA. He holds a degree in Environmental Sciences from the University of Delhi and an Environment Management degree from Forest Research Institute, Dehradun.

He is a qualified lead auditor and internal technical reviewer for offset projects under CDM, VERRA, GS4GG, and Social Carbon.

Amit has delivered lectures on various topics, including capacity building projects for GHG emission reductions, adaptation and mitigation strategies in agriculture, forestry, biodiversity,

energy systems monitoring, reporting, and verification of GHG emissions reductions, sustainable community-based solutions for climate change, and the role of youth in climate change as future leaders. He has also participated in panel discussions at Grow to Zero, the Gold Standard Conference, and AGLIBERTE2023, organized by Krishnamurthi International Agriculture Development Foundation (KIADEF). Currently, Anand leads a global team of around 60 people involved in validation, verification, and certification of GHG mitigation, avoidance, removal, and plastic credit projects. He has a degree in Environmental Sciences from the University of Delhi and an Environment Management degree from Forest Research Institute, Dehradun.

Mr. Saurabh Diddi
(Director, Bureau of Energy Efficiency)



Saurabh Diddi presently serves as the Director at the Bureau of Energy Efficiency within the Ministry of Power, New Delhi. Prior to this role, he worked as a Senior Consultant at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Private Limited. Throughout his career, he has displayed unwavering dedication to advancing energy efficiency and sustainability on both national and global scales.

His most notable achievement is his pivotal role in the Standard & Labeling (S&L) program, which led to a substantial reduction of approximately 57 million tonnes of CO2 emissions. He has been at the forefront of groundbreaking initiatives, such as the development of India's carbon market and the formulation of the "National Mission for Enhanced Energy Efficiency" document, which has played a significant role in shaping the country's energy policies. Currently, he is actively involved in developing the Indian Carbon Market and overseeing various other programs, including those related to Energy Efficiency in the Building and Transport sectors. His enduring contributions have made an indelible mark on India's efforts to reduce carbon emissions and enhance energy efficiency, championing a more sustainable and eco-friendly future.

Mr. Sandeep Roy Choudhury
(Co-Founder & Director, Value Network Ventures (VNV))



Sandeep leads Value Network Ventures (VNV), a social enterprise working in carbon finance and adaptation with frontline communities for the last 17 years. He oversees VNV programs on coastal restoration, sustainable agriculture, waste management, social forestry, and rural energy access. With over 20 years of industry experience, he advises the private and public sectors on numerous aspects of decarbonization, value chain-based interventions, and climate adaptation at scale. Sandeep is also the co-founder at 'Carbon Initiative Forum', a non-profit working on climate policy awareness for the youth, and co-founder of a Blue Carbon revolving fund called "Mangroves. Now".

Under VNV's banner, he has pioneered a joint venture based in the Central Asian landscape called "The Silk Road Project", and more recently launched a climate change impact fund to invest in

start-ups related to climate solutions. He serves on the board of organizations such as IETA, BBF, POD, EPC, and Spring Health Water Pvt. Ltd is on the executive board of the CEGET of the UN global compact. He also serves on the expert advisory group for VCMI and as a working group member with ICVCM.

Mr. Anil Jauhri

(Chairman, Carbon Registry – India)



Former CEO of the National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB), a constituent Board of the Quality Council of India (QCI), and national accreditation body for certification and inspection attached to Ministry of Commerce & Industry, and retired in July 2019 after 6 and a half years as CEO.

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He has supported a number of regulators in developing systems for use of third-party inspection/certification in sectors such as food, oil and gas, medical devices etc.

He has also led development of a number of voluntary conformity assessment schemes across sectors from yoga professionals to medical devices to good agricultural practices (IndGAP and SAARCGAP) to food safety to private security agencies to traditional medicines to ayurveda trainings to fire safety in hospitals and he is nationally and internationally recognized expert having worked with such international bodies as UNFCCC, UNIDO, PTB, FAO, APO and IFC and was invited as an expert by WTO in 2013 and 2015.

Mr. Ashwin Shailaja

(Manager, Standard Development & Innovation, Gold Standard)



Ashwin A. S., a trained forester with over 17 years of experience in the climate change and carbon sector, brings expertise in carbon project development, technical auditing, and policy support to his role. His background includes contributions to international development agencies and participation as a member of the CDM Afforestation/Reforestation Working Group at the UNFCCC. At Gold Standard, Ashwin supports in managing the Land Use and Forestry portfolio within the Standard Development and Innovation team, where

he is involved in the advancement of standards, methodologies, and tools across the Agriculture, Forestry, and Blue Carbon sectors.