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The Global Just Transition Dialogue is iFOREST's flagship event, designed to facilitate the exchange of ideas among key stakeholders for developing and implementing effective strategies to support a just energy transition.

This year's Dialogue focuses on enhancing opportunities for green growth, job creation, and cooperation among the Global North and Global South countries as we work towards achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement.

The Global Just Transition Dialogue serves as a dynamic platform for government officials, policymakers, industry leaders, financial institutions, and civil society organizations to come together, share insights, and co-create solutions. By bringing a diverse array of voices to the table, we can exchange ideas and learn from each other's experiences, drawing on global best practices while addressing local challenges. This collaboration is essential as we shape strategies that ensure the benefits of the transition are shared equitably, both within countries and across regions.

At this pivotal moment in history, it is crucial to enhance cooperation and knowledge exchange, as we design actionable solutions and pave the way for a future where economic prosperity and environmental sustainability go hand in hand.

Agenda

October 15, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Venue: Silver Oak, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, India

Registration: 9:00 AM onwards

Session	Time	Guests & Speakers (Listed in alphabetical order)
Welcoming of Guests and Introduction to the Dialogue	10:00 AM - 10:05 AM	Srestha Banerjee , Director, Just Transition, iFOREST
Session I INAUGURAL SESSION	10:05 AM - 11:00 AM	<p>Opening Address by Special Guests</p> <p>Anil Kumar Jain (IAS), Chairperson, Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Former Secretary of Ministry of Coal, Government of India</p> <p>P.M. Prasad, Chairman cum Managing Director, Coal India Limited</p> <p>Report Release- Just Transition Just Finance: Methodology and Costs for Just Energy Transition in India</p> <p>Presentation of Report by Chandra Bhushan, President and CEO, iFOREST</p>
TEA 11:00 AM - 11:15 AM		
Session II PROGRESS AND EXPERIENCES IN THE GLOBAL NORTH	11:15 AM - 12:15 PM	<p>Bartosz Przywara, Counsellor for Energy, Climate Action, Environment, Delegation of the European Union to India</p> <p>Laura Aylett, Head of Climate and Energy, British High Commission, India</p> <p>Uwe Gehlen, Head of Development Cooperation, German Embassy in India</p> <p>Wade Buchanan, Director, Office of Just Transition, Colorado, USA</p> <p>Session Moderator Amitabh Sinha, Deputy Editor, The Indian Express</p>
Session III PROGRESS AND EXPERIENCES IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH	12:15 PM - 1:15 PM	<p>Anshu Bharadwaj, Programme Director, Green Transitions and Climate, NITI Aayog, Government of India</p> <p>Kemala Fabrian, Project Coordinator, Just Energy Transition Partnership Secretariat Indonesia</p> <p>Khaled Hashem, Counselor; Director of Affairs, Climate Change, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Arab Republic of Egypt</p> <p>Lebogang Mulaisi, Executive Manager, Policy and Research, Presidential Climate Commission, Government of South Africa</p> <p>Neelesh Sah Joint Secretary, Climate Change and International Cooperation, MoEFCC, Government of India</p> <p>Session Chair and Moderator Chandra Bhushan, CEO, iFOREST</p>
LUNCH 1:15 PM - 2:30 PM		

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Session IV INDUSTRY TRANSITIONS AND GREEN INVESTMENTS	2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	<p>Ajit Kumar Jindal, Advisor, E-Mobility, New products and Technology, TATA Autocomp Systems Limited Former Vice President, Commercial Vehicle Engineering and EV Development, Tata Motors</p> <p>Ravindra Kumar Singh, Chief General Manager, Green Climate Finance Vertical, SIDBI</p> <p>Sangeeta Kaushik, Executive Director, Corporate Planning, NTPC Limited</p> <p>Santanu Gupta, Executive Director, Alternate Energy & Sustainable Development, Indian Oil Corporation Limited</p> <p>Session Chair and Moderator Madhav Pai, CEO, World Resources Institute, India</p>
Session V SUPPORT FOR JUST TRANSITION: SKILLING AND FINANCING	3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	<p>Gabriel Bordado, Regional Specialist South Asia, Skills and Employability, International Labour Organization, India</p> <p>Mani Khurana, Senior Energy Specialist, World Bank</p> <p>Sabina Dewan, President & Executive Director, JustJobs Network</p> <p>Thiru Srinivasan, Head, Tamil Nadu EV Task Force and CEO, Centre of Excellence in Advanced Automotive Research</p> <p>Session Moderator Srestha Banerjee, Director, Just Transition, iFOREST</p>
<p>Innovation and Cooperation for Just Energy Transition</p> <p>4:30 PM - 5:15 PM</p> <p>Address by Piyush Goyal*, Chief Guest Hon'ble Minister of Industry and Commerce, Government of India</p> <p>Address by Raghunath A. Mashelkar, Special Guest Fellow of Royal Society, Former Director General, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research</p>		
Vote of Thanks & Closing remarks	5:15 PM - 5:30 PM	iFOREST
<p>HIGH TEA & NETWORKING</p> <p>5:30 PM</p>		

**Awaiting final confirmation*

Speakers and Panelists



Abhijit Narendra

Abhijit Narendra is the Joint Secretary, the Ministry of Steel, Government of India. He is an officer of the 1993 batch, of the Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS). He has served in different areas of railways including operation, commercial, and safety management which gave him rich experience in production and sales management of Indian Railways. His tenure in the Railway Board gave him a broader perspective of the transportation business and railways modal share. He has also worked in Centre for Railways Information System (CRIS), the IT arm of Indian Railways which gave him the insight of the development, execution, and running of IT applications.



Ajit Kumar Jindal

Ajit Kumar Jindal is currently Advisor E-Mobility and New Products and Technology at Tata Autocomp Systems Ltd. He serves as a board member of TACO PRESTOLITE, TACO GOTION, TACO ELECTRONIC COMPONENT SOLUTIONS and TACO PUNCH POWERTRAIN, I-Design and Engineering Solutions. He has held leadership positions at Tata Motors Engineering Research Centre as Vice President, Engineering Research Center and Head of Development, Commercial Vehicles, EV & Defense Vehicles, responsible for the design and development of the entire Commercial Vehicles and Défense products portfolio.



Amitabh Sinha

Amitabh Sinha is the Deputy Editor at The Indian Express, specializing in climate change developments since 2008, including tracking UNFCCC deliberations. With a background in physical sciences and professional degrees in Public Administration and Mass Communication, he brings a unique perspective, integrating the science of climate change with the policy actions essential for impactful climate action. His expertise lies in simplifying complex climate issues and advocating for the necessary steps towards sustainability and resilience.



Anil Kumar Jain

Anil Kumar Jain is the Chairperson of the Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board, Government of India. He has served as the Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Government of India. Over the past 35 years, he has worked in multiple sectors of the Government, with a particular focus on energy and the environment. He led Indian delegations to the energy- and climate-related working groups of G20 under various Presidencies between 2013 and 2017. He also had a two-year stint at the Environment Ministry handling multiple subjects related to the environment and biodiversity. As Head of the Energy Division of the NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India) from 2012 to 2017, he led the team that drafted the National Energy Policy (2017-2040).



Anshu Bharadwaj

Anshu Bharadwaj is the Programme Director of the Green Transition and Climate vertical at NITI Aayog. He is a former IAS officer and worked with the Government of Karnataka in various capacities. His interests lie in exploring technology and policy solutions for India's clean energy sector and developing a low-carbon economy. He has been the member of several national- and state-level committees such as the Expert Group on Low Carbon Strategies for Inclusive Growth (spearheaded by NITI Aayog). In his professional journey, he has also served as the head of eminent institutions, such as the CSTEP and Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation.



Bartosz Przywara

Bartosz Przywara serves as the Energy, Climate Action and Environment Counsellor at the European Union Delegation to India since 2023. He joined the European Union Delegation to Turkey as the Head of Trade and Economic Section in 2018. In 2004, he joined the European Commission as Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs. In 2014, he was responsible for Economic, Financial, Climate and Environment issues at the European Union Delegation to Russia.



Gabriel Bordado

Gabriel Bordado is the Regional Skills and Employability Specialist, Decent Work Team for South Asia at the International Labour Organization (ILO). As a Skills and Employability Specialist for the South Asian region, he provides policy advisory services to governments, employers' and workers' organizations. His expertise also extends to designing and implementing development cooperation projects targeting both formal and informal skills development systems. Before joining the ILO, he spent over 25 years at the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) in the Philippines.



Kemala Fabrian

Kemala Fabrian is an official of the Just Energy Transition Partnership Secretariat Indonesia, where she manages the Just Transition portfolio. In her professional journey, she has made impactful contributions across various sectors, including tourism, fashion, mining, and health. Her experience as the special staff to the Minister of Health during the COVID-19 pandemic has notably endowed her with a unique perspective on public health initiatives, which she now leverages to drive sustainable practices in the transition to greener energy and economy.



Khaled Hashem

Khaled Hashem is an Egyptian diplomat and climate negotiator. He is currently Director of Affairs at the Climate, Environment, and Sustainable Development Department of the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In the domain of climate negotiations, he is the G77+China coordinator on Just Transitions. He has 20 years of experience in diplomacy and sustainable development, which included representing the government of Egypt in many multilateral forums on climate change, biodiversity, and various sustainable development and environmental treaties and conventions.



Laura Aylett

Laura Aylett is the Head of Climate and Energy at the British High Commission in India. She has worked on international climate change in the UK Government for 10 years, specializing in capacity building programmes that work closely with other countries' governments. Her most recent role was as Head of Delivery for UK Partnering for Accelerated Climate Transitions (UK PACT), and before this, she managed the 2050 Calculator, Climate Finance Accelerator, and the UK's involvement in NDC Partnership. She was also part of the UK's UNFCCC negotiations team at COP22 in Marrakech.



Lebogang Mulaisi

Lebogang Mulaisi is the Executive Manager responsible for Policy and Research in the Presidential Climate Commission, South Africa. She previously served on the commission as a commissioner representing labour and as Chief Operations Officer in the Secretariat. She was previously the head of policy at the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU), responsible for labour market policy and the just transition. Through engagements with labour unions she has developed a blueprint for workers on the mechanisms to transition to a low-carbon economy.



Madhav Pai

Madhav Pai is the Chief Executive Officer of the World Resources Institute (WRI), India, since April 2023. Over his 15-year tenure at WRI, he has played a pivotal role in shaping its strategy, structure, and growth, holding various positions including Interim CEO, Executive Director of the Sustainable Cities Program, and Director of EMBARQ. A published author, he has written numerous research papers for renowned journals and authored articles and books on urban transport, urban planning, resilience, and clean air.



Mani Khurana

Mani Khurana is a Senior Energy Specialist with the World Bank. She has been leading the Bank's power sector engagement for critical power infrastructure and operational efficiency and financial sustainability of utilities in various states in India. She is also leading the World Bank's dialogue on Energy transitions including solar rooftop, battery storage and offshore wind.



Neelesh Sah

Mr. Neelesh Sah is Joint Secretary, Climate Change and International Cooperation, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. In the past, has held several key positions in the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.



P.M. Prasad

PM Prasad, is the Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of Coal India Limited, the single largest coal producing company in the world. Prior to this he was holding charge of CMD of Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) and has served in positions of senior management in various subsidiaries of the company. He has spent about 39 years in the industry with extensive experience and deep knowledge of experience in the varied facets of operations and management.



Raghunath Mashelkar

R.A. Mashelkar was the former Director-General of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). He was served as the Director of the National Chemical Laboratory, Chairman of the National Innovation Foundation and President of Global Research Alliance (2007-2017). He has been the President of the Indian National Science Academy and President of the Materials Research Society of India. He has been honoured by the designation of National Research Professor in recognition of his contribution to the field of science and technology. He is also the recipient of India's highest civilian awards – Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan.



Ravindra Kumar Singh

Ravindra Kumar Singh serves as the Chief General Manager of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI). His work primarily focuses on enhancing the ecosystem for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in India. In SIDBI, he has played a crucial role in various initiatives aimed at promoting sustainable practices within the MSME sector.



Sabina Dewan

Sabina Dewan is Founder and Executive Director of the JustJobs Network – an innovative research organization focussed on finding evidence-based solutions to inform policy and governance of labour markets in India and abroad. Before this, she served as a Senior Fellow and Director for International Economic Policy at the Center for American Progress in Washington DC. She has been a Senior Visiting Fellow at the Centre for Policy Research in New Delhi, and a Visiting Fellow at the Carsey School of Public Policy at the University of New Hampshire.



Sangeeta Kaushik

Sangeeta Kaushik is the Executive Director heading the Corporate Planning Function in NTPC Limited, and nominated as Executive Director of World Energy Council-India. Before this, she was posted at Dhaka as MD of the first international venture of NTPC- Bangladesh India Friendship Power Company Pvt Limited. She was also nominated Director of NTPC on Board of PTC India Limited, NTPC Renewable Energy Limited, NTPC Green Energy limited, TELK and Ratnagiri Gas and Power Private Limited.



Santanu Gupta

Santanu Gupta is the Executive Director, Alternative Energy and Sustainable Development at the Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL). He plays a pivotal role in expanding Indian Oil's portfolio in clean Energy sectors such as bio-fuels, solar, and wind, among others. He brings extensive experience from various divisions within Indian Oil, including Refineries, Marketing, Aviation, Marketing Operations, Logistics & Supply Chain Management, International Marketing, among others. He has also contributed to various initiatives of the Government of India in the space of energy transition.



Thiru Srinivasan

Thiru Srinivasan is the CEO of Center for Advanced Automotive Research established by IIT Madras. He is also the Lead, Government of Tamil Nadu's EV Task Force. Thiru brings ~35 years of industry leadership experience in Advanced Technology and Manufacturing, including 14 years in the US, and much engagement with Chinese and SE Asian industry. Recent 8 years have been with the Light EV industry in India.



Uwe Gehlen

Uwe Gehlen is Head of German Development Cooperation in India and Minister at the German Embassy in New Delhi since September 1st 2022. Before taking up his duties in India, he served in the same position in Egypt (2018-2022) and Afghanistan (2017-2018). Prior to that, he worked in different positions on management level in operations as well as in political steering and oversight in the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), GIZ, World Bank and the German Parliament Administration.



Wade Buchanan

Wade Buchanan is Director of the Colorado Office of Just Transition, the first state-level office in USA dedicated to helping coal communities and workers transition to prosperous futures. He has had an extensive career in state public policy, serving three Colorado governors in a variety of senior positions, including policy director, speech writer, director of the state energy office, chair of the lead air quality planning agency for the Denver Metropolitan area, and acting Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources. He also served as the President of the Bell Policy Center, a premier public policy think tank.



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