



## WSDS-ACT4EARTH VIRTUAL DIALOGUE

### Strengthening Multilateralism on the Road to COP30 and Beyond

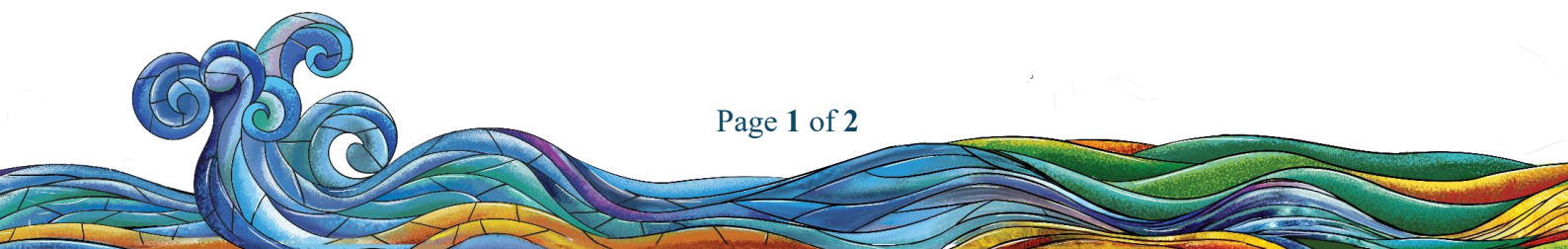
**Date:** 17 October 2025 (Friday) | **Time:** 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm (IST) | **Virtual Platform:** WebEx  
*[Speakers are requested to join 15 minutes ahead for AV check]*

#### DRAFT AGENDA

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Time	Agenda Item
3:00 PM – 3:05 PM	<b>Welcome Address</b> <b>Dr Shailly Kedia</b> , Senior Fellow and Director, TERI
3:05 PM – 3:10 PM	<b>Chair's Remarks</b> <b>Mr R. R. Rashmi</b> , Distinguished Fellow, TERI; Former Lead Climate Negotiator, Government of India
3:10 PM – 3:15 PM	<b>Framing Presentation</b> <b>Dr Abhilash Kolekar</b> , Research Associate, TERI
3:15 PM – 4:55 PM	<b>Roundtable Discussion</b> <i>Each speaker will have an intervention slot of 5–6 minutes.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Ovais Sarmad</b>, Former Deputy Executive Secretary, UNFCCC</li> <li>• <b>Mr Niclas Svenningsen</b>, Manager for Global Climate Action, UNFCCC</li> <li>• <b>Prof Benito Müller</b>, Managing Director, Oxford Climate Policy, Oxford</li> <li>• <b>Dr Bob Reinalda</b>, Fellow, Political Science, Radboud University</li> <li>• <b>Mr Huw Davies</b>, Managing Director, Centre for Multilateral Negotiations</li> <li>• <b>Mr Indrajit Bose</b>, Senior Researcher, Third World Network</li> <li>• <b>Mr Ethan Spaner</b>, International Policy Senior Advisor, The Climate Reality Project</li> <li>• <b>Dr Dhanasree Jayaram</b>, Assistant Professor, Department of Geopolitics &amp; International Relations, Manipal Academy of Higher Education</li> <li>• <b>Dr Jan Siegmeier</b>, Senior Economist, German Advisory Council on Global Change</li> <li>• <b>Mr Tim Bosch</b>, Research Fellow, Center for Climate and Foreign Policy, German Council on Foreign Relations</li> </ul>
4:55 PM – 5:00 PM	<b>Summary and Key Takeaways by Chair</b>

*Questions from the audience, collected during the registration process, will be curated and shared with the Chair to help guide the conversation.*



## FLOW OF THE SESSION (3:00 PM – 5:00 PM)

The session will begin at **3:00 PM** with a **Welcome Address** by **Dr Shailly Kedia**, Senior Fellow and Director at The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI). Dr Kedia will open the dialogue by setting the context for the discussion, highlighting its objectives, and linking it to the broader themes of the Act4Earth initiative and the World Sustainable Development Summit.

This will be followed by **Chair's Remarks** by **Mr R. R. Rashmi**, Distinguished Fellow, TERI and Former Lead Climate Negotiator, Government of India. In his opening statement, Mr Rashmi will provide an overview of the key issues under consideration and outline the expected outcomes of the discussion.

Next, a **Framing Presentation** will be delivered by **Dr Abhilash Kolekar**, Research Associate, TERI. This presentation will serve to contextualise the theme, present analytical insights, and set the stage for an informed and focused roundtable discussion.

The core of the session, spanning approximately **100 minutes**, will consist of a **Roundtable Discussion** featuring participating experts. Each speaker will have an intervention slot of **5–6 minutes** to make initial interventions. Speakers are encouraged to use the framework for inputs.

Questions from the audience, collected during the registration process, will be curated and shared with the Chair to help guide the conversation.

The session will conclude with a **Summary and Key Takeaways** by **Mr R. R. Rashmi**, who will synthesise the main points raised, highlight convergences and areas of further exploration, and outline actionable insights emerging from the deliberations.

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