



# WORLD SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT 2025

**PARTNERSHIPS FOR ACCELERATING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE SOLUTIONS**

September 25-29 2025  
Queen Elizabeth II Centre,  
London, UK.



## About World Sustainable Development Summit

The World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) is the annual flagship multi-stakeholder convened by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI). The only independently convened international Summit on sustainable development and environment based in the Global South, WSDS strives to provide long-term solutions for the benefit of global communities by assembling the world's most enlightened leaders and thinkers on a single platform. The Act4Earth aims to extend its reach through closer engagement with stakeholders to collectively act through on policy research and dialogue.



## Statistics @WSDS 2024

**800+**

In-person Delegates

**2**

Heads of State/  
Government

**51**

Sessions

**350**

Speakers

**11**

Ministers

**23**

Partners

**15**

Expo Booths

**1,500+**

Media Coverage

**700,000+**

Social Media Reach

**85,000+**

Website Users

The twenty fourth edition of the Summit will be hosted in New Delhi from **March 5–7, 2025** under the broad rubric of **Partnerships for Accelerating Sustainable Development and Climate Solutions**.

## About the Umbrella Theme

The world is off-track. According to the first global stock-take, to achieve ambitious temperature goals, 43 per cent of emissions need to be reduced by 2030 while implementation of current nationally determined contributions will lead to only 2 per cent reduction. In the mid-point review of sustainable development goals, out of the 169 targets, only 13% are on track while 18% of the targets are not even tracked. These highlight gaps, not just in implementation, but also in the data to inform progress.

The problems confronting the world are complex and interconnected requiring collective action. Partnerships can accelerate problem solving and implementation through shared responsibilities, collective action, and collaborative problem-solving on these issues as they enable the pooling of resources, expertise, and innovative ideas. With this backdrop, the umbrella theme of the World Sustainable Development Summit 2025 is: **Partnerships for Accelerating Sustainable Development and Climate Solutions.**

## Theory of Change

- Enshrined in the theory of constructivism, according to which, actors construct knowledge rather than just passively taking in information.
- When stakeholders and world leaders across the board reflect upon their experiences, they further build on their own representations and incorporate new information into their pre-existing knowledge.
- By playing a constructivist role through research and dialogue, the initiative will seek to reinforce and strengthen commitments at all levels to enhance ambition and action through the World Sustainable Development Summit, thus creating a more sustainable and equitable world for present and future generations.

| Inputs                                                                                          | Activities                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Outputs                                                                                                                                                                     | Outcomes                                                                                           | Impact                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Human resources</li><li>• Financial resources</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Partnership mobilization</li><li>• Summit curation</li><li>• Research</li><li>• Dialogue</li><li>• Communications and outreach</li><li>• Logistics and event management</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summit</li><li>• WSDS special knowledge products</li><li>• Youth prizes</li><li>• Outreach through media and social media</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Leadership mobilized</li><li>• Knowledge created</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enhanced ambition and action to create a more sustainable and equitable world for present and future generations</li></ul> |

## Themes-in-Focus at WSDS 2025

Climate action



Integrating sustainable development



Energy transitions



Sustainable consumption and lifestyles



Sustainable finance



Technology and innovations



## SUMMIT FEATURES



Ministerial Sessions and Plenaries



CEO Forum



Youth Recognition



Thematic Tracks



Expo



## Act4Earth: Knowledge Driven Policy and Action

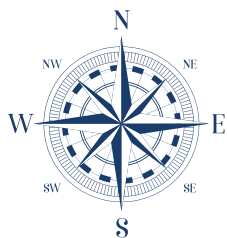
The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) launched a major initiative titled, "Act4Earth" at the valedictory session of the 21<sup>st</sup> Edition of the World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS). Building on the discussions from the Summit, this initiative seeks to continuously engage with stakeholders across the board on issues related to sustainable development and climate action. Being a major platform in the Global South, Act4Earth together with WSDS seeks to pioneer conversations that will drive ambition and action on climate change and sustainable development needs. The Act4Earth platform has two main components: COP Compass; and SDG Charter.

### Objectives

The overarching objective for Act4Earth would be to drive ambitious and urgent action on climate change and sustainable development through knowledge, dialogue, and capacity building. The objectives of Act4Earth initiative include:

1. Fast-track meeting of global goals on climate change and sustainable development through a continuous process of 'talking to walking' by strengthened stakeholder engagement.
2. Drive actions by governments, and leaders by strengthening research-based understanding of sustainable development policies and initiatives from countries across the world.
3. Enhance perspectives through dialogues and strengthen frameworks for enabling paradigm shifts needed for achieving sustainable development and climate goals through creation and dissemination of knowledge.
4. Accelerate solution-based approaches for addressing new and emerging challenges through dialogue and nudging action.

### COP29 Compass



Through engagement for knowledge creation, dissemination and dialogue, the COP Compass will seek to inspire and mobilize leadership at all levels for inclusive transitions through ambitious and informed policies and measures which will enable paradigm shifts towards meeting the Paris goals through mitigation, adaptation, and means of implementation.

#### Themes

- COP29 and road to Baku
- SDG-climate synergies

### SDG Charter



Through developing inclusive and ambitious policy frameworks, SDG Charter will seek to ensure that sustainable development is further mainstreamed in agendas such as G20 for enhanced environmental, social, and economic outcomes.

#### Themes

- Green public procurement
- Energy security

### ACT4EARTH FEATURES



Dialogue



Policy briefs



Outreach



National  
engagement



Event during  
COP29

## About WSDS

Instituted in 2001 as Delhi Sustainable Development Summit, the Summit series has a legacy of over two decades for making 'sustainable development' a globally shared goal. Over the years, the Summit platform has brought together thought leaders, heads of state and government, scholars, corporates, youth leaders, and civil society representatives from across the world. The Summit series has established itself as a responsible and an effective platform for mobilizing opinion-makers to drive ambition and advance pioneering actions to address some of the most relevant issues concerning sustainable development and climate change. In previous editions, the Summit has involved speakers, delegates, and participants to address several key issues pertaining to climate change and environment protection. The platform has reached out to the global community via exclusive features such as, High-level Ministerial Sessions, Plenary Sessions, Thematic Tracks, and exhibitions on green innovations.



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Business  
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Speakers

**40,362**  
Delegates

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**#Act4Earth**

