



Title: Accelerating Transformation: SDG Implementation and Climate and Biodiversity Goals

Date: 5th March 2025 | **Time:** 2:00 – 3:30 PM (IST)

Venue: Juniper Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

Time	Agenda Item
5 minutes	Welcome Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Vibha Dhawan, Director General, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)
7 minutes	Keynote Address on integrated and accelerated SDG implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Ambuj Sagar, International Group of Scientists (IGS) for the Global Sustainable Development Report, GSDR 2023
7 minutes	Keynote Address on SDG-Delivery in India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Hemant Kumar Meena, Director, NITI Aayog, Government of India* (*Invited)
5 minutes	Insights from the German VNR-process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Ilka Hirt, Government of Germany (BMUV)
7 minutes	A case study: Mountain Ecosystems & SDGs acceleration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Nameeta Prasad, Joint Secretary Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India
45 minutes	Panel discussion on guiding questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. David Surý, Director General of Environmental Protection Section, Ministry of Environment of the Czech Republic • Prof. Ambuj Sagar, International Group of Scientists (IGS) for the Global Sustainable Development Report, GSDR 2023 • Ms. Shikha Srikant, Programme Officer Biodiversity, UNDP India
10 minutes	Question and Answer
5 minutes	Concluding remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Ilka Hirt, Government of Germany (BMUV) • Dr. Manish Anand, Senior Fellow, Resource Efficiency & Governance, TERI

Moderation: Dr. Manish Anand, Senior Fellow, Resource Efficiency & Governance, TERI

Guiding Questions for the panel discussion:

- (1) How can innovative approaches and integrated SDG delivery align better the SDGs and climate and biodiversity protection?
- (2) How can partnerships across stakeholders for the SDGs, e.g. private sector investments regulations be incentivised to prioritise sustainability and resilience over short-term gains?
- (3) What structural reforms are needed to make SDG reporting and implementation more supportive of climate action and biodiversity protection?