ANIL AGARWAL
DIALOGUE
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THE AGENDA

FEBRUARY 27, 2024 Arrival of participants in AAETI

DAY 1
FEBRUARY 28, 2024

SESSION 1
INAUGURAL
9.30 AM-12.00 NOON

8.00-9.30 AM | Breakfast
An Introduction to Anil Agarwal Dialogue
Souparno Banerjee, Senior Director, Outreach, CSE

Welcome address and introductions
Sukanya Nair, The AAD team

The state of India’s environment: Challenges and opportunities
Sunita Narain, Director General, CSE

Release of The State of India’s Environment 2024 report
Sunita Narain, Director General, CSE
Nitin Desai, Economist and Former UN Under-Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs
T N Ninan, Former Editor and Chairperson, Business Standard

12.00-1.30 PM
THE AAD LUNCH
FIRST FOOD ‘FEASTIVAL’
Bringing ‘Future of Taste’ and climate-resilient food to our tables
Curated by Vibha Varshney
Consulting Editor, Down To Earth
Overview: What happened in 2023 and what can we expect in 2024
Akshit Sangomla, Correspondent, Down To Earth

The state of extreme weather: A data-based assessment
Rajit Sengupta, Associate Editor, Down To Earth

Climate-induced migration: What's new
Richard Mahapatra, Managing Editor, Down To Earth

Monsoons, marine heating and other changes
Roxy Mathew Koll, Professor, Centre for Climate Change Research, Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune (online)

On heat waves: Their prediction and current trends
Dr K J Ramesh, Former Director General of Meteorology, India Meteorological Department (IMD)

Mapping heat and adaptation strategies in Indian cities
Rajneesh Sareen, Programme Director, Sustainable Habitat, CSE

4.00-4.30 PM: TEA BREAK

Impacts of climate change and human interventions in the Himalayan region
Dr Kalachand Sain, Director, Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehradun

Demystifying GLOFs
Miriam Jackson, Programme Coordinator, Cryosphere, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Nepal

Case study: What is happening in Sikkim
P D Rai, Former Member of Parliament, Sikkim (online)

6.00-6.30 PM: TEA BREAK

Why cities flood: The case of Chennai
Janakarajan Srinivasan, Former Professor and Director, Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS), Chennai; President, SaciWATERs (South Asia Consortium for Interdisciplinary Water Resources Studies)
DAY 2
FEBRUARY 29, 2024

SESSION 4
9.00-11.00 AM
AIR POLLUTION AND CLIMATE CHANGE
Anchor and moderator: Anumita Roychowdhury, Executive Director, CSE

From city to the region: Towards regional airshed-based air quality management for clean air — the case of Indo-Gangetic Plains
Anumita Roychowdhury, Executive Director, CSE

The Indo-Gangetic Plains: Its airshed, health risks and pollution hotspots
Dr Mukesh Sharma, Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, IIT-Kanpur

Killer connect: Air pollution and meteorology link-up in the IGP
Dr R K Jenamani, Scientist G and Head, National Weather Forecasting Centre, India Meteorological Department (IMD)

What ails mobility: A roadmap for transforming mobility practices in India
Anumita Roychowdhury, Executive Director, CSE

Towards upcaled electric mobility: Lessons from e-bus programmes in cities
Dr Laghu Parashar, Senior Transport Specialist, World Bank

11.00-11.30 AM: TEA BREAK

SESSION 5
11.30 AM-1.30 PM
UNDERSTANDING THE PLASTIC PROBLEM
Anchor and moderator: Raju Nayak, Group Editor, Gomantak, Goa

Overview: The challenge of circular economy in India
Atin Biswas, Programme Director, Sustainable Waste Management, CSE

Plastics: A state-of-art assessment
Siddharth Ghanshyam Singh, Programme Manager, Sustainable Waste Management, CSE

Demystifying microplastics
Dr Pravakar Mishra, Scientist G, National Centre for Coastal Research, Chennai

New challenges: Plastics that we wear
Ina Bahuguna, Programme Manager, Recycling, Livelihoods and Green Jobs, Hasiru Dala, Bengaluru

1.30-2.30 PM: LUNCH

SESSION 6
2.30-5.45 PM
FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND CLIMATE CHANGE
Anchor and moderator: Amit Barua, Senior Journalist, New Delhi

Agriculture emissions and mitigation options
Amit Khurana, Programme Director, Sustainable Food Systems, CSE

The politics of methane
Avantika Goswami, Programme Manager, Climate Change, CSE
Role of regenerative agriculture in climate change
T Vijay Kumar, IAS (Retd), Executive Vice Chairperson, Rythu Sadhikara Samstha, Andhra Pradesh (online)

3.50-4.20 PM: TEA BREAK

Role of Indian dairy cooperatives in combating climate change
Niranjan Karade, Team Leader, Innovation and Project Management, National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)

Fodder and climate change
Dr D R Malaviya, Former Head, ICAR-Indian Grasslands and Fodder Research Institute, Jhansi

Food and nutrition in a climate-risked world
Shweta Khandelwal, Senior Advisor-Nutrition, JHPIEGO-India

Geopolitics of trade and its implications for green economy
Sunita Narain in conversation with
Dr Bishwajit Dhar, Professor, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
Siraj Hussain, Advisor, FICCI and Former Secretary, Agriculture
M K Venu, Founding Editor, thewire.in

DAY 3
MARCH 1, 2024

SESSION 7
10.00 AM-2.00 PM

FORESTS AND BIODIVERSITY: THE YEAR’S BURNING QUESTIONS
Moderator: Sunita Narain, Director General, CSE

What’s the world doing for biodiversity?
Vibha Varshney, Consulting Editor, Down To Earth

The race to extinction
Richard Mahapatra, Managing Editor, Down To Earth

The rewilding saga
Ravi Chellam, Wildlife Biologist and Conservation Scientist, Bengaluru

Emerging menace: The rise of invasive species
Ankila Hiremath, Independent Researcher and Plant Ecologist, ATREE, Bengaluru

THE ARAVALLI TREK
An early morning guided trek through the neighbouring Aravallis (please make sure to get walking shoes)
The FCA amendments
Debadityo Sinha, Senior Resident Fellow and
Lead-Climate and Ecosystems,
Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, New Delhi

Trading forests for net zero
Trishant Dev, Programme Officer, Climate Change, CSE

PANEL DISCUSSION
Close encounters: Humans vs animals
Sunita Narain in conversation with
Ravi Chellam, Ankila Hiremath, Debadityo Sinha,
Richard Mahapatra and Dr R Sukumar (online), Professor,
Centre for Ecological Studies, Indian Institute of
Science, Bengaluru

2.00 PM ONWARDS: LUNCH AND DISPERSALS