

DECARBONISATION BUSINESS CHARTER

Call for Action Event I



August 9, 2023
09:30 am - 02:00 pm



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BACKGROUND

India's booming construction market and growing real estate sector present a unique opportunity for sustainable transformation. By 2025, India is expected to become the world's third-largest construction market, contributing 13% to the country's GDP and reaching a market size of US\$1 trillion by 2030. However, the sector currently accounts for approximately 25% of India's greenhouse gas emissions, a figure that is expected to rise further due to increasing energy demand and traditional building practices.

To address these challenges, WRI India, AEEE, Mahindra Life spaces Developers Limited, and EcoCollab has joined forces as a consortium to initiate the Decarbonisation Business Charter. This collaborative platform aims to identify priority actions and explore common challenges and opportunities for stakeholders across the building and construction value chain to transition towards a low-carbon pathway. Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) is supporting the planned activities for the year such as enabling decarbonisation charter in three Indian metro cities, capacity building on sectoral decarbonisation and implementation through technical support.

To kickstart this initiative, we invite you to join us for the Call for Action Event on the Decarbonisation Business Charter on August 9, 2023, at the Embassy of Switzerland in Delhi. This event will bring together stakeholders from the building industry, experts, and change-makers to drive the transition towards a sustainable future.

OBJECTIVE

The event will commence with an opening session, introducing the Decarbonisation Business Charter and highlighting the event's objectives in advancing decarbonization efforts. Following that, a panel discussion will delve into the value chain approach to decarbonizing the building construction industry. This segment will explore various opportunities, challenges, and innovative solutions, paving the way for a greener future.

Additionally, success stories by signatories will showcase organizations that have skilfully embraced sustainable practices. Their achievements, experiences, and valuable lessons learned will underscore the positive impact of sustainable actions within the sector. For those interested in joining the Decarbonisation Business Charter, a dedicated signatory signing session will offer insights into the benefits, responsibilities, and onboarding process. New signatories, on a voluntary basis, will have the honour of officially pledging their commitment to decarbonization, capturing this significant moment through photographs and media coverage.

Join this event to be part of the movement toward a sustainable future. Due to the exclusive nature of the event, we have limited seats available. Together, we can shape a more sustainable and resilient India.

AGENDA



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Timing	Session	
9:30 am-10:00 am	Registration and Networking	
10:00 am-10:45 am	Opening Session	Speakers
	Welcome address	Dr. Jonathan Demenge, Head of Cooperation, SDC
	Introduction to the purpose and goals of Call for Action	Dr. Satish Kumar, President and Executive Director, AEEE
	Special Address	Dr. Balvinder Kumar, Honourable Member of U.P. RERA
	Special Address	Mr. Saurabh Diddi, Director at BEE
	Keynote Address	Dr Ralf Heckner, Ambassador of Switzerland to India and Bhutan
10:45 am-11:45 am	Panel discussion- Implementation Challenges on Decarbonising the Building and Construction Industry	Moderator: Dr. Niyati Gupta, Senior Program Associate, WRI India
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Insights on the challenges and opportunities in decarbonising the building construction sector	Mr. Raman Vig, Founder, Bioenergetic Design Mr. Shamit Manchanda, Manchanda Associates
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Discussion on policy frameworks, best practices, and technological advancements	Prof. Manoj Mathur, Executive Member, IIA, Professor, School of Planning & Architecture, Delhi Mr. Vikas Upreti, Associate Director, Design International Mace Project and Cost Management Pvt. Ltd.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Q&A session with the audience	
11:45 am-12:00 pm	Tea Break	
12:00 pm -12:45 pm	Showcase of Success Stories by Signatories	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Case study presentation of successful decarbonization initiatives by Signatory	Mr. Mayank Mishra, Director, SHIFT-Studio for Habitat Futures
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Case study presentation of successful replicable models, key strategies, and measurable impacts by Signatory.	Ms. Archa Modi, Manager, Business Development Tabreed, India Ar. Ashok B. Lall, Principal, Ashok B Lall Architects
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Interactive session for participants to engage with the presenters.	
	Onboarding New Signatories	
12:45 pm -1:00 pm	Brief on Decarbonisation Business Charter's vision, mission and commitments	Dr. Sunita Purushottam, Head of Sustainability, MLDL
1:00 pm -1:15 pm	Closing remarks	
1:15 onwards	Networking Lunch	