



**ANIL AGARWAL**  
**DIALOGUE**  
**2024**







## ANIL AGARWAL DIALOGUE 2024

### 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





**SESSION 2**  
1.30-4.00 PM

**CLIMATE  
CHANGE AND  
ITS IMPACTS:  
THE YEAR OF  
EL NINO**

**Anchor and moderator:**  
Jayanta Basu, Senior Journalist,  
The Telegraph, Kolkata,  
West Bengal

**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**

**SESSION 3**  
4.30-6.00 PM

**HIMALAYAS AND  
CLIMATE CHANGE**

**Anchor and moderator**  
Sudhir Mishra, Resident Editor,  
Nav Bharat Times, Delhi

**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**

**SPECIAL SESSION**  
6.30-7.00 PM

**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

**SESSION 5**  
11.30 AM-1.30 PM

## **UNDERSTANDING THE PLASTIC PROBLEM**

Anchor and moderator  
Raju Nayak, Group Editor,  
Gomantak, Goa

**SESSION 6**  
2.30-5.45 PM

## **FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

Anchor and moderator:  
Amit Baruah, Senior Journalist,  
New Delhi

**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 upscaled electric mobility: Lessons from e-bus programmes in cities**

Dr Laghu Parashar, Senior Transport Specialist, World Bank

### **11.00-11.30 AM: TEA BREAK**

**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**

**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



FROM 7.00 PM  
**FIRESIDE CHAT  
AND DINNER**

## **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  
6.00-7.30 AM**

### **SESSION 7**

**10.00 AM-2.00 PM**

## **FORESTS AND BIODIVERSITY: THE YEAR'S BURNING QUESTIONS**

**Moderator:**

Sunita Narain,

Director General, CSE

## **THE ARAVALLI TREK**

An early morning guided trek through the neighbouring Aravallis (please make sure to get walking shoes)

## **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 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**



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