

Financial Flows to Sustainable Agriculture in India

Date: 28 January 2025 (Tuesday)

Time: 10:15 am – 1:00 pm (Followed by lunch)

Venue: Juniper Hall, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi

Background

India's agriculture sector faces a multifaceted “Grand Challenge”: ensuring food security for a growing population, supporting rural livelihoods, and managing the adverse impacts of climate change, all while contending with limited resources, financial constraints, and the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Addressing these challenges necessitates a transition toward sustainable agriculture.

In this event, CPI will launch and present the findings of the “Financial Flows to Sustainable Agriculture in India” report, which offers insights into public and private finance sources, intermediaries, and end-use activities of sustainable agriculture during the financial year (FY) 2020–21 and 2021–22. This event brings together stakeholders—including policymakers, regulators, and private investors—in a collaborative effort to share the research observations with the ecosystem and find opportunities to augment finance and advance sustainable practices in the agriculture sector.

Agenda	
10:15 – 10:30 am	Registration
10:30 – 10:40 am	Welcome Address Mr. Vivek Sen, Director, Climate Policy Initiative
10:40 – 10:45 am	Opening Remarks (message) Dr. Barbara Buchner, Global Managing Director, Climate Policy Initiative
10:45-11:00 am	Inaugural Address Mr. Sanjoy Ghosh, General Manager, Department of Climate Action and Sustainability, NABARD
11:00 – 11:15 am	Keynote address Ms. Chandni Raina, Advisor, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India
11:15 -11:30 am	Report Launch Key Findings – Financial Flows to Sustainable Agriculture in India Mr. Parag Puri, Analyst; Mr. Suryanshu Hooda, Analyst; and Ms. Neha Khanna, Associate Director, Climate Policy Initiative

Panel Discussion: Enhancing and Diversifying Financial Flows for Sustainable Agriculture in India	
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	<p>Moderator: Ms. Jasmer Dhingra, Director- Programs (India), IDH</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Girish Aivalli, CEO, Impact Investors Council • Ms. Richa Tripathi, Senior Investment Officer, Sustainable Food Debt, responsAbility Investments AG • Mr. Shailesh Nagar, Partner, Intellectap • Ms. Megha Jain, Senior Advisor, Private Sector, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation • Ms. Smitha Hari, President (India), auctusESG • Ms. Yeshika Malik, Climate Change Specialist, World Bank (TBC)
12:30 – 12:50 pm	Q&A
12:50 – 1:00 pm	<p>Closing Remarks Mr. Kalpesh Gada, Senior Advisor, Climate Policy Initiative</p>
Lunch	