



**National Conclave on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**  
**Gulmohar Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi**  
**19-20 December, 2017**

**Agenda Note**

NITI Aayog, UN in India, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Government of Chhattisgarh, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Kerala Institute of Local Administration and the National Foundation for India (NFI) are jointly organizing the National Conclave on SDGs with the objective of learning about the experiences, challenges and possibilities in the implementation of SDGs at the State level.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as detailed in the UN resolution, “*Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*”, are an intergovernmental set of 17 aspirational Goals with 169 targets. They follow and expand on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) which were agreed upon by 189 countries in 2001 to eradicate poverty, hunger and inequality.

The post 2015 MDG goals or the SDGs are an outcome of the Rio +20 summit in 2012 and are accompanied by targets and will be further elaborated through indicators focused on measurable outcomes. They are action oriented, global in nature and universally applicable. These 17 goals constitute an integrated, indivisible set of global priorities for sustainable development. The goals and targets integrate economic, social and environmental aspects and recognize their inter-linkages in achieving sustainable development in all its dimensions.

India’s commitment to MDGs and now SDGs is critical in India’s development. The Prime Minister and the Government have expressed their commitment to the SDGs and have stressed the convergence between the SDGs and the country’s national development goals. Given the Indian federal structure, the Government will need to adopt a decentralized, bottom up approach towards implementing and achieving the SDGs.

Government of India presented a Voluntary National Review report at the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development in July, 2017. Some of the key highlights presented in the report also focused on achievements at the State level. Several States are enthusiastically working on the SDGs agenda and have devised their own unique action plans, with a particular emphasis on priority issues of their own. Based on the collaboration with NITI Aayog, States are working on integrating their State level action plans with National SDGs implementation.

25<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 marked two years in the era of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Two years is a good time to reflect and learn from the process of implementation at State level. This reflection would be helpful in strengthening the SDGs work in the coming years.

In this conclave, the discussions would focus upon wide-ranging issues, including design, implementation, challenges and possibilities for SDGs in the States. The workshop would also have particular emphasis on outreach, planning and capacity building on SDGs. This event



aims at creating dialogue and exchange of ideas among the Central government, State governments, thematic experts, academia and civil society.

### Session Details

**Day 1: 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2017**

Time	Session	Description
9:00-9:30	Registration	
9:30-10:30	<b>Inaugural:</b> Setting the context for the discussions to take place in the conclave, the session provides an overview of the SDGs framework and delineates opportunities for the governments, civil society, the business sector and other stakeholders to work together for achievement of SDGs.	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> Shri Amitabh Behar, Executive Director, NFI, New Delhi <b>Initial Remarks</b> Dr. Ashok Kumar Jain, Adviser, NITI Aayog <b>Remarks</b> Shri Jagadananda, Co-Founder, Centre for Youth and Social Development and Chairperson, Transparency International India <b>Special Address</b> Shri Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog <b>Keynote Address</b> Shri Bibek Debroy, Member, NITI Aayog and Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India
10:30-11:00		Tea/Coffee
11:00-11:45	<b>Technical Session 1:</b> <b>Status of SDGs in India:</b> An overview on SDG Implementation in India and in the States	<b>Status of SDG Implementation in India: A Snapshot</b> Dr. Ashok Kumar Jain, Adviser, NITI Aayog <b>Status of SDG Implementation in States:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shri M. S. Manivannan, Secretary, Transformation and Development Department, Government of Assam</li> <li>Shri K. D. Vashi, Director, Gujarat Social Infrastructure Development Society</li> </ul>



11:45-13:15	<b>Technical Session 2:</b> <b>Anchoring SDGs in the states – Design for Implementation and Convergence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthening planning for implementation at Central, State and local levels</li> <li>Improving convergence among various departments in the State administration</li> </ul>	<b>Chair:</b> Shri S M Vijayanand, Former Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Panchayati Raj and Former Chief Secretary to Government of Kerala <b>Panel:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Suneeta Dhar, Director, JAGORI</li> <li>Dr. Shaleen, Additional Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Haryana</li> <li>Shri R. R. Shinge, Director Economics and Statistics, Government of Maharashtra</li> </ul>
13:15-14:15	Lunch	
14:15-15:45	<b>Technical Session 3:</b> <b>Milestones and Landmarks – Strengthening monitoring of SDGs in the states</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding and operationalizing the National SDG Indicator Framework with over 300 Indicators</li> <li>Exploring strategies and best practices for monitoring SDGs progress in the States</li> </ul>	<b>Chair:</b> Prof. Amitabh Kundu, Member, Academic Committee and Visiting Faculty, Institute for Human Development <b>Panel:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shri Krishna Kumar, Visiting Fellow, RIS, New Delhi</li> <li>Dr. K. Seeta Prabhu, Tata Chair Professor, TISS, Mumbai</li> <li>Ms. Sanyukta Samaddar, OSD, SDGs and Social Empowerment, NITI Aayog</li> <li>Ms. Sunitha Bhaskar, Director, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation</li> <li>Shri Paul Divakar, Asia Dalit Rights Forum</li> </ul>
15:45-16:15	Tea/Coffee	
16:15-17:45	<b>Technical Session 4:</b> <b>Preparing the ground – Enhancing capacities at State, district and grassroots levels</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifying capacity needs of different stakeholders for effective implementation of SDGs</li> <li>Preparing strategies for capacity development of governments, local bodies</li> </ul>	<b>Chair:</b> Shri K. V. Eapen, Secretary to Government of India, DARP, DoPT <b>Panel:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shri Amit Khare, Additional Chief Secretary &amp; Development Commissioner, Government of Jharkhand</li> <li>Dr. Joy Elamon, Director, Kerala Institute of Local Administration</li> <li>Shri Tom Thomas, CEO, Praxis India</li> </ul>



	and citizen groups to ensure effective integration of SDGs in policy and programme implementation	
17:45	Day 1 ends	

## Day 2: 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

Time	Session	Description
9:30-9:45	Recap of Day 1	
9:45-11:15	<b>Technical Session 5:</b> <b>Strengthening partnerships on SDGs – Multi-Stakeholder Agenda for Action</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exploring action perspectives for working towards ‘Leave No One Behind’.</li> <li>Strengthening the roles and initiatives of governments, national parliaments, businesses, civil society and other stakeholders coming together to achieve all goals for everyone</li> </ul>	<b>Chair:</b> Shri P. D. Rai, Member, Lok Sabha <b>Panel:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. W. R. Reddy, Director General, National Institute for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD&amp;PR)</li> <li>Shri Sachin Joshi, CEO, CII Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development</li> <li>Dr. Yogesh Kumar, Samarthan, Bhopal</li> <li>Ms. Yamini Iyer, President, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi</li> </ul>
11:15 -11:45	Tea/Coffee	
11:45-13:15	<b>Technical Session 6:</b> <b>Ensuring Visibility and Ownership – Strategies for Communication, Outreach and Popularizing SDGs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussing the experience so far and identifying gaps and emerging issues</li> <li>Learning from innovative and best</li> </ul>	<b>Chair:</b> Shri Sumit Bose, Technical Adviser, NFI <b>Panel:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shri Rajiv Chandran, UNDP</li> <li>Ms. Sonia Luthra, Principal, ASN Senior Secondary School, New Delhi</li> <li>Shri Stalin K Padma, Video Volunteers</li> <li>Dr. D. K. Masta, Joint Director, Chhattisgarh State Planning Commission</li> </ul>



	practices for demystifying and popularizing SDGs among citizens, businesses, media and other stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shri Sanjay Dev, Convener, Amar Ujala Foundation</li> </ul>
13:15-14:15	Lunch	
14:15-16:00	<p><b>Conclusion and Valedictory:</b></p> <p><b>Path Ahead and Next Steps – An Action Agenda for accelerating progress on SDGs.</b></p>	<p><b>Summary of the deliberations in the Conclave:</b></p> <p>Shri Amitabh Behar, NFI, New Delhi</p> <p><b>Remarks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Ashok Kumar Jain, Adviser, NITI Aayog</li> <li>Shri Yuri Afanasiev, UN Resident Coordinator in India and UNDP Country Representative</li> <li>Shri Mathew Cherian, Chairperson, Voluntary Action Network India</li> </ul> <p><b>Valedictory Address:</b></p> <p>Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog</p> <p><b>Vote of Thanks</b></p>