

# 6<sup>TH</sup> BUSINESS RESPONSIBILITY SUMMIT Theme: "Business as Partners in India's Development" 27-28 June, 2014, Hotel Le-Meridian, New Delhi

# **Programme Schedule**

**DAY I: June 27, 2014** 

Time	Session	Speakers
0900 – 1000 hrs	Registration	
1000 – 1110hrs	INAUGURAL SESSION	
	Welcome & Opening Remarks	Rekha Sethi Director General All India Management Association
	Summit Introduction	Shankar Venkateswaran Summit Chairman & Chief-Tata Sustainability Group Tata Sons Limited
	Introduction to the Theme	Parul Soni Executive Director & Practice Leader - Development Advisory Service Ernst & Young
	Address by	Ashok Kumar Pavadia Joint Secretary Department of Public Enterprises Government of India
	Keynote Address	Vijay K Thadani Chief Executive Officer, NIIT Ltd & Co-Founder, NIIT University
	Vote of Thanks	Shankar Venkateswaran Summit Chairman
1110 – 1130hrs	TEA /COFFEE	
1130 – 1300hrs	Session I - Redefining CSP - What	Role Can it Play in Aligning the Goals of Busines
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Clause 135 of the Companies Act, 2013 moved CSR from the domain of voluntary action to mandatory; one that companies are obliged to do and report – on how much they have spent, on what and reasons for spending below 2% of net profit. It also moved the oversight of CSR to the board level. While there have been mixed responses to this clause – critics have called it taxation by stealth – government says its motivation is to bring to bear the result-orientation and efficiencies of business to larger social and human development challenges that India faces.

Either way, the fact is that it is here to stay and as companies ready themselves to respond, a number of questions arise which this panel will address. What is the link

between CSR and Responsible Business? Will the 2% of profits requirement shift the focus of companies away from managing and mitigating the negative impacts its products, services and operations have on society? How can companies leverage this opportunity to create value for themselves while becoming an effective partner in India's development?

Moderator: Neha Kumar

Senior Technical Expert

IICA-GIZ Business Responsibility Initiative

Panelists: Shankar Venkateswaran

Summit Chairman &

Chief-Tata Sustainability Group

Tata Sons Limited

**Ashok Kumar Pavadia** 

Joint Secretary

Department of Public Enterprises

Government of India

**Anuja Bansal** 

**Director - Operations** 

Oxfam India

# 1300 - 1345 hrs LUNCH

# 1345 – 1500hrs Session II -Nutrition – The Bedrock of National Health

On one hand, industrialization of food and personal care products has made them readily available to a very large number of people. On the other hand, our country still suffers from nutritional challenges among under-served vulnerable groups that compromise their health and well-being. Packaged and processed food and personal care products have also become sources of health and nutrition worries. The emphasis on appearance, aroma and taste with unrelenting drive for ever greater consumption has led to consumption-linked ailments. Globally, consumers and governments are targeting F&B and FMCG companies for using undesirable ingredients and causing public health problems. What can companies do to provide convenient products without compromising nutrition or health? What kind of business model and product innovations could allow business growth and long-term consumer health? What can companies do to contribute to improving the health and nutrition status of the underserved and at-risk among its employees and communities? How can it drive this in their supply chains?

Session Chairperson: Yashashree Gurjar

CEO of Avantha Foundation

Vice President, Group CSR, Avantha Group.

Keynote: Rajan Sankar

Country Manager & Senior Advisor South Asia

Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition

Speakers: Sanjay Khajuria

Senior Vice President, Corporate Affairs

Nestle India Limited

**Manoj Kumar** 

Chief Executive Officer Naandi Foundation

Vinod Kulkarni

Deputy General Manager -Corporate

Sustainability Tata Motors

1500- 1520hrs TEA / COFFEE

#### 1520 – 1655 hrs

# Session III-Water-Responsible Stewardship of a National Resource.

Water is one of our most precious assets—sustaining all life. And all businesses depend on and impact water availability and quality. But millions of Indians already lack access to safe drinkingwater, and depend upon the monsoon to irrigate their crops thus making their livelihoods — and India's food availability — insecure. Projections indicate that withour current pace of consumption water shortages are only going to increase which will significantly threaten the pace ofIndia's development, cause major interruptions to business operations, and dramatically impact the lives of people across the country. To address these risks companies need to increase water efficiency and re-use within their operations, engage in shared water stewardship efforts with others beyond the factory fence, and, in particularly stressed areas, help to improve water efficiency in key areas along the agricultural value chain.

Session Chairman: Joe Phelan

Director

World Business Council for Sustainable

Development, India

Keynote: Arunabha Ghosh

Chief Executive Officer

Council on Energy, Environment and Water

(CEEW)

Speakers: P Soman

Chief Agronomist & Senior Vice President

Jain Irrigation Systems Ltd

**Popat Rao Pawar** 

Civil Society Activist & Executive Director-Maharashtra State Government's Model

Village Programme

Alka Talwar

(Corporate) Head - Sustainability and

**Corporate Communications** 

Tata Chemicals Ltd

Ravi Costa

Partner – Contaminated Site Management

**ERM** 

1655- 1745 hrs

Session IV- Presentations by 3 Top Shortlisted Entries-Case Study contest on 'Best Practice towards Responsible Business'

Session Chairperson: Anuja Bansal

**Director - Operations** 

Oxfam India

Case Study Presentation By Winner Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd

Case Study Presentation by 1st Runner up Tetra Pak India

Case Study Presentation by 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up Vodafone India Ltd

**END OF DAY 1** 

#### 1000 - 1120 hrs

# Session V – Equal Opportunity Corporation – Breaking the Stereotypes

Equality of opportunity has become hygiene in 21st Century as societies evolve to next level. \* Studies have shown the more diverse organizations perform better and more sustainable. However, women, weaker sections of society and minorities remain exceptions at the top of business hierarchies. Also, most of them are not quite ready for the modern opportunities because of the past neglect. What can companies do to become more diverse at all levels and quickly? Is the new Company law stipulation to include at least one woman director on the board adequate to achieve diversity in boards? What can companies do to nurture diversity at all levels of corporate hierarchy for a mutually win-win situation.

Session Chairman: Atul Srivastava

Executive Director (P & A) Steel Authority of India Ltd

Keynote: D Shivakumar

Chairman & CEO

PepsiCo India Holdings Pvt. Ltd

Speakers: Ajay Kumar

Adviser, TQMS

Co-ordinator Tata Affirmative Action

Programme

**Ashok Bharti** 

Chairman

National Confederation of Dalit Organisations

(NACDOR)

Sonia Shrivastava

CSR Head, South Asia

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## 1120 - 1140hrs

## TEA /COFFEE

### 1140 - 1300 hrs

# Session VI- Transparency & Accountability as a Business Responsibility

The movement to make businesses more transparent and accountable to all its stakeholders is global and has firmly taken route. This has forced many companies to embrace the notion of sustainability and report to their stakeholders through frameworks such as the Global Compact, Global Reporting Initiative and Integrated Reporting.

In India too, this movement has significantly gained ground and the demand for extending the Right to Information Act to political parties, NGOs and the corporate world is gaining ground. SEBI mandating disclosure of the top 100 listed companies on their performance on the National Voluntary Guidelines for Responsible Business and the reporting requirements on CSR activities under Clause 135 of the Companies Act 2013 are but 2 recent examples.

Are Indian businesses ready for a regime where transparency and accountability will be demanded by stakeholders, independent of whether it is in the statute book? Why it is important for companies to be so? What businesses can gain and what are the challenges and apprehensions businesses might have and so how do we balance these needs? And do the trends suggest more or less regulation relating to transparency and stakeholder accountability?

Moderator: Govindraj Ethiraj

Founder-Editor IndiaSpend

Panelists: Bharat Wakhlu

Resident Director Tata Group

Jagdeep S Chhokar

Founder Member, Association for Democratic

Reforms, Founder Chairperson, Aajeevika

Bureau

**Shekhar Singh** 

Coordinator

National Campaign for Right to Information

1300- 1315hrs Conclusion of the Summit

1315hrs LUNCH