

## About WSDF

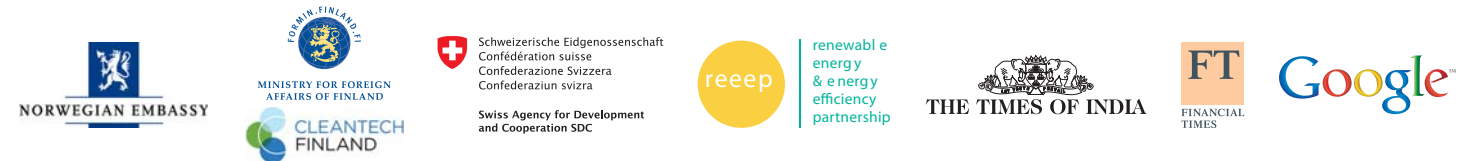
The World Sustainable Development Forum (WSDF), established by TERI in 2005, identifies, analyses, and disseminates policy interventions to enhance human well-being and creates conditions for a sustainable future. The forum is supported by highly distinguished patrons and advisory committee members who are global leaders, opinion makers in government, industry and academia. As part of its outreach activities, the forum conducts Regional Sustainable Development Summit (RSDS) and DSDS to spread key messages on issues of sustainable development in varied contexts.

The forum conducted the first regional summit under the WSDF-RSDS series in Shirakawa, Japan in 2006 followed by the second RSDD in 2007 in Tunisia. In 2009, two regional summits were held in Greece and the Philippines on 'Climate Change and Challenges for Future Generations' and a 'High-level Dialogue on Climate Change in the Asia-Pacific: A Development Challenge', respectively. Under the WSDF-DSDS series, DSDS is being hosted annually since 2001.

### Exhibition and Sponsorship Opportunities

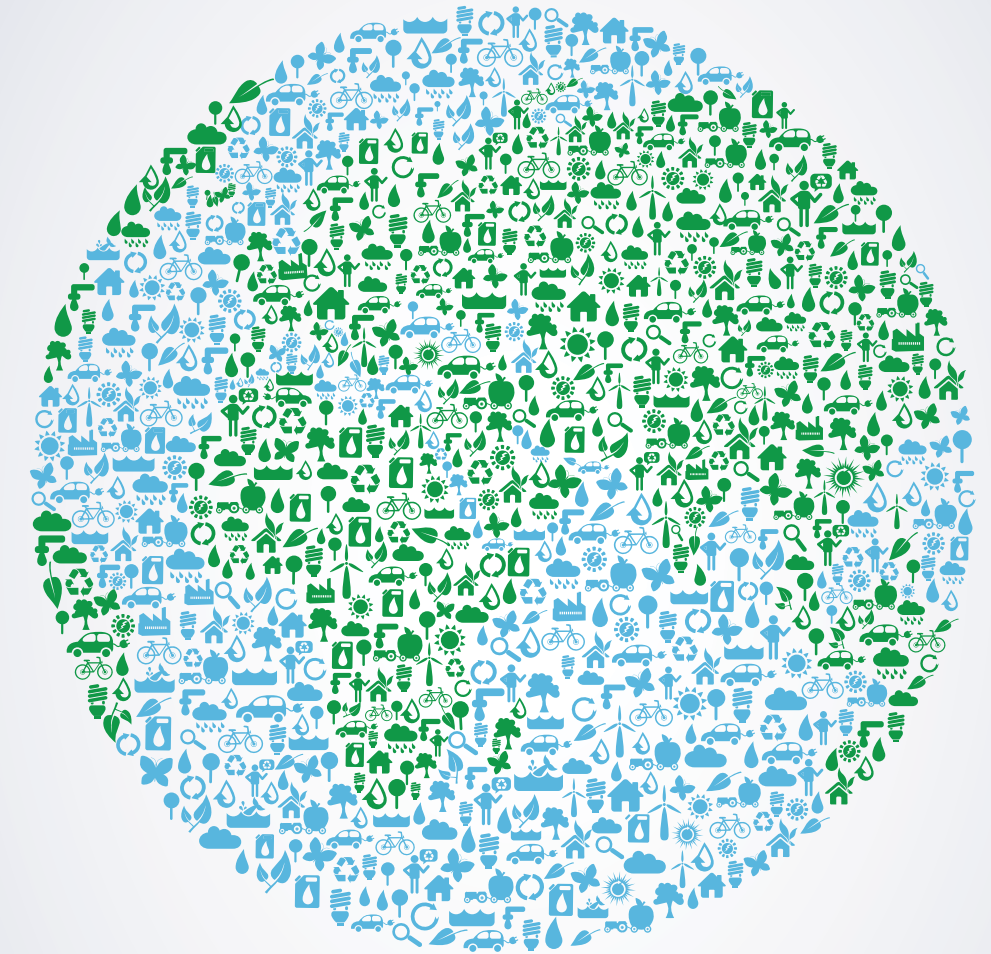
- Excellent platform to showcase and launch new products, services and technologies
- Helps promote brand awareness
- Fosters relationships with potential stakeholders
- Provides opportunity to interact with high-level dignitaries, VIPs and experts in the field of sustainable development

### Partners



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## Local Answers to a Global Challenge

**11<sup>th</sup> DELHI SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT**

TAPPING LOCAL INITIATIVES AND TACKLING GLOBAL INERTIA

## About DSDS

The Delhi Sustainable Development Summit (DSDS), organised by TERI since 2001, is an annual international undertaking to continuously provide knowledge and stimulate debate on the various aspects of sustainable development. It has clearly emerged as one of the most important forums on global sustainability issues, with an accentuated thrust on problems related to the developing world.

## DSDS 2010 – The Year that Was!

Celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary DSDS 2010, themed as 'Beyond Copenhagen: New pathways to sustainable development', mulled upon the issues of sustainability in the post-Copenhagen world. It not only brought nations together to discuss the issues of climate change but also charted out a roadmap for the next round of negotiations to be held in Mexico this December. The summit's participation included leaders and opinion-makers from over 60 countries as well as celebrities from the world of art and culture.



**DSDS 2010 Inauguration: (From Left to Right ) Minister for External Affairs, Government of India; President of the Republic of Kiribati; Prime Minister of Bhutan; Premier of Quebec; President of the Republic of Slovenia; Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic, Greece; Prime Minister of India; Director General, TERI; Minister for Environment and Forest, Government of India; Prime Minister of Norway; Prime Minister of Finland; Minister for New and Renewable Energy, Government of India; and Chairman, TERI**

## DSDS 2011

### Tapping Local Initiatives and Tackling Global Inertia

Science now tells us that climate change, trends of unsustainable use of natural resources, and ecosystem degradation are problems of immediate and growing concern the world over. We know that solutions are urgently required, and that the world's sustained attention and focus must be applied to find them. At the same time, many examples of successful local initiatives to address these problems are blazing a trail daily, all over the world. Yet on a global scale, political will is lacking and inertia remains, as evidenced by the outcome of the 15<sup>th</sup> UN COP at Copenhagen. Creating the momentum the world needs now on these crucial issues will be the focus of the 11<sup>th</sup> Delhi Sustainable Development Summit.

DSDS 2011 will be a unique platform for showcasing examples of local initiatives that successfully address the planet's most pressing problems. The summit will gather leaders and innovators from politics, NGOs, corporations, academia, and other stakeholders to work and focus together on the all important need to find a way to turn these examples of local initiatives into global momentum. DSDS 2011 will serve both as a platform for and a challenge to the world, to learn together the key lessons from local success stories that are needed to move the world in the right direction.

## DSDS 2011– Special Features

### State-level Sustainable Development Summits

Local governments and its institutions assume a larger role in nurturing local resources, developing local initiatives and mobilising the civil society towards a desirable change. There is a need to tap these initiatives and emulate them globally. DSDS 2011 proposes to reach out to six Indian states, namely Assam, Bihar, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand in November-December 2010, to bring out these models of sustainability.

Leveraging the theme of DSDS 2011, the State-level Sustainable Development Summit will look at creating awareness and mobilising support from the state governments for DSDS 2011. It will also seek to initiate discussion on state-specific sustainable development issues, best practices and the way forward.

### The World CEO Forum: Curtain Raiser to DSDS

Understanding the business sector's impact on the world economy and its role in sustainable development, The Energy and Resources Institute-Business Council for Sustainable Development (TERI-BCSD) India, in partnership with the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) Geneva, introduced the World CEO Forum at DSDS 2004. Since then, over 500 Indian and international companies, heads of state and government officials have attended the forum.



**World CEO Forum at DSDS 2010 – 'Vision for a Sustainable Tomorrow: Business as a Game Changer'**

### Sustainable Development Leadership Award

The Sustainable Development Leadership Award, instituted by TERI in 2005, recognises the contributions towards the cause of sustainable development. TERI will announce its sixth Sustainable Development Leadership Award at DSDS 2011.

### Special Events

The most popular feature of the DSDS, the Special Events are held before or after the DSDS to allow focused discussions, which compliment the theme of the summit involving specific stakeholders.

### Exhibition

DSDS 2011 will revisit the International Climate Change Exhibition (ICCX), where projects and technologies that assist in the collective struggle to combat climate change are more pertinent now than ever. The fourth ICCX will showcase cutting-edge climate change adaptation and mitigation techniques before an informed and astute audience.

### Youth Meet on Climate Change

Providing an overview of the emerging challenges of climate change, YUVA Meet aims at enabling the youth to become ambassadors in spreading the knowledge about climate change to the world around them. It will be a platform for the youth, from across the world, to express their views collectively as well as individually, exchange ideas, and form a common network and reach out to like-minded people.

### Outreach

- DSDS agenda and structure are finalised after consulting bilateral & multilateral agencies, and governments of India & other countries, ensuring that they meet the global development needs
- Information on DSDS is made available on official sites of most countries and organisations. A special edition of TERISCOPE (TERI's bi-monthly newsletter) and proceedings of the summit is published after the conclusion of DSDS, and is sent to over 6,000 decision-makers globally
- Media is well-represented during the summit, ensuring that the event is well-reported



**Inauguration of the Third International Climate Change Exhibition: Director General, TERI; Prime Minister of Finland; Minister for New and Renewable Energy, Government of India; and Cine Star Shilpa Shetty**



DSDS 2011 would attract leadership from all stakeholders to focus and interact on the role of local solutions in meeting a major global challenge like climate change. There is enough movement now worldwide towards a lower carbon and sustainable energy future, which can be accelerated significantly through the knowledge that DSDS 2011 will provide to participants from every country and profession.

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