

## **Dialogue on SDG Blueprint for Sustainable Agriculture**

Date: 9th November 2023

Venue: Marigold Hall, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi

### **CONCEPT NOTE WITH STRUCTURE**

The 2030 Agenda has 17 overarching Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), 169 targets, and 231 unique indicators to track policy development and progress toward these goals (UN, 2023). IPCC WG II (2022) estimates that cataclysmic wildfires, floods, droughts, and heatwaves are already harming billions of people worldwide and could cause irreparable harm to the earth's ecosystems. Given the vulnerability of agriculture in India due to climate change, it is at the crossroads of three of the most pressing challenges of the twenty-first century: sustaining food and nutrition security, adapting to and mitigating climate change, and ensuring the sustainable use of natural resources. Agriculture value chains and food systems in India are complex and include components of pre-production, production, and post-production, serving as one of the most important sources of employment and livelihoods. They are made up of interconnected networks that connect various actors, such as farmers, agricultural workers, input providers, and traders. Despite having an exhaustive and complex agricultural value chain, the linkages between SDGs and various components in the value chain are not studied. Currently, approaches in Indian policy landscape on sustainable agriculture does not adequately consider linkages with SDGs and implications across value chains.

TERI with support of the Royal Norwegian Embassy is undertaking a study which aims to understand synergies and trade-offs between sustainable agriculture and SDGs for informing policies at the national level. The study considers crop-based agriculture systems and related value chains broadly comprising of pre-production, production, and post-production stages.

The study includes the following:

- Mapping synergies and trade-offs of 169 targets of SDGs
- Mapping of stakeholders and policies
- Prioritizing policy mechanisms at the national level that enable synergies between sustainable agriculture and various SDGs.
- Suggesting metrics at the interface of SDGs and sustainable agriculture.
- Expert Consultations on policy interface between SDGs and sustainable agriculture.

The dialogue will provide an opportunity for cross-sectoral discussions among the key stakeholders to inform integrated strategies at the national level through identifying interlinkages and policy interface between SDGs and sustainable and climate-sensitive agriculture.

## Structure

<b>Time</b>	<b>Specifics</b>
10:00 – 10:30	Registration and Welcome Tea
10:30 – 10:35	Welcome Address
10:35 – 10:45	Keynote Address
10:45 – 11:00	Framing Presentation
11:00 – 12:40	Thematic Address and Discussion
12:40 – 12:45	Closing Remarks
12:45 onwards	Lunch