



INDO-GERMAN ENVIRONMENT FORUM



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Time	Agenda
10.00 – 11.00	REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE, OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT NETWORKING FAIR <i>Venue: Leela Palace (Networking fair in Royal Ballroom)</i>
11.00 – 12.00	HIGH-LEVEL OPENING SESSION <i>Venue: Grand Ballroom, Leela Palace</i> <i>Moderators: Kira Vinke & Sapna Gupta</i> Welcome by moderators Welcome addresses & input from the Indo-German Joint Working Groups • Tanmay Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) • Jasper Wieck, Ambassador of Germany to India and Bhutan • Eva Kracht, Director-General International and European Policy, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMUKN) Remarks by • Anant Goenka, President, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) • Werner Ponikwar, Asia-Pacific Committee of German Business (APA) representative & CEO thyssenkrupp Nucera Formal opening and signing ceremony • Carsten Schneider, Hon'ble Minister for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, BMUKN • Bhupender Yadav, Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forests and Climate Change, MoEFCC
12.00 – 12.30	COFFEE / TEA BREAK <i>Venue: close to Grand Ballroom and Palace Terrace, Leela Palace</i>

12.30 – 14.00

PARALLEL SESSIONS I

LOW CARBON INDUSTRIES: LEADERSHIP GROUP FOR INDUSTRY TRANSITION (LEADIT), CLIMATE CLUB AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Venue: Grand Ballroom, Leela Palace

The session will focus on industrial electrification as well as green technologies and the conditions that enable them. It will delve into the status quo of policy, regulatory and financial frameworks in India and Germany and explore instruments that would accelerate the scaling of clean technology business models.

With contributions by:

- **Heike Henn**, Director-General International Climate Action, BMUKN
- **Mareike Bodderas**, Senior Policy Officer, BMUKN
- **Rajasree Ray**, Economic Advisor, MoEFCC
- **Suman Chandra**, Director, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- **Ruchika Drall**, Deputy Secretary, MoEFCC
- **Arati Davis**, LeadIT Secretariat
- **Kristina Haverkamp**, Managing Director, German Energy Agency (dena)
- **Niklas Braun**, Chief Supply Chain Officer, Enpal
- **Udit Mathur**, Assistant Vice President, ReNew Power
- **Soumya P. Garnaik**, Country Representative – India, Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)

BIODIVERSITY IN WETLANDS, MOUNTAINS AND FORESTS

Venue: Palace Terrace, Leela Palace

The session will focus on implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework through the conservation of wetlands, mountains and forests. It will focus on how these ecosystems accelerate delivery of the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), and explore gaps and challenges, lessons learned as well as avenues for future Indo-German cooperation beyond the UN Biodiversity Conference (CBD COP 17).

With contributions by:

- **Inka Gnitke**, Deputy Director-General Nature Conservation, BMUKN
- **Tarun Kumar Kathula**, Scientist ,G', MoEFCC
- **Arvind Bodhankar**, Chief Sustainability Officer, ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel (AM/NS)
- **Apoorva Thapa**, Technical Officer, Wetlands International South-Asia (Ramsar Youth Focal Point)
- **Yash Veer Bhatnagar**, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) India
- **Christof Bosbach**, CEO, Diehl Metering

14.00 – 15.30

LUNCH

Venue: close to Grand Ballroom and Palace Terrace, Leela Palace

In parallel

NETWORKING FAIR

Poster Exhibition; *Venue: Royal Ballroom, Leela Palace*

In parallel
MATCHMAKING

Table Sessions; *Venue: Grand Ballroom, Leela Palace*

Interactive 45-minute roundtable discussions bringing together interested participants to exchange perspectives, experiences and ideas on selected environmental topics in an informal and engaging setting.

14.00 – 14.45

- Climate Finance (Facilitated by KfW Development Bank)
- From Research to Market: Fraunhofer Competencies in Circular Economy and Decarbonisation (Facilitated by Fraunhofer)

14.45 – 15.30

- German environmental technologies for meeting Indian environmental standards based on best available techniques (Facilitated by German Environment Agency (UBA))
- Stronger Together: Driving Sustainability Across Value Chains (Facilitated by Indo-German Chamber of Commerce (IGCC) and Federation of European Business in India (FEBI))

15.30 – 17.00

PARALLEL SESSIONS II

RESOURCE EFFICIENCY & CIRCULAR ECONOMY AS A BUSINESS MODEL

Venue: Palace Terrace, Leela Palace

The session focuses both on policy pathways for advancing resource efficiency and circularity as well as how circular ecosystems for resource recovery can be built. It will examine the roles of industry, technology, recyclers and policymakers in creating the infrastructure, market mechanisms and enabling frameworks needed to scale circularity. Special attention will be given to two key sectors – e-waste and EV-batteries.

With contributions by:

- **Uday Chaudhuri**, Joint Secretary, MoEFCC
- **Inga Wagner**, Head of Division, BMUKN
- **Manish Sharma**, Chair, Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy Industry Coalition (RECEIC)
- **Pranati Kohli**, Head-Public Affairs, Lohum Cleantech
- **Samved Patil**, Partner, Grant Thornton Bharat
- **Siddharth Prakash**, Head of Subdivision Circular Economy & Global Value Chain, Öko-Institut
- **Reiner Sojka**, Managing Director, Accurec Recycling

SUSTAINABLE FINANCE, GREEN SKILLS AND INVESTMENT MOBILIZATION TO FINANCE GREEN GROWTH AND THE TRANSITION OF INDUSTRY

Venue: Grand Ballroom, Leela Palace

The session focuses on perspectives from India and Germany on sustainable finance, finance mobilization and green skills. It will give an insight on chances and challenges in accelerating green finance and investment mobilization and seeks to answer how best practices can be scaled up and how bilateral cooperation can be strengthened.

	With contributions by: • Rajasree Ray, Economic Adviser, MoEFCC • Eva Kracht, Director-General International and European Policy, BMUKN • Felix Schenuit, Senior Policy Officer, BMUKN • R. R. Rashmi, Distinguished Fellow, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) • Anita George, Prosperete Growth Fund • Peter Hilliges, Country Director, KfW Development Bank • Varda Taneja, Director for Government Affairs, FEBI • Katharina Schlegel, IFAT Global Industry Lead, Messe München; Member of the Board, GermanRETech Partnership
17.00 – 17.30	COFFEE / TEA BREAK <i>Venue: close to Grand Ballroom and Palace Terrace, Leela Palace</i>
17.30 – 18.30	CLOSING SESSION <i>Venue: Grand Ballroom, Leela Palace</i> <i>Moderators: Kira Vinke & Sapna Gupta</i> Moderated discussion “The Way Forward – Working Jointly towards Global Environmental Goals” <i>Representatives from different stakeholder groups discuss their perspectives on the challenges and opportunities for the future of Indo-German environmental cooperation.</i> With contributions by: • Ulrike Ebeling, Country Director, GIZ India • Atul Sobti, Director General, Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE) • Vibha Dhawan, Director General, TERI • Anandi Iyer, Director, Fraunhofer Office India Formal Closing • Ashutosh Agnihotri, Additional Secretary, MoEFCC • Eva Kracht, Director-General International and European Policy, BMUKN
From 19.00 onwards	DINNER <i>Venue: The Ashok Hotel, The Convention Hall</i> Hosted by Bhupender Yadav, Hon’ble Minister for Environment, Forests and Climate Change, MoEFCC