



## **5th International Conference on Sustainability Education (ICSE), 2023**

### **DAY-1: Special Thematic Session 1**

September 19, 2023 (Tuesday); Time: 14:00-15:30 hrs (GMT +5:30)

#### ***Theme: Private Sector Engagement in Climate Action***

Venue: India Habitat Centre, Silver Oak 1

#### **Background**

Climate change poses one of the greatest challenges of our time, requiring collective efforts from all sectors of society to combat its impact. The private sector, as a key driver of global economic activity, plays a crucial role in addressing climate change. This concept note outlines a proposal for the session titled "Private Sector Engagement in Climate Change" to be organized by CDP India at the International Conference on Sustainable Education.

CDP is a leading international organization that drives companies and governments toward Environmental disclosure. With a vast network of over 9,600 companies worldwide, CDP encourages corporate transparency and accountability in environmental management.

#### **About the Session**

Session Format and Topics-

- Panel Discussions: Experts from various sectors will participate in interactive panel discussions on the following topics:
  1. Climate Action Strategies for Businesses: Demonstrating how private sector entities can develop and implement effective climate action strategies.
  2. Investing in a Resilient Future: Showcasing successful investments in sustainable technologies and projects that mitigate climate risks.
  3. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for Climate: Highlighting the role of CSR initiatives in driving climate resilience and sustainable development.
- Case Study Presentations: Companies with outstanding climate initiatives will share their experiences, challenges, and lessons learned, inspiring others to follow suit.

#### **Session Objectives**

1. Raise Awareness: Enhance participants' understanding of the importance of private sector engagement in climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts.



2. Share Best Practices: Showcase successful case studies and initiatives taken by various private sector entities to address climate change challenges.
3. Facilitate Collaboration: Foster partnerships and collaborations between the private sector, civil society, and governments to accelerate climate action.
4. Promote Sustainable Education: Emphasize the role of education in empowering the private sector to integrate climate-conscious practices into their operations.

## Outcomes

The expected outcomes of the session include:

1. Increased awareness of the private sector's role in climate change mitigation and adaptation.
2. Dissemination of best practices and successful case studies to inspire further action.
3. Establishment of new partnerships and collaborations for climate-related projects.
4. Enhanced understanding of how sustainable education can drive climate-conscious decision-making.

## Programme Schedule

14:00-14:05	Ms Shweta Basu, Manager, Corporate Engagement and Partnerships, CDP
14:05-15:00	<b>Moderator:</b> Ms Prarthana Bohra, Director CDP <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr Santhosh Jayaram, Global Head – Sustainability HCL Tech</li><li>• Mr Ritesh Kumar Upadhyay, Associate General Manager, Lenskart</li><li>• Ashu Kalra, Vice President, Head of Global Corporate Real Estate and Environment Sustainability, EXL Services</li><li>• K.K. Sharma, MD, DCM Shriram</li><li>• Mr Ajay Kumar Pillai, Risk Advisory, Deloitte, India</li></ul>
15:00-15:25	Case Study Presentations
15:25-15:30	Thank you note – Shweta Basu, Manager, Corporate Engagement and Partnerships, CDP

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