



## Press Advisory

### **TERI to host the 12<sup>th</sup> Delhi Sustainable Development Summit from 2- 4 Feb 2012**

*Themed "Protecting the Global Commons: 20 Years Post Rio", the summit will be inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Dr. Manmohan Singh, along with 3 heads of states, dignitaries, Nobel Laureates, and ministers from 15 countries*

**New Delhi, January 30, 2012:** The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) works towards fulfilling its vision of 'working towards global sustainable development, creating innovative solutions for a better tomorrow', through its flagship event the **Delhi Sustainable Development Summit (DSDS)**. The DSDS has been held annually in New Delhi since 2001, tackling key developmental issues of the times, having emerged as the only forum on global sustainability issues, with an accentuated thrust on problems relating to the developing world. The DSDS series has enjoyed global support, from over 60 countries, attracting participation from Heads of government and ministers, and a host of other dignitaries comprising Nobel laureates, development practitioners, scientists, academics, & corporate leaders.

In its twelfth edition DSDS will focus on the theme, '**Protecting the Global Commons: 20 Years Post Rio**'. Set to be inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, **Dr. Manmohan Singh**, DSDS 2012 will be the first important meeting of global leaders preceding the June 2012, Rio+20 Summit. The June 2012 Summit marks twenty years of the 1992 Earth Summit which will witness leaders of the world come together to deliberate and devise a plan for a sustainable future. Along with the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, other dignitaries who will be at the summit are H.E. Ms. Tarja Halonen, **President, Finland**, H.E. Mr. Anote Tong, **President, Kiribati**, H.E. Mr. James Alix Michel, **President, Seychelles**, H.E. Mr. Bharrat Jagdeo, **Former President, Guyana**, H.E. Dr. Gro Harlem Brundtland, **Former Prime Minister of Norway** and Member of the UN Secretary General's Global Sustainability Panel, Norway, Mr Arnold Schwarzenegger, **Founding Chair, R20 - Regions of Climate Change & Former Governor, California, USA**, Hon'ble Dr. Farooq Abdullah, **Union Minister, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India**, Hon'ble Ms. Jayanthi Natarajan, Hon'ble **Minister of State (I/C) for Environment and Forests, Govt. of India**, Hon'ble Ms. Sheila Dikshit, **Chief Minister of NCT of Delhi**, Dr. Arcot Ramachandran, **Chairman, TERI, India**, and Dr. RK Pachauri, **Director General TERI and Chairman IPCC**.

Two decades hence, time is ripe to assess the progress made in protecting our planet. DSDS 2012 will examine what has since been achieved and how awareness had been created; it will attempt to define new directions to be followed; and set an agenda for further action.

Curtain raiser to the Summit will be the **World CEO Sustainability Summit** which will witness an impressive congregation of business leaders and discuss targeted business and sustainability issues, under the overarching theme '**Doing Business - While Protecting the Global Commons**'.

Commenting on the increasing popularity of DSDS **Dr. RK Pachauri Director General, TERI**, said, “*The DSDS has clearly evolved as the most important gathering of leaders from all over the world and from every profession – including government, business and industry, research and academia and civil society – that focuses on the challenge of attaining sustainable development worldwide.*”

DSDS 2012 will be honoring the eighth recipient with the ***Sustainable Development Leadership Award*** which constitutes TERI’s tribute to a distinguished individual’s exemplary efforts. The Award celebrates individuals who have contributed substantially in combating challenges threatening sustainable development and encouraging initiatives which lead the planet towards a sustainable future. Some past winners of the Sustainable Development Leadership Awards are Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh of India, UN Secretary General Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, and former Governor of California Mr. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Over 20 **Special events** will be organized on the sidelines of the Summit. Consistent with and central to the main theme of DSDS 2012 these platforms will provide an opportunity to distinguished speakers and area experts to discuss niche topics.

### **About DSDS**

The DSDS (Delhi Sustainable Development Summit) has been the flagship conference of TERI since 2001. It is a global forum that seeks to provide long-term solutions to protect this planet. Held annually, DSDS is the only event of its kind in the world with participation by global stakeholders—multilateral and bilateral development organizations, governments, the corporate sector, non-governmental organizations, and academic and research institutions. Now globally esteemed as a credible summit on global issues related to sustainable development, it continues to provide hope to communities lagging behind on development indicators. For more details please log into <http://www.teriin.org/dsds/2012/index.htm>

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