



CHANGE PUBLIC

MAINSTREAMING
CLIMATE CHANGE

"Climate change offers a business opportunity not just for banks but for other financial institutions, donors and philanthropists. However, the lack of bankable projects needs to be addressed by fostering innovation and entrepreneurship."

CHANDAN BHAVNANI, YES BANK.

Event Overview

Change Public is an efforts towards having a public dialogue around mainstreaming climate change concerns into social inclusion and impact investment.

The event was produced in partnership with several key organizations and was held at **Vihara Innovation Campus, Delhi** on **30th March 2019**.

This unique convening with its functional thematics actively engaged over 110 diverse stakeholders and strives to foster an ecosystem to address the far-reaching impact of climate change.

The day-long event witnessed deliberations on strategies for building partnerships and collaborations, current initiatives and approaches to tackling climate change and touched upon the way forward for stakeholders with varying needs and aspirations.



The Day's Proceedings

Plenary Kickoff: Climate Change and the Subcontinent

A keynote address delivered by Santosh Singh (Intellectap) on our warming future and the challenges that lie ahead for the subcontinent.

Plenary Keynotes: The State of the Conversation Today

A discussion on the urgency of mainstreaming climate change and on climate ethics within South Asia.

Lightning Talks- I

A series of brief presentations by NGOs and startups working towards climate change adaptation.

Plenary Panel:

Incorporating Climate Change Thinking into Social Inclusion

A discussion around the need and relevance of aligning inclusion efforts with climate change taking into consideration donor priorities.



Panel Discussion on "Incorporating Climate Change Thinking into Social Inclusion"



Santosh Singh and Ulka Kelkar interacting during the plenary keynotes- "The State of the Conversation Today"

Breakout Panels

The New Green Revolution

The adverse effects of climate change on agriculture and the role of innovative, climate-smart technologies.

Green Lives and Livelihoods

Reconciling public health and climate change concerns in the informal lignite economy.

The Conundrum of Livestock

Reducing the impact of livestock on GHG emissions and intervening in livestock management.

Networking Lunch

Lightning Talks- II

A series of brief presentations by startups working towards mitigating climate change.

Plenary Debate: Investing in True Mitigation

Understanding the role of impact investing and capital markets in addressing climate change.

Breakout Workshops

Inclusion, Adaptation & Mitigation

A workshop aimed at identifying possible pathways to use climate change as a filter for social inclusion efforts.

Towards a Climate Mitigation Accelerator

An interactive workshop around assessing the viability of a dedicated accelerator for climate change mitigation.

Concluding Plenary: Partnering with government to achieve scale

Co-hosted by Ashden India Collective

Government as a facilitator for scaling innovations and their role in regulatory and policy support.



Breakout Panel: "The New Green Revolution"



Organic Lunch served by The Prodigal Cook Farms



Breakout Workshop: "Towards a Climate Mitigation Accelerator"

Key Deliberations from plenary panels

- "Tackling climate change would need an array of solutions focused around innovation, behavioural change and scientific advancement."
Santosh Singh, Intellectap.
- Mitigation is a high-priority area with a framework for GHG emissions reductions already in place. A global framework for adaptation is in the works, but it must rely on localized, holistic solutions.
- "India along with China continue to be one of the prominent voices in the climate change discourse globally. However, greater emphasis needs to be placed on implementing climate adaptation strategies for vulnerable communities "
Ulka Kelkar, WRI.
- "A head on approach towards tackling climate change is going to be really tough. It is important to look at adjacencies and create a downward waterfall. With regards to the capital market, we have witnessed a gap in knowledge and technical know-how necessary to invest in and execute key projects."
Gaurav Kachru, 5ideas



Concluding Plenary (co-hosted by Ashden India Collective):
"Partnering with government to achieve scale"

Lightning Talks

Over the last few decades, climate change has exposed our ecosystem to new externalities. It is seen that innovation and entrepreneurship arise out of such pain points and subsequently address those problems.

Lightning Talks is a series of brief presentations by high-potential entrepreneurs and non-profit initiatives aimed at showcasing their ongoing work in the field of climate change. The participants are listed below –

Lightning Talks- I

Climate Change Adaptation

CV Prakash, Aggragannya Skills
Martand Shardul, TERI
Debasis Ray, Development Alternatives
Tanmay Bishnoi, Skill Council for Green Jobs
Neha Bhatia, The Prodigal Cook Farms

Lightning Talks- II

Climate Change Mitigation

Anurag Agarwal, NewLeaf Dynamic
Siddharth Gangal, The Solar Labs
Shriti Pandey, Strawcture
Kunal Shah, NEPRA
Sanjiv Bhatia, Stenum Asia



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Shriti Pandey
Strawcture



Kunal Shah
NEPRA

Key Insights

from breakout panels on agriculture, clean energy and livestock

- Market realities need to be considered before offering a product or service aimed at mitigating climate change in rural areas. Lack of existing value chains, viability gap funding and community involvement act as impediments to progress.
Martand Shardul, TERI
- There is scope for more research and understanding of traditional models such as Gaushalas (cattle ranch) and create blended models using circular economy principles.



Breakout Panel: "Green Lives and Livelihoods"



Breakout Panel: "The Conundrum of Livestock"

- Livestock farming in India is predominantly driven by small farmers as against large industrial farms in western, developed regions. Any intervention in this area should be community-oriented and must lay emphasis on indigenous varieties which are found to possess greater climate adaptability.
- "Meat consumption patterns reveal the fact that urban markets place more burden on the ecosystem when compared to rural areas. Consumption must be curbed through awareness and feed for livestock production needs to be resource-efficient and more nutritive."

Dr. Mamta Dhawan, GALVMed

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