



# 3<sup>rd</sup> FICCI Sustainable Agriculture Summit & Awards 2023

## Efficiency, Inclusiveness & Resilience

30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 | FICCI Federation House, New Delhi



### AGENDA

11:00- 11:45 a.m. Registration & Tea

11:45 a.m - 1:00 p.m. **Plenary Session – I: Futureproofing Agriculture: Collaborating to Accelerate Agricultural Sustainability**

The global agriculture industry is facing unprecedented challenges, including climate change, population growth, and resource scarcity which in turn is threatening the sustainability of our food systems and jeopardizing the livelihoods of millions of farmers around the world. To address these challenges, we need to collaborate across sectors to accelerate the adoption of sustainable agricultural practices, which requires integration among a wide range of stakeholders, including farmers, policymakers, and agribusiness industries. Hence, embracing technological innovations through sustainable approaches is very important.

*The session will focus on the modern farming technologies, highlighting the solutions employed, and their implications for agricultural productivity, environmental sustainability, and natural resource management needed for building more resilient agriculture value chain systems.*

**Session Chair & Moderator – Mr. Harish Damodaran**, Senior Visiting Fellow, Centre for Policy Research & National Rural Affairs and Agriculture Editor, The Indian Express

- **Mr. Ashish Kumar**, Managing Director, Verbio
- **Ms. Anuja Kadian**, Chair FICCI Taskforce on Sustainable Agriculture & Government & Industry Affairs Director (Asia Pacific), Corteva Agriscience
- **Mr. Abhijeet Sharma**, Global Lead, BASF
- **Mr. Rajvir Singh Rathi**, Director Public Affairs, Science and Sustainability (South Asia), Bayer CropScience Division
- **Ms. Vaishali Chopra**, Head- Public Affairs & Communications, YARA India
- **Mr. Amit Maheshwari**, Head- Business Development, Netafim India
- **Mr. Yogesh Dwivedi**, CEO, Madhya Bharat Consortium of Farmers Producer Company Ltd.

**Panel Discussion**

01:00- 01:45 p.m. Lunch

01:45- 3:00 p.m. **Plenary Session – II: Carbon Credits in Agriculture: Driving Progress on Farm and Impact at Scale**

Agriculture is a significant contributor to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, accounting for approximately 10% of global emissions. However, agriculture also has the potential to play a crucial role in climate mitigation by sequestering carbon in soils and reducing emissions through improved practices. Carbon credits in agriculture have the potential to drive progress on farms and create a positive impact on a global scale. The adoption of carbon-friendly practices can lead to multiple benefits for farmers, including improved soil health, increased crop yields, and enhanced resilience to climate change.

*The Session will highlight on how aligning economic incentives with environmental benefits, carbon credits can empower farmers to become key players in climate mitigation efforts. The focus will also be on addressing challenges related to measurement, market access, and education which is essential to unlock the full potential of carbon credits in agriculture.*

**Session Chair & Moderator: Mr. Sunjay Vuppuluri**, National Head - Food & Agribusiness Strategic Advisory & Research (FASAR), YES BANK

- **Dr. A. Velmurugan**, ADG (Soil & Water Management), ICAR, New Delhi
- **Mr. Ramnath Vaidyanathan**, AVP & Head - Environmental Sustainability, Godrej Agrovet
- **Mr. Rohit Kumar**, Secretary General, Carbon Markets Association of India
- **Dr. Umang Agarwal**, Head- Carbon & Grow Mandi, Grow Indigo Pvt. Ltd.
- **Mr. Anirudh Keny**, Director of Business Development & Partnerships, Boomitra (*virtual*)
- **Mr. Kaushal Bisht**, Director - Partnerships, Varaha

#### Panel Discussion

3:00-4:15 p.m.

#### Plenary Session – III: International Experiences on Sustainable Agriculture

Sustainable agriculture is essential for ensuring food security and environmental protection for a growing global population. However, achieving sustainable agriculture requires a collaborative effort from stakeholders across the globe. By working together, we can share knowledge, resources, and best practices to overcome the challenges we face and create a more sustainable and equitable food system.

*The session will explore the importance of collaboration in achieving sustainable agriculture and highlight successful examples of global partnerships.*

**Session Chair & Moderator - Shri Siraj Hussain**, Advisor FICCI, Former Secretary to Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare & Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India

- **Dr Manoj Nardeosingh**, H.E. Secretary General, African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO)
- **Mr. Soren Norrelund Kannik-Marquardsen**, Minister Counsellor, Regional Coordinator South Asia & Head of Trade & Commercial Affairs, Danish Embassy
- **Ms. Masami Oota**, First Secretary, Embassy of Japan
- **Mr. Michiel Van Erkel**, Agriculture Counsellor, Netherlands Embassy in India
- **Ms. Pratibha Singh**, Regional Manager - Country Partnerships, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR)

#### Panel Discussion

4:15- 4:30 p.m.

#### Tea Break

4:30- 6:00 p.m.

#### Award Ceremony

**Welcome Address: Ms. Jyoti Vij**, Additional Director General, FICCI

**Opening Address: Mr. T R Kesavan**, Chairman, FICCI National Agriculture Committee & Group President, TAFE

**Address: Shri Pravesh Sharma**, Chairman FICCI Taskforce on FPOs and Director Samunnati

**Address: Shri Siraj Hussain**, Advisor FICCI & Former Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare & Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India

**Address: Shri. Ashish Bahuguna**, Former Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare & Chairperson FSSAI, Government of India

**Release of FICCI YES BANK Knowledge Report: Sustainable Agriculture for Climate Action: Unveiling the Role of Carbon Markets**

**Address on FICCI – YES BANK Knowledge Report: Mr. Sunjay Vuppuluri**, National Head-FASAR, YES Bank Ltd.

**Presentation of Awards**

**Vote of Thanks: FICCI**

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