

India's road to COP26 Summit

Wednesday 5 May, 2021



Date: Wednesday, May 5, 2021

Time: 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM IST (9.30 AM – 1.30 PM BST)

Location: Virtual platform

Format: Opening ceremony, followed by online panel discussions

Global attention is now on India - the third largest carbon emitter, and one of the fastest-growing economies in the world. Business action to support climate will remain key to enable India to step up its ambition on its NDCs and align with a trajectory of 1.5°C. Engagement with Indian companies is critical to setting India on this ambitious decarbonisation path.

“India will not only meet its climate commitments but is set to overachieve it”, said Prime Minister Modi Nov 2020 at the G20 Summit. Earlier that month, Prakash Javadekar, the Minister of Environment, Forest, and Climate said that India is on the way to achieve its commitment under the Paris Agreement. The same month, MOEFCC rallied 24 companies to make a signed [declaration](#), recognising the industry’s commitment and urging them for more action on climate change.

Energy, transport, and industrial efficiency are critical sectors to drive deep decarbonisation. India is witnessing growing technical capabilities in these areas, with strong political backing, and a propensity for innovation and change, which is visible even in the uncertain times of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The initial NDC Synthesis Report published by UN Climate Change on 26 Feb 2021 suggests that nations have to redouble efforts and be more ambitious on climate. “2021 is a make-or-break year to confront the global climate emergency. Now is the time.” said UN Secretary-General António Guterres, while recognising the growing role of businesses, and urging that long-term commitments are backed by immediate actions.

The event

The India’s road to COP26 Summit is a key moment for Indian businesses to demonstrate their commitment and ambition to drive climate action on clean energy, industry, and transport systems in the lead-up to COP26. The event is hosted by the Climate Group in partnership with the UK Government, which holds the COP26 Presidency, and Customized Energy Solutions.

This event is the **first in a series of three events** – in May, September (Climate Week NYC) and November (COP26). The three events will serve as a **call for Indian companies** to take **further climate commitments** and demonstrate their ambition on renewable energy, energy efficiency and electric transport pathways.

The agenda for the summit will hold a dedicated space to celebrate new commitments, and ongoing achievements for the Climate Group’s global initiatives - [RE100](#), [EP100](#) and [EV100](#). These complement the Indian government’s appeal to companies as part of the Private Sector Declaration on Climate Change.

Agenda

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| Opening Ceremony | <p>Opening ceremony: India's Road to COP26 Summit: Business and climate action</p> <p>The opening ceremony brings together leaders from across Indian business, government, and civil society to celebrate the role of businesses in accelerating India's ambition and action on the climate.</p> <p>Showcasing the Climate Group's initiatives on energy and transport, the event will provide an example of the level of ambition we expect to see at COP26.</p> | 2 to 2.45 PM | <p><u>Welcome:</u></p> <p>Dr. Divya Sharma, India Executive Director, Climate Group</p> <p>Dr. Rahul Walawalkar, President and Managing Director, Customized Energy Solutions India Pvt. Ltd</p> <p><u>Keynote speakers:</u></p> <p>Shri. Prakash Javadekar, Hon'ble Minister, MOEFCC, Government of India (invited)</p> <p>A high-level UK Govt./ COP26 representative</p> <p>RE100, EP100 & EV100 commitment announcements, and a tailored call-to-action for COP26</p> <p><u>Special note</u></p> <p>Mahendra Singhi, Chairman & Managing Director, Dalmia Cement</p> <p>Parth Jindal, Chairman & managing Director, JSW Cement</p> <p><u>Panel discussion:</u></p> <p>Helen Clarkson, Chief Executive Officer, Climate Group</p> <p>Sumant Sinha, Managing Director, Renew Power</p> <p>Session chair: Shabnam Siddiqui, Executive Director, United Nations Global Compact Network</p> |
| Clean Energy | <p>Raising ambition on accelerating a clean energy transition</p> <p>In response to the fast-growing energy demands, India has embarked on an ambitious target of installing 450 GW of renewable energy by 2030. Corporate renewable energy procurement will be a key driver in meeting this target.</p> <p>In this session we will discuss the role of businesses in driving demand and leading the transition to clean energy in India. You will hear from companies who have committed to</p> | 3 to 3.45 PM | <p><u>Panel discussion:</u></p> <p>Bose Varghese, Head - Green Initiatives, Infosys</p> <p>Prabodha Acharya – Chief Sustainability Officer, JSW Group</p> <p>Representative expert on Indian industry and technology (invited)</p> |

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| | <p>RE100, government and industry experts as they discuss India's ambition and acceleration towards clean, affordable energy.</p> | | <p>Representative from the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (invited)</p> <p>Session chair: Atul Mudaliar, Head of Business Actions, Climate Group, India</p> |
| <p>Energy Productivity</p> | <p>Inspiring energy-smart companies</p> <p>Energy efficiency plays an essential role in accelerating clean energy transitions in India and achieving global climate and sustainability goals. The 2020 Energy Efficiency Report by the IEA says that energy efficiency will deliver more than 40% of the reduction in energy-related greenhouse gas emissions over the next 20 years.</p> <p>Join a discussion on the leadership of Indian companies in adopting solutions to reduce energy demand, and what policies they want to see to further stimulate the uptake of energy efficiency measures. This session will bring together energy-smart companies who have taken the EP100 pledge committing themselves to improve energy productivity for lowering emissions.</p> | <p>4 to 4.45 PM</p> | <p><u>Panel discussion</u></p> <p>Arjun P Gupta, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Smart Joules</p> <p>Deeksha Vats, Chief Sustainability Officer, Aditya Birla Group</p> <p>Madhulika Sharma, Chief Sustainability Officer, Tata Steel</p> <p>Session chair: Dr. Divya Sharma, India Executive Director, Climate Group</p> |
| <p>Electric Mobility</p> | <p>Driving demand and adoption of clean transport</p> <p>The electric vehicle (EV) market in India is attracting large investments resulting in widespread infrastructure developments across the country. The Indian government has created momentum through its Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles (FAME) schemes that encourage, and in some segments mandates the adoption of EVs.</p> <p>In this session we will hear from businesses and policy makers about the joint efforts that need to be achieved to ensure EVs become the new normal in India. We will highlight the action that EV100 companies are currently taking and learn how they are achieving their ambitious EV targets in the short, medium and long-term.</p> | <p>5 to 5.45 PM</p> | <p>Dr Shalini Sarin, Co-Founder & Executive Director, Electromobilitat</p> <p>Preet Dhupar, Chief Financial Officer, IKEA India</p> <p>Leadership from Flipkart (invited)</p> <p>Session chair: Uday Khemka, Vice Chairman of SUN Group of Companies</p> |

Join us in accelerating business ambition and action on climate and influence what change will look like in India this year.

About the Climate Group

The Climate Group is an international non-profit, publicly launched in 2004, with offices in London, New Delhi and New York. Our mission is to drive climate action. Fast. Our goal is a world of net zero carbon emissions by 2050, with greater prosperity for all. How do we do it?

- **We make it happen:** We convince, challenge, and help organisations make commitments, then turn them into action.

- **We multiply it:** We build and run networks. We join up organisations to unlock the power of collective action that shares the same ambitions and creates influence.
- **We shout about it:** We share what we achieve together to show more organisations what they could do.

About the Climate Group's businesses initiatives

We approach this event as part of our effort to catalyse business actions through our three key initiatives – RE100, EP100 and EV100. These global initiatives work to drive stronger commitment from businesses to adopt renewable energy, energy productivity and electric vehicles as levers to reduce global carbon emissions.

- **RE100:** is a global initiative bringing together the world's most influential businesses driving the transition to 100% renewable electricity.
- **EP100:** brings together a growing group of energy-smart companies improving their energy productivity to lower their emissions and improve their competitiveness.
- **EV100:** is our global initiative bringing together forward-looking companies committed to accelerating the transition to electric vehicles (EVs)

In addition, through these initiatives, we offer businesses avenues to be the at the forefront in future-proofing their systems, while significantly cutting down costs