



## GRI South Asia Virtual Regional Summit 2020

### Empowering Decisions for a Sustainable Future

#### DAY 1: 22-July-2020 (Wednesday)

##### Session 1: Rebooting for a Stronger Sustainable South Asia

14:00-15:30 IST (UTC +5:30)

- Strategies and Shifts for business to revive and lead
- Assessing SDG ambitions to prepare and create a new South Asia to prosper and leave “No One Behind”
- Role of transparency in ensuring collaboration and cooperation

##### Welcome & Introduction to the Summit & Session

**Dr. Aditi Haldar**, Director, GRI South Asia

**Chair: Arun Maira**, Former Member of Planning Commission of India, Gol & Former Chairman BCG

- **Girish Ramachandran**, Board of Directors, GRI & President, Tata Consultancy Services, Asia Pacific
- **Dr. Rene VAN BERKEL**, UNIDO Representative, Regional Office in India, India
- **Arup Chatterjee**, Principal Financial Sector Specialist, Asian Development Bank, Philippines
- **Ho Yew Kee**, Professor of Accounting & Associate Provost, Singapore Institute of Technology
- **Mitika Bajpai**, Global Shapers Mumbai, India

**Observer: Dr. R.K Srivastava**, Consultant, World Bank & Powergrid Corporation of India

##### Session 2: Meaningful Disclosures for Effective Decision-Making

16:00-17:30 IST (UTC +05:30)

- Social and environmental challenges due to the pandemic
- How organisations respond to new risks and opportunities
- Key information sought by internal and external decision-makers

##### Welcome & Introduction to the Session

**Pallavi Atre**, Sustainability Expert, GRI South Asia

**Chair: Christine Koblun**, Head of Programme Development, GRI, The Netherlands

- **Emily Davis**, Policy Specialist- SDG Finance, UNDP Asia Pacific, Thailand
- **Miriam Benarey**, Sustainable Research & ESG Associate, Impax Asset Management, UK
- **Anirban Ghosh**, Chief Sustainability Officer, Mahindra Group, India
- **Nayan Mehta**, CFO, Bombay Stock Exchange, India
- **CA. (Dr.) Sanjeev Kumar Singhal**, Central Council Member, Institute of Chartered Accountants of India

**Observer: Akshay Singh Gahlot**, Programme Officer, Sustainability, Wipro, India

#### DAY 2: 27-July-2020 (Monday)

##### Session 3: Using SDGs for Purpose-led Business

14:00-15:00 IST (UTC +05:30)

- Target 2030: Why business-as-usual won't work
- Why 2030 purpose should matter to your business?
- Addressing inequities in South Asia

##### Welcome & Introduction to the Session

**Dr. Aditi Haldar**, Director, GRI South Asia

**Chair: Bharat Wakhlu**, Founder & President, The Wakhlu Advisory

- **Lawrence Loh**, Director, Centre for Governance, Institution & Organisation, National University of Singapore
- **Arif Khan**, CEO & MD, Industrial Development Leasing Company of Bangladesh Limited (IDLC)
- **Nishat Hamid**, Director, Shasha Garments Limited, Bangladesh
- **Mashook Mujib Chowdhury**, Manager Sustainability, DBL Group, Bangladesh
- **Deeksha Vats**, Chief Sustainability Officer, Aditya Birla Group, India

**Observer: Anand Marathe**, DGM, Mahindra Group, India

<b>Session 4: Advancing a Culture of Health for Business</b>		15:30-16:30 (UTC +05:30)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy workforce: good for the business, good for the country</li> <li>• Developing a culture of health for business</li> <li>• Partnerships and frameworks for culture of health</li> </ul>		
<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction to the Session</b>	<b>Rubina Pal</b> , Manager, GRI South Asia	
<b>Chair: Hiren Divgi</b> , Executive Director, Divgi-TTS Private Limited, India		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tsuyoshi Kawakami</b>, Senior Specialist, OHS, International Labour Organization, India</li> <li>• <b>Arvind Kumar Namdeo</b>, General Manager, Sustainable Development, GAIL (India) Limited</li> <li>• <b>Dinni Lingaraj</b>, Senior Programme Manager, Wipro Foundation, India</li> <li>• <b>Md. Faisal Imtiaz Khan</b>, Chief Human Resources Officer, Robi Axiata, Bangladesh</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Inoka Suraweera</b>, Environmental and Occupational Health Directorate, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka</li> </ul>		
<b>Observers: Dr. Vandana Malhotra</b> , Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry, University of Delhi <b>Badal Balchandani</b> , DGM, Corporate Sustainability, JSW Steel, India		
<b>Session 5: Shifting From the Take-Make-Waste Economy to Circular Solutions</b>		16:45-17:45 IST (UTC +05:30)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding circularity: waste is a resource out of place</li> <li>• Disclosure results in improving resource efficiency</li> <li>• Circular economy and competitiveness</li> </ul>		
<b>Welcome and Introduction to the Session</b>	<b>Pallavi Atre</b> , Sustainability Expert, GRI South Asia	
<b>Chair: Dr. Rachna Arora</b> , European Union - Resource Efficiency Initiative, India		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Anna Krotova</b>, Senior Manager, Standards, GRI, The Netherlands</li> <li>• <b>Archana Datta</b>, SWITCH-Asia RPAC Coordinator for India, UNEP, India</li> <li>• <b>Prabodha Acharya</b>, Chief Sustainability Officer, JSW Group, India</li> <li>• <b>Gamini Senanayake</b>, Founder President-Sustainable Consumption &amp; Production Forum, Sri Lanka</li> <li>• <b>Kumaraswamy Chandrashekhara</b>, Vice President &amp; Head, Sustainability, BSI, India</li> <li>• <b>Chirag Gajjar</b>, Head Subnational Climate Action, WRI, India</li> </ul>		
<b>Observer: Anand Acharya</b> , Senior Manager, Sustainability, GAIL (India) Limited		
<b>DAY 3: 29-July-2020 (Wednesday)</b>		
<b>Session 6: Enhancing Financial Capital by Impactful Disclosure</b>		13:00-14:00 IST (UTC +05:30)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial performance, ESG and attracting capital</li> <li>• Emerging trends of interpreting disclosures in South Asia</li> <li>• A unified framework for financial disclosures: GRI Standards</li> <li>• Meaningful information decision-makers look for in a report</li> </ul>		
<b>Welcome and Introduction to the Session</b>	<b>Rubina Pal</b> , Manager, GRI South Asia	
<b>Session Partner</b>	<b>Dr. Mohammad Akhtaruzzaman</b> , Director General, Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management, Bangladesh	
<b>Chair: Siobhan Cleary</b> , Director Capital Markets Engagement, GRI, The Netherlands		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>R A A Jayalath</b>, Assistant Governor, Central Bank of Sri Lanka</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Rajan Ratna</b>, Economic Affairs Officer, UN ESCAP South Asia, India</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Shah Md. Ahsan Habib</b>, Director of Training, Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management</li> <li>• <b>Linda Germanis</b>, Private Sector Engagement Specialist, UNDP Bangladesh</li> </ul>		
<b>Observer: Ritesh Ranjan</b> , Chief Manager- ESMD, Powergrid Corporation of India		

<b>Session 7: Critical Sectors in South Asia: Sustainability in Textile and Apparel</b>	
14:15-15:15 IST (UTC +05:30)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribution of the sector to the GDP</li> <li>• ESG, SDG and the textiles and apparel sector</li> <li>• Challenges in effective disclosure for business success</li> </ul>	
<b>Welcome and Introduction to the Session</b>	<b>Pallavi Atre</b> , Sustainability Expert, GRI South Asia
<b>Chair: Priyanka Khanna</b> , Manager - International Expansion, Fashion for Good, South Asia	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rubana Huq</b>, President, Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA)</li> <li>• <b>Dilan Gooneratne</b>, Managing Director, Inqube Brandix, Sri Lanka</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Naresh Tyagi</b>, Chief Sustainability Officer, Aditya Birla Fashion Retail Limited, India</li> <li>• <b>Vivek Adhia</b>, Country Director, Sustainable Communities India Private Limited</li> </ul>	
<b>Observer: Ankit Gupta</b> , Manager, ITC Limited, India	
<b>Session 8: Exploring Sustainable Business Practices in SMEs</b>	
15:45-16:45 IST (UTC +05:30)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unique value of SMEs to the economy in South Asia</li> <li>• Overcoming constraints and myths that prevent disclosures</li> <li>• What decision-makers seek in SME performance reports</li> </ul>	
<b>Welcome and Introduction to the Session</b>	<b>Rubina Pal</b> , Manager, GRI South Asia
<b>Introductory Remarks</b>	<b>Daniel Vargas</b> , Country Manager, Peru, GRI
<b>Chair: Rajat Batra</b> , CEO, Stenum Asia , India	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Syed Abdul Momen</b>, Head SME Banking, BRAC Bank, Bangladesh</li> <li>• <b>Chetankumar Sangole</b>, Head, Sustainability Desk, MCCIA, India</li> <li>• <b>Sandesh Salian</b>, Director, Dali &amp; Samir Engineering Private Limited, India</li> <li>• <b>Chandraratna D Vithanage</b>, Senior Assistant Secretary General, Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, Sri Lanka</li> <li>• <b>Mohammed Saad Zulquarnain</b>, MD, Multi Steel Casting Limited, Bangladesh</li> <li>• <b>Mohomed Dilsha Zahir</b>, General Manager, Moscow Lanka Steels Private Limited, Sri Lanka</li> </ul>	
<b>Observer: Sanjiv Bhatia</b> , President, Stenum Asia	
<b>Session 9: Valedictory</b>	
17:00-17:45 IST (UTC +05:30)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key messages and takeaways from the Summit</li> <li>• Unveiling the Charter of Action</li> </ul>	
<b>Welcome and Introduction to the Session</b>	<b>Dr. Aditi Haldar</b> , Director, GRI South Asia
<b>Unveiling the Charter of Action</b>	<b>Rubina Pal</b> , Manager, GRI South Asia & <b>Pallavi Atre</b> , Sustainability Expert, GRI South Asia
<b>Chair: Asthildur Hjaltadottir</b> , Chief Regional Officer, GRI, The Netherlands	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tim Mohin</b>, CEO, GRI, The Netherlands</li> <li>• <b>Elaine Cohen</b>, MD, Beyond Business Limited, Israel</li> <li>• <b>Prof. Lakshaman Watawala</b>, President, Institute of Certified Management Accountants, Sri Lanka</li> </ul>	
<b>Observer: Dr. Suman Majumdar</b> , Consultant, GRI SA Virtual Regional Summit, India	



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