

SDG Blueprint for Sustainable Agriculture: Expert Consultation

Focus on SDG 7, SDG 13, SDG 14

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Bio-notes



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Mr Amlan Mishra is a Research Associate at The Energy and Research Institute's (TERI) Centre for Climate Change Research. He holds a master's degree in International Relations from the University of Sussex and a master's degree in Economics from McGill University. At present, he is undertaking research on the various dimensions of climate change, including adaptation, monitoring and evaluation of climate intervention programs, just transitions, climate finance, climate policy and renewable energy trade. He has published policy briefs and research reports around the enhancing multilateral approaches to climate change, gender and intersectionality, monitoring and evaluation in the agriculture sector and the socio-economic impacts of land-based climate interventions.

Dr Anand Madhukar presently serves as Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator for MSc (Climate Science and Policy) at TERI School of Advanced Studies, New Delhi. He works on climate change impacts, adaptation, climate-agriculture interface, rural development, Indian knowledge system, and STI interventions to strengthen livelihoods.

Dr. Anand has a highly multi-disciplinary and trans-disciplinary background, education, work exposure, and training. He earned a Ph.D. in Climate Change Impact and Adaptation from IIT Delhi, M.Tech. in Environmental Engineering, and B.Tech. in Mechanical Engineering from AMU Aligarh. He has more than 12 years of work experience and has gained wide exposure during his diverse stints across academia, research, field work, and social entrepreneurship.



Before joining TERI SAS, Dr. Madhukar worked as a Principal Project Scientist on a DST project "Revisiting Traditional Indian Agricultural Practices against Climate Change Vulnerabilities using Machine Learning Techniques" at IIT Delhi. He was associated as Faculty (for the M.Tech. Program) with the Centre for Energy Studies at JC Bose University of Science & Technology, YMCA, Faridabad, Haryana. During his stint as a Social Entrepreneur (2005-2015), he undertook several field visits in rural areas to understand farmers' problems and explore solutions with a holistic approach. He grew a comprehensive network of ~4000 rural households and connected them with LPG (cooking gas) supply chain, cooperative societies, and cooperative banks.

Anand comes from a rural background and possesses a deep understanding of the challenges and issues faced by rural habitats. He regularly writes columns and editorials in newspapers and magazines.



Mr Anandajit Goswami is an economist by training and has research interests on the interfaces of economic modelling, ecological, resource, macro, micro, international trade and developmental economics, and sustainability science from an interdisciplinary lens. Currently, he is associated as a Fellow with the Green Growth and Development Division of TERI. He has been working with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) since 2004 and has led research projects pertaining to trade and sustainable development, economic modelling supported by ICTSD (International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development), UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development). He has also worked with UNECA (United Nations Economic Commission for Africa) and has led research projects of TERI with partners in Africa. He has been engaged in various South South Cooperation knowledge exchange process, some of which have been supported by UNECA, UNIDO (United Nations Industrial Developmental Organization), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, Ministry of Water and Energy, Government of Ethiopia, Horn of Africa Regional Environment Centre and Network, Addis Ababa University. He has published papers in peer reviewed journals and contributed chapters to books. He has co-authored a booklet on South South Cooperation and Knowledge Exchange issues and edited a booklet related to regulatory issues on biofuels. He has been giving talks on “Economics of Sustainability” in South South Knowledge exchange programmes. Other than this, he has contributed popular articles in newspapers and blogs for Economist, Reuters Foundation.

He has 20 years of experience in policy analysis, sustainability science, analytical modelling, development sector with 11 years of experience in teaching, academic administration.



Ms Bhavya Batra is a PhD candidate at TERI School of Advanced Studies, and is a part of INDGREEN project, in collaboration with CICERO and funded by Research Council of Norway. Her research focusses on just transition in India and understanding synergies and trade-offs of solar energy transition with other SDGs, mainly inequality related trade-offs. She has done her Master's in Climate Science and Policy from TERI School of Advanced Studies

Ms Bhawna Tyagi works as a Programme Associate with the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW). She leads distributed renewables initiatives in the Energy Transition team at The Council. Her work primarily focuses on accelerating the deployment of DRE by engaging at the national and state level, developing innovative business models, understanding evolving consumer perceptions towards clean technologies, and conducting techno-economic feasibility assessments of DRE technologies.



Prior to joining The Council, she worked as Senior Research Associate with Alliance for an Energy-Efficient Economy (AEEE). She primarily focused on energy efficiency measures and clean mobility solutions, including e-mobility, leading the GVR initiative and end-use data challenges. She worked as Senior Officer (Economist) with Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services (IL&FS) Ltd. contributing to various infrastructure verticals, especially energy. Before joining IL&FS, she worked as Research Associate with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi, focusing on resource efficiency, trade, natural resources management, and socio-economic impact assessment.

She holds a post-graduate degree in Economics from Ambedkar University, Delhi and a graduate degree in Economic (Hons) from the

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Mr Bholenath Vishwakarma is an environmental policy and sustainability professional. He is a graduate in chemistry, a postgraduate diploma holder in environmental technology, and has done a master's in international affairs specializing in environmental policy from the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), Columbia University (08'), NYC.

He has over 20 years of professional experience both in the manufacturing and consulting firms in India as well as in the USA. And has worked with multinational corporations including multilateral funding agencies. Currently, he is heading the ESG assurance and certification team at Bureau Veritas India. Before this, he was an advisor to the Government e-Market (GeM), for the implementation of sustainable public procurement (SPP) with the help of UNEP India. He is also involved in a World Bank funded SPP market readiness project with TERI.



Mr Brahm Parkash Yadav - Post Graduate in Agricultural Sciences from Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar, Haryana, Mr B.P. Yadav Joined India Meteorological Department (IMD) as Meteorologist in January 1991. Mr. Yadav has a distinguished career as a Scientist with more than 33 years of experience in various domains related to the field of Operational Weather Forecasting & Early Warning System and Hydrometeorological Services. He has to his credit, more than 30 publications in peer reviewed National and International Journals. In his capacity as the chief Forecaster, Chief Spokesperson, and Head of National Weather Forecasting Centre & Services in India Meteorological Department, New Delhi, he has been instrumental in setting a much-improved Weather Forecasting and Early Warning system. His critical understanding of the synoptic and dynamics of the significant weather inducing events and accuracy of weather forecasting & warnings and Public Weather Service has been much appreciated across the Meteorological community.

Sh. Yadav has overseen the implementation of some key initiatives undertaken by IMD in collaboration with various International and National Agencies. Milestone programs includes commissioning of "Vasrsamana Project" with MeteoFrance International, WMO's Forecaster's Demonstration Project, South Asia Flash Flood Guidance System and HydroSOS. He is a WMO nominated expert member for Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (MHEWS).

Sh. Yadav superannuated as Scientist G and Additional Director General of Meteorology in December 2022. Currently, Sh. Yadav is working in National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) as Senior Consultant and expert for Drought and Heat Waves.



Dr Chime Youdon is a Research Fellow and the Head of the Blue Economy and Climate Change Cluster at the National Maritime Foundation in New Delhi, India. Her research interests include global climate change politics, climate resilience and adaptation of critical maritime infrastructure, nature-based solutions, the blue economy, and maritime security. She was recognised as a fellow of the 2021–2022 Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) Fellowship. She was also awarded the Admiral KK Nayyar Fellow of 2020–2023. She recently published a monograph titled "Rising Seas and Coastal Impacts: Metropolitan Resilience in India". She has earned her doctorate degree in comparative global climate change policies from the School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.



Dr Debesh Roy is the Founder-Chairman of the Institute for Pioneering Insightful Research Pvt. Ltd. (InsPIRE), Greater Noida, India, a policy research think tank, which focuses on economic policy and climate change policy. He is an economist, consultant and ex-development banker with 35 years of experience, including 32 years with the National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD). Dr Roy has authored a book, and several book chapters, research papers, newspaper articles, and policy briefs in the areas of agriculture economics, agriculture & food exports, climate change & agriculture, banking, microfinance, financial inclusion, poverty and human development. He has also edited three books in the areas of rural development, agriculture & food exports and climate change.



Dhriti Pathak is a climate change researcher by training and has worked on climate policy drivers to enable scalable climate action in building cross-sectoral systemic resilience and enhancing adaptive capacity, through innovative financial instruments and mechanisms. Currently she is working on developing financing instruments for enabling adaptation finance in developing countries. Prior to her work on adaptation finance, she worked with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) to develop India's National Adaptation Communication to the UNFCCC. In the past she has also worked with TERI, wherein she was involved in conducting vulnerability assessments, working out adaptation strategies and building climate resilience at the sub-national level in India.



Mr. Jai Kumar Gaurav is a Climate Change and Environment sector professional with around 14 years of diverse experience. He is currently working as Senior Advisor-Climate Change and Circular Economy in GIZ India managing multiple projects including European Union-Climate Dialogues, Mitigation Action Facility Funded "Waste Solutions for a Circular Economy in India" and Development Public Private Partnership Project titled "Developing Innovative Value Chains for E-waste Management". Prior to GIZ he has worked with Adelphi GmbH, International Development Enterprises India (IDEI), United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and Sindicatum Carbon Capital on climate change mitigation and adaptation projects. He holds a Masters in Climate Change and Development from the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex, UK for which he was awarded the Commonwealth Scholarship.



Mr John J Vachaparambil is an Associate Fellow at the National Maritime Foundation (NMF), New Delhi. His research work focuses on the legal aspects of IUU fishing, and the conservation of the marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction (BBNJ). His interest cut across protection and conservation of the marine environment and marine living resources, conservation of the polar aquatic ecosystems and biodiversity, and the sustainable use of marine living resources (SDG 14).

John has a Master's degree in Infrastructure and Business Law from the Teri School of Advanced Studies (TERI SAS), New Delhi. He is an alumnus of the School of Law, Christ University, Bangalore. He also successfully completed a certificate course on Oceans Law and Policy from Gujarat Maritime University (GMU).



Mr Mayank Aggarwal is an independent journalist with over 18 years of experience. A Pulitzer Grantee, Mayank produces journalism in all three formats, print, multimedia and audio. His writing and reportage are focused on the intersections of environment, business, climate change, technology and development. He has worked previously at the UK-based The Independent, Mint, Mongabay-India, DNA, The Statesman and IANS. Mayank is also a media trainer and journalism community mentor working independently with several organisations. He works with Climate Trends on Energy Transition.



Ms Neha Khanna is a Senior Manager at CPI India, where her work focuses on climate, green, and sustainable finance, responsible and inclusive finance. Her decade-long experience working with multinational corporations, banks, and international organizations uniquely positions her as a climate expert with a deep focus on sustainable finance, risk management, and financial inclusion.

Prior to CPI, Neha has worked at Intellectap, Accenture, and the management consulting arm of ICRA. At Intellectap, she contributed to various sustainable and development finance projects by identifying areas and designing interventions.

Neha holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras with a semester abroad at Mannheim Business School, Germany, and a Bachelor's of Technology in Computer Engineering. She also holds a SCR certificate from GARP and is a regular contributor to the SCR writing drive.



Ms Nivedita Cholayil is a Program Associate with the Climate Program at WRI India. Here she is primarily involved in the energy-economy modelling work of the program which examines various low-carbon development pathways for enabling India's transition in a just and equitable manner.

Previously, she was associated with Delhi-based The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), where she worked as a policy researcher focusing on various issues related to sustainable development. Prior to that, she worked as a journalist with Reuters news, covering U.S. financial markets and businesses. She has also interned with other development organizations such as UNDP and NITI Aayog.

Nivedita holds a master's in International Studies from Christ University, Bangalore, and a bachelor's in Economics from University of Delhi.

Over weekends and during her time off, she dons the hat of a trained classical dancer, and can be found performing in and around Delhi for various dance festivals. She has been practicing Mohiniyattam (a dance form from Kerala) since 2008. In her spare time, she catches up on reading, and exploring new cities.



Ms Pallas Chandel has over 5 years of professional experience of providing technical advisory in climate change mitigation projects focused on sustainable energy, energy access and energy security. She has worked with diverse range of stakeholders from inter-governmental organisation, multilateral/bilateral institutions, public as well as private sector players. She holds a Masters degree in Renewable Energy Engineering and Management, and a Bachelors degree in Solar and Alternative Energy Engineering.



Dr Pushp Bajaj is currently working as a National Consultant on Blue Economy at UNDP in India. Previously, he was a Research Fellow and the Head of the Blue Economy and Climate Change Cluster at the National Maritime Foundation in New Delhi, India. His research areas of interest include climate change impacts on India's maritime and naval security, climate resilience of India's critical maritime infrastructure, India's domestic and foreign climate policies, sustainability in the maritime domain, and the Blue Economy. He was recently recognised as a Fellow of the 2021-22 Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) Fellowship. Dr Bajaj has published several articles in international peer-reviewed journals and reputed digital and print news platforms and magazines on sustainable development, climate science, climate change mitigation and adaptation, climate policy, and related areas. He received his PhD in Chemistry from the University of California, San Diego, USA, where he was a graduate researcher for the NSF-funded Center for Chemical Innovation - Center for Aerosol Impacts on Chemistry of the Environment based in San Diego, CA, USA. He is an alumnus of the Indian Institute of Technology Madras in Tamil Nadu, India and St. Stephen's College of the University of Delhi, India.



Ms Rhea Malhotra is a post graduate in Environmental Studies and Natural Resource management from TERI School of Advanced Studies. Working as a technical consultant in the "TEEB - The Economics of Ecosystem Services and biodiversity" branch of United Nations Environment Programme. Her expertise straddles different disciplines such as sustainable agriculture, climate change and development studies."



Mr Ripu Bhanjan Singh comes with 15 years of international multi-disciplinary experience in facilitating India's clean energy transition and climate change ambitions. He has designed Monitoring Evaluation Learning (MEL) and Knowledge Management Systems (KMS) for key bilateral projects for USAID, and UKAID (DFID). He is a champion in forging robust collaborations with diverse stakeholders - local communities, governments, and public and private entities. Formerly at TERI, he engaged extensively with rural communities across Asia and Africa. Most recently Ripu completed his advanced master's degree from the US as the only Indian-origin recipient of the prestigious Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program in his cohort.



Mr Rituj Sahu is a climate action practitioner and researcher with 10+ years of experience across finance, climate finance advocacy, ESG, and food systems with expertise in strategy, stakeholder engagement, and facilitation. Presently, he supports the Food Systems portfolio for the Asia region for The Rockefeller Foundation. He has a Bachelors in Economics from Delhi University, and a postgraduate diploma in liberal studies and leadership, with a major in anthropology, from Ashoka University. Starting off with a career in the private sector, he pivoted to the social impact sector after having worked for 5 years in finance. He was part of the founding team of Foundation for Economic Development, an agricultural policy advisory firm started by a leading Indian philanthropist. Following this stint, he went on to lead independent projects on nutrition, business model innovations in plant-based and clean meat industry, and social impact innovation for businesses. In 2020, he was awarded the German Chancellor's Fellowship for emerging leaders to conduct research on innovations in the impact investing ecosystem in Germany. In 2021, he also got scholarships to attend a summer school focused on public health in Lugano, Switzerland, and an Executive programme to study Social Finance at Oxford



Dr. Sanchit Saran Agarwal is currently working as an Associate Fellow in The Centre for Energy Assessment and Modelling, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI). His work mainly concerns generating national decarbonization pathways across various sectors through the use of energy modelling tools. He is a lead author in UNEPs Global Environment Outlook-7, where he is writing for energy systems transformation in Asian region. He is an electrical engineer with Ph.D. from Department of Water Resources Development and Management, IIT Roorkee, focusing on hydropower development risks and operational performance assessment. He has published papers in various national and international journals.



Dr Sarat Kannepalli is an agri-environmental science/policy professional with a Ph.D. in Environmental Sciences from Rutgers University, New Jersey, USA. As a Climate Change Advisor with GIZ India, his work focuses on developing climate adaptation impact monitoring frameworks at state and national levels and implementing measures to scale-up climate resilient interventions in agriculture and water resources sectors. He was involved in developing the Voluntary Carbon Market Framework for India's agriculture sector for the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, GoI. Previously, he worked with the Environmental Defense Fund, an international NGO in rural Bihar quantifying economic and climate change benefits associated with improved agriculture value chain efficiency for >10,000 SML farmers.



- Have 36 years of experience in applied empirical economic research in development banking, credit policy review, agricultural development, microfinance, water management, rural farmers welfare, action for Amrit Kal and developed expertise in monitoring & evaluation of development projects. Worked with Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi, NABARD, Konkuk University, Seoul, South Korea, Bankers Institute of Rural Development, Lucknow.
- Holds Ph.D. in Agri Economics from Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi, 1995, and had good academic scores throughout.
- Published about 120 monographs and research papers including a book on Agricultural Development in Andhra Pradesh (coauthored). Google Scholar H-index is 16 and I-index is 24.
- Served as head of Department of Economic Analysis and Research (DEAR) and Chief General Manager, NABARD, Mumbai before retirement in Nov 2022 and provided leadership for rejuvenating in-house research in NABARD and helped the department in bring out 60 quality studies/publications/journal and conference articles in 2 years.
- Steered NABARD All India Rural Financial Inclusion Survey (NAFIS) of over 40000 rural households across 29 states; launching second round of NAFIS; constructing NAFINDEX based on NAFIS 1.0 data, Report on Farmers' Welfare across Indian States; Charting out the Journey of Indian Agriculture over last 75 years (for G. Parthasaradhy memorial Lecture) ; and launching NAFIS 2.0 covering all districts and 1,00,000 rural households, among others.
- Over 4 years of teaching and training experience in Bankers Institute of Rural Development (BIRD), Lucknow and Konkuk University, Seoul, South Korea.
- Engaged in special assignments in and out of NABARD - that include working as member of Sub-group on disadvantaged farmers and women for XII Plan, secretariat team member of Expert Group on Rural Credit (ECRC) (Chairman: Prof.V.S.Vyas).

- Have been a contributing member of several professional associations in the area of development, economics and agriculture. Referee/reviewer for several reputed journals
- Member, Advisory Committee of a Ph.D. Student from Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE), Mumbai and Thesis examiner for a few Ph.D. Students and guided Student Interns in NABARD.
- Have other interests such as music, art, yoga, literature



Dr Saurabh Thakur is an International Consultant with Global Maritime Crime Programme, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). Previously, he has worked with the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, as part of the research division that oversaw the establishment of the G20 Secretariat for the Indian Presidency (2022-2023). He was an Associate Fellow in, Blue Economy and Climate Change research cluster, at the National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi. Dr Thakur's research interests include the politics of climate change, blue economy, multilateral negotiations, and regional cooperation in the Indian Ocean Region. He has held a number of prestigious fellowships including the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) Fellowship (2021-22), KK Nayyar Fellowship (2020-2022) and the Kodikara Fellowship, Sri Lanka (2020-21). He has a PhD in International Relations from the School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Ms Seema Yadav, Senior Program Associate at WRI India, is part of the Sustainable Landscapes and Restoration team.



With an academic background in environmental sciences, Seema's doctoral work focused on exploring the ecology of non-timber forest product species in the natural forests of Central India. Prior to joining WRI India, she worked as a Research Associate at the Centre for Ecology Development and Research (CEDAR), assessing the performance of low-cost air-quality monitor sensors in Indian conditions.

Seema's research interests revolve around forest ecology, including the dynamics of forest produce, the role of communities in natural resource conservation, and the impact of environmental legislation.

Seema loves listening to Bollywood melodies in her free time.



Dr Shalander Kumar leads the Markets, Institutions and Policies cluster and is also the Deputy Global Research Program Director of the Enabling systems transformation program at ICRISAT, Hyderabad. He is a FELLOW of National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS). Dr Kumar has more than 30 years of experience working in Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa. Current focus of his work is on data driven systems approaches for scaling climate smart and nutrition sensitive agricultural value chains and food systems; tools and frameworks for co-designing resilient farm and food systems; and policies relevant studies around seed systems, agri-business opportunities, climate adaptation and mainstreaming millets. www.researchgate.net/profile/Shalander_Kumar2



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In the current role, Siddhant is responsible for the execution of NAMA Facility funded Bi-Lateral project in India with GIZ . He is involved in preparation and execution of Grant Agreement with Governments, Solid Waste Management and Circular Economy Advisory, set-up of Risk Sharing Facility, Tender Management, implementation of awareness events & workshop and engagements with various State Governments of

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Bachelor of Technology in Electronics & Communications and Master of Business Administration (MBA) focused in Marketing & Operations

Dr Sony R K is a Senior Manager, Food and Land Use Coalition India at World Resources Institute India. His primary responsibility is managing the FOLU India Sustainable Agriculture Initiative, working closely with FOLU India core partners.



Before joining WRI, Sony worked with ICLEI South Asia, where he managed projects focused on biodiversity mainstreaming in cities and habitat degradation assessment in the western Himalayas. He has also worked with academic institutions and research organizations, like Kerala Forest Research Institute (KFRI), Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON), Winrock International India. His work in these organizations focused on wildlife ecology, conservation and management, and environmental impact assessment. He also worked as a visiting faculty at the Trans-disciplinary University, Bengaluru, where he designed and taught social science and qualitative research methodology courses.

Sony holds a PhD in Conservation Science and Sustainability Studies from the Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and Environment (ATREE) and Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE). He also holds a Masters in Zoology from Goa University.

Ms Vani Rijhwani, Climate policy and DRM professional, currently working with the Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management Unit of the World Bank, South Asia Region. An NRM expert by training, works on climate policy drivers to enable scalable climate action in building cross-sectoral systemic resilience and enhancing adaptive capacity, through innovative financial instruments and mechanisms. In her work at the Bank, she supports the India office on means of embedding climate and disaster risk resilience measures across the Bank's operations in India and South Asia, identifying innovative mechanisms towards financing adaptation and resilience, and strengthening institutional frameworks. In the past she has worked with TERI, an Indian think tank, where she developed fundamental understanding on ground level issues and effective policy enablers in the areas of international climate negotiations, sub-national climate actions, climate adaptation, vulnerability and risk analysis, disaster risk management, mitigation, GHG emissions inventory, MRV/transparency mechanisms, carbon markets and climate finance.



Ms Vartika Singh is Senior Research Analyst in the Environment, Production and Technology Division of IFPRI in New Delhi and Senior Research Officer at the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, India. Vartika is currently pursuing her PhD from Humboldt University in Berlin, Germany and is guest researcher at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research. Her interests include topics around the nexus of food-water-energy and land. She uses tools such as CGE and PE models to assess integrated assessment of water, energy and climate policies that form sustainable transformation pathways for India. These activities form her PhD dissertation work as well as the Nexus-Gains Initiative under the One-CGIAR umbrella. She has previously worked on applied behavioral microeconomic experiments to address barriers in sustainable intensification of agriculture, as part of the Cereal Systems Initiative for South Asia project. She holds a Master's degree in Development Studies from Tata Institute of Social Sciences in Mumbai, India and a Bachelor's in Economics from Hindu College at Delhi University, India.





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