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## Decarbonisation Business Charter- Call for Action Event II

September 12, 2023 9:30 am- 2 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 unsustainable building practices.

To address these challenges, WRI India, AEEE, Mahindra Lifespaces Developers Limited, and EcoCollab have joined forces as a consortium to initiate the Decarbonisation Business Charter for the building and construction sector. The collaborative platform's objective is to identify priority actions, delve into shared challenges, opportunities, and facilitate stakeholders throughout the building and construction value chain in transitioning toward a low-carbon pathway. This involves offering solutions, making commitments, achieving voluntary targets, and enhancing the visibility of their actions.

The 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. After the first highly successful and mediatised event organised at the Embassy of Switzerland in New Delhi, which gathered over 100 participants and 23 new signatories to the Business Charter, a new Call for Action is being organised in Bangalore.

To be a part of this initiative, **we invite you to join us for the Call for Action Event on the Decarbonisation Business Charter on September 12, 2023, at the Hyatt Centric MG Road in Bengaluru.** This event will bring together stakeholders from the building industry, experts, and change-makers to drive the transition towards a sustainable future.

### Objective

We aim to create a transformative event that brings together leaders and pioneers in the business and construction sector. At this gathering, we will emphasize the importance of sharing successful experiences and highlighting the numerous benefits of decarbonisation. Our goal is not just to discuss problems, but to provide concrete solutions that can be implemented across the industry. To drive real change, we will engage the entire value chain, encouraging commitment from every stakeholder. As we move forward, our ambition is to increase the number of Charter members, fostering the growth of a robust sustainability ecosystem. Furthermore, we are committed to communicating the private sector's commitments and actions for a sustainable future and better life to a wide-reaching audience, ensuring that our collective efforts have a meaningful and lasting impact.

**Call for Action Event** is for those interested in joining the Decarbonisation Business Charter. Along with panel discussions and presentations on the priority commitments, dedicated signatory onboarding sessions will offer insights into the benefits, responsibilities, and onboarding process. New signatories, on a voluntary basis, will have the honor 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.

## Tentative Agenda

Date: September 12, 2023

Venue: Hyatt Centric MG Road, Bengaluru

TIMING	SESSION	SPEAKERS
<b>9:30 am- 10:00 am</b>	<b>Registration and Networking</b>	
<b>10:00 am- 10:30 am</b>	<b>Opening Session</b>	
10 Mins	Opening Remarks, Purpose, and goals of the Call for Action	<b>Dr. Satish Kumar</b> , President and Executive Director, AEEE
5 Mins	Special Address	<b>Mr. Bhaskar T. Nagendrappa</b> , President-Elect, CREDAI Karnataka
5 Mins	Special Address	<b>Mr. Amarnath. N</b> , CEO, KREDL
10 Mins	Keynote Address	<b>Mr. Jonas Brunschwig</b> , Swissnex in India, Consulate General of Switzerland, Bangalore
<b>10:30 am- 11:30 am</b>	<b>Session 1: Navigating the Low Carbon Path: Mitigating carbon emissions and enhancing energy efficiency in the construction sector</b>	
5 Mins	Introduction to speakers and brief about the session.	
8 Mins	<b>Presentation 1:</b> The role of Energy Efficiency in Infosys's transition to Net-Zero	<b>Mr. Guruprakash Sastry</b> , Head Climate Action, INFOSYS
8 Mins	<b>Presentation 2:</b> Role of technology (IoT, AI, BMS) in optimizing energy use in buildings	<b>Mr. G.C. Modgil</b> , Senior Fellow ASHRAE, CEO - Sterling India
8 Mins	<b>Presentation 3:</b> Decarbonization in the steel sector – a major contributor to embodied energy in	<b>Dr. Srinivas Shroff Nagesha Rao</b> , Consultant, UN Agencies

	building.	
20 Mins	Panel Discussion	Moderator: <b>Mr. Prasad Vaidya</b> , Director Solar Decathlon India
10 Mins	Q&A with Audience	
<b>11:30 am-11:45 pm</b>		
<b>Tea Break</b>		
<b>11:45 pm -12:45 pm</b>		
<b>Session 2: Panel Discussion on Optimizing material efficiency to reduce embodied carbon emissions</b>		
5 Mins	Introduction to speakers and brief about the session.	
45 Mins	Session Moderator: <b>Ms Arundhati Sett</b> , Ecocollab  <b>Esteemed Panellists:</b> <b>Mr. Saravanan G</b> , AGM-Design, Mahindra Lifespace Developers Ltd. <b>Mr. Suhail R</b> , MD & CEO, Co-Evolve Estates <b>Dr. L.R. Manjunatha</b> , Head of Sustainability, JSW Cement <b>Mr. Dheeraj S</b> , VP Investments, Brigade Group <b>Ms. Shabnam Bassi</b> , Director & Senior Fellow, TERI	
10 Mins	Q&A with Audience	
<b>12:45 pm - 1:00 pm</b>		
<b>Signatory Onboarding Session</b>		
<b>1:00 pm - 1:10 pm</b>		
<b>Closing remarks by Dr. Sunita Purushottam</b> , Head of Sustainability, Mahindra Life Space Developers		
<b>1:10 onwards</b>		
<b>Networking Lunch</b>		