LET’S MAKE ALL TRADE AND INVESTMENTS BETWEEN INDIA AND THE NETHERLANDS SUSTAINABLE

The Platform for sharing knowledge and best practices on Sustainability

Promotes partnership between businesses to address common sustainability issues

Recognises Netherlands as a leading partner in promoting sustainable business in India

‘One Stop Shop’ for all the information regarding sustainability & CSR for the businesses of both the countries

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Welcome!

It is my great honour to welcome you to the third edition of the Indus Forum. A place where we aim to make trade and investment between India and The Netherlands sustainable. And a place where we connect smart minds, smart ideas and smart initiatives.

The fast growing size and significance of the corporate sector in India has encouraged us to develop the Indus Forum. What’s more: India is the only bright spot in the world economy, according to the IMF. With its impressive economic growth, the Indian private sector is well placed to contribute to sustainable and equitable development, at home and abroad. We see partnerships with the private sector as powerful tools for progressing sustainability.

As a European hub for Indian exports, the Netherlands has a clear responsibility for social and inclusive sustainable supply chains. Together with India we are looking at how we can work with businesses, civil society organisations and local communities to not only solve these challenges - but to turn these challenges into concrete business opportunities.

Through Indus, we can all engage in partnerships with the business community. Together we can climb the sustainability ladder to a cleaner and safer world.

I wish you all a successful meeting of the INDUS forum.

Alphonsus Stoelinga
WHY INDUS FORUM

It is widely known that sustainability and related issues are getting an increasing reference in trade and investment related discussions and processes.

There is little doubt, therefore, that an exchange of ideas & good practices and thought leadership between India and its trade & investment partner countries on business sustainability and responsible business would be mutually beneficial. The Indo-Dutch trade volumes show a steady increase since 2000, which is a sound indicator of the positive trade and investment relations between the two. The Netherlands is ranked fourth among India’s top FDI investing partners, and as the sixth most important trading partner.

As major trade partners both the countries also has a clear responsibility for social and inclusive sustainable supply chains.

Keeping this in view, The Embassy of Netherlands in India initiated the INDUS-Forum project with CRB to facilitate dialogue and thought leadership on Sustainable business between India and The Netherlands, with the aim of aligning it with the growth of industry, society and economies of both the countries.

CENTRE FOR RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS: A BRIEF INTRODUCTION

The Centre for Responsible Business (CRB) is an independent international centre of excellence, working with business and stakeholders to promote responsible business strategies, policies and practices. Based out of New Delhi and global orientation, CRB’s activities are organized under four verticals: (i) Action and Policy Research, (ii) Training and Capacity Building, (iii) Customized Advisory Services, (iv) Convening Knowledge Forums

UN Forum on Sustainability Standard (UNFSS)
- Bureau of Indian Standards Committee on Social Responsibility
- Consumer Information Programme of UNEP-10YFP Programme
- Indian Institute for Corporate Affairs (IICA)
- Quality Council of India (QCI) & Embassy of Netherlands In India
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THE GO-TO PLACE FOR INDO – DUTCH BUSINESSES ON CSR & SUSTAINABILITY

Wider adoption of ‘good sustainability practices’ based on Dutch and Indian experiences

Promotes awareness about CSR/Sustainability frameworks and tools among businesses and stakeholders

Link experts and practitioners from both countries, co-create joint initiatives/partnerships, help access relevant knowledge/resources

Provide inputs and guidance through the INDUS-Forum network to benefit the community & members

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