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Title: Investing in Nature: Financing Forest Landscape Restoration in India

Date: 5th March 2025

Time: 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Venue: Tamarind Hall, India Habitat Centre

Agenda

Time	Agenda Item
2:00-2:10 pm	Introduction and welcome of speakers
2:10 - 2:20 pm	Presentation on context setting of the theme
2:20 - 3:10 pm	Panel Discussion moderated by Mr Kundan Burnwal, <i>Senior Advisor & Deputy Project Director, RECAP4NDC, GIZ India</i>
	<u>Investing in Nature: Financing Forest Landscape Restoration in India</u>
	Discussion Points (Public Finance Sources)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current public finance mechanisms for FLR in India (CAMPA funds, Green India Mission, State budgets) • Challenges in mobilizing public finance for FLR at scale • Strategies to integrate FLR into mainstream public funding priorities
	Discussion Points (Private and Alternative Finance Sources)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of CSR and impact investing in FLR • Key challenges in engaging the private sector for FLR investments • Successful CSR-driven FLR projects & lessons learned • Alternate Market Based Financing Options for FLR • Role of development finance institutions (DFIs) in funding FLR • Blended finance models: Combining public and private finance.

Speakers

Dr Gobind Sagar Bhardwaj

*Additional General of Forests (Project Tiger) & Member Secretary (NTCA),
Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, Chair*

Dr. Vivek Saxena

*PCCF (Budget, Planning & Project Formulation), Haryana Forest Department,
Government of Haryana; Nodal representative RECAP4NDC*

Dr. Alejandro von Bertrab

*Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resource Management Programme, GIZ &
Head of Project, RECAP4NDC*

Mr Saurav Malhotra

*Lui-Walton Fellow; Founding Managing Director, Mountains to Mangroves
Conservation International*

Ms Rishika Das Roy

*Lead, Sectoral Strategy and Investments
India Climate Collaborative (ICC)*

3:10 – 3:25 pm	Question and Answer
3:25 - 3:30 pm	Concluding remarks