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Event	National Consultative Roundtable Dialogue on Reporting and Monitoring of SDG 12 in India	
Date	2 nd March (Tuesday)	
Time	2 PM to 5 PM IST	
Objectives	 To share the findings of draft report on "Supporting India on SDG 12 Monitoring and Reporting – An analysis of SDG NIF & Recommendations for its Monitoring and Reporting" To explore way forward to strengthen SDG 12 reporting in India 	
Venue (physical)	The Energy and Resources Institute, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110003 (Only for Delhi NCR participants; COVID-19 safety norms will be followed)	
Venue (virtual)	Join from the meeting link https://teri.webex.com/teri/j.php?MTID=m02b7ed698a993202b1482518f5dc315f Join by meeting number Meeting number (access code): 184 559 1239 Meeting password: R2@221	

Bio-notes (listed alphabetically)

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1.		Aastha Dwivedi is Deputy Director at the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India.
2.		Archana Datta is currently working with the United Nations Environment Programme as Project Coordinator for India for Switch-Asia Regional Policy Advocacy Component (RPAC). She has over 11 years of diversified experience on mainstreaming and capacity building in Circular Economy, Life Cycle Management, and climate change mitigation. Before joining UN Environment, she was working with India's apex industry association FICCI as Deputy Director - Quality Forum, advocating and mainstreaming use of science based tools and approaches for business decision making. Archana holds Masters in Environment Management and has undergone the executive education course in Climate Change Economics and Governance at London School of Economics. She is also a certified trainer on GHG Protocol Product standard on Life Cycle Assessment and certified lead auditor on ISO 14001, Environment Management System standard.
3.		Ashutosh Ojha joined Indian Statistical Service (ISS) in September, 1998 as Group A Gazetted officer in Government of India. He is presently posted as Deputy Director General in Social Statistics Divison, National Statistical Office (NSO) under Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation of Government of India in Delhi. Dr. Ojha, being a senior officer in NSO, is presently looking after the work of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at National Level in Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. Before coming into the service, he completed Master in Statistics from University of Gorakhpur and Master in Population studies followed by Ph.D. in Population Studies from International Institute for Population Science, Mumbai. He is also having number of research papers published in reputed journals. He has worked in various Ministries/Department of Government of India including Office of the Registrar General, India (which is mainly responsible for conducting Census and Civil Registration System), Unique Identification Number, "Aadhaar" to every resident), and National Sample Survey Office (which is mainly responsible for conducting various large scale socio-economic surveys of Government of India).
4.		Ashwani Kanaujia is Deputy Director at the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India.

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5.		Atul Bagai is the Country Head for United Nations Environment Programme India Office. Since UNEP's journey in India in 2016, Mr. Bagai has decisively led UNEP's global environmental agenda in India. The unprecedented success during World Environment Day in 2018 was noteworthy with India's bold commitments to end single-use plastic by 2022 and its partnerships with Government Ministries. Previously, as a career diplomat Mr. Bagai rose to be the Director (Ozone) in MoEFCC, and held senior positions in Central and State Governments. At the UN he has been spearheading assignments across South and Southeast Asia & the Pacific Islands for the past two- decades now.
6.		Bhawna Singh is Scientist E at the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, and works in the area of resource efficiency and circular economy. Before joining the Ministry, she has vastly worked in the field of life cycle assessment, specifically on LCA methodology and environmental life cycle assessment of low-carbon energy and transport systems viz. carbon capture and storage, electric mobility. Currently, she is a member of Resource Efficiency Cell at the MOEF&CC and is working on framing draft National Resource Efficiency Policy, which shall mainstream resource efficiency across the country. She handles international collaboration projects in the area of resource efficiency and related international initiatives as SWITCH-Asia, PAGE, SDG 12 - Sustainable Consumption and Production, among others.
7.		Bhole Vishwakrma is the Sustainability consultant in Government E Marketplace (GEM). Bhole is an environmental science and policy professional with over 30 years of work experience in environmental consulting and manufacturing industry. Before joining GeM, he was working with UAS/EU environmental consulting firm doing ESIA for large infra and renewable energy projects as per IFC/ADB guidelines.
8.		Bibhuti Dash is Director (Niche Tourism) at the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.
9.		Cecilia Costa is Team leader – Cooperation Manager EU Delegation to India and Bhutan. Currently Cooperation Manager at the European Union (EU) Delegation to India in charge of coordination and implementation of EU external actions in India and Bhutan. Involved in development cooperation since 1989, first working with a network of European Universities, promoting university exchanges with Latin America and the Mediterranean countries; and later, since 1998, working for the European Union engaged in the promotion of institutional capacity building and capacity development including through higher education cooperation and exchanges. Since 2002 has been working in the South Asian region in India and in Afghanistan. For the second time working in India: since February 2017 in charge of coordination of development cooperation activities at the EU Delegation. Specific areas of interest include aid effectiveness, sustainable financing and climate change and adaptation; with education governance, and gender as cross-cutting elements, key to unlock sustainable economic growth, peace and stability.
10.		Chandra Bhushan is CEO of International Forum for Environment, Sustainability & Technology (iFOREST). Over the past two and a half decades, Chandra Bhushan has engaged in a wide range of environmental issues through research, writing and advocacy, and has been at the forefront of several public policy campaigns. An engineer and environmental planner by training, Bhushan integrates scientific and technical expertise with socio- economic realities to solve multi-dimensional environmental and developmental challenges. His scope of work encompasses both global and local issues, from climate change and energy transformation to rights of mining-affected people and environmental governance. He has authored/ co- authored 20 books, more than 60 reports, and numerous articles.
11.		Debanjana Dey is Researcher at Research and Information System for Developing Countries. She did her masters in Biotechnology and PhD from CSIR-NISTADS, New Delhi. She works on science policy questions and its

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		interaction with society. Her PhD research was on knowledge policy relationship for biodiversity in both formal and informal settings. Currently, she is associated with RIS in FISD division.s
12.		Debapriya Dutta completed his Ph. D from the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi and joined the National Agricultural Research Service of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). He served as Scientist in the Central Soil and Water Conservation Research and Training Institute, Dehradun,. He joined the Natural Resources Data Management System (NRDMS) Division of the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India in 1994 as Senior Scientific Officer-I and was serving in the same Department as Scientist 'F' / Director, till May, 2008. Thereafter, he was appointed as the Counselor (Science and Technology) in the Embassy of India, Washington D.C. during 2008-2012. At this responsibility, he handled the India and USA Science and Technology Cooperation at Policy, Projects and Programme levels in the sectors of health, energy, climate and environment and education. During September, 2012-2015, he assumed the responsibility of Director, Indo-French Centre for the Promotion of Advanced Research (IFCPAR), a bilateral organization to promote collaborative research between India and France in cutting edge Science and Technology. Currently, he is serving as Head and Adviser/Scientist 'G' in the Science for Equity Empowerment and Development (SEED), State Science and Technology Programme (SSTP) and Natural Resource data Management System (NRDMS) divisions of the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India.
13.		Deepika Verma is Deputy Director at the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India.
14.		Divya Datt is Programme Manager at the Country office for India of UN Environment. Before joining Senior UN she was Senior Fellow & Director, Resource Efficiency & Governance, TERI. She has over 15 years of experience in applied policy research in the environment and development sector. Her areas of interest include valuation of natural resources and ecosystems services, economic cost benefit analysis, environmental fiscal policy, and resource federalism. She has led inter-disciplinary research teams in these areas and has worked with several ministries in the Government of India, state governments, and most major multilateral and bilateral agencies.
15.		Elisa Tonda is the Head of the Consumption and Production Unit in UNEP Economy Division, whose main goal is the promotion of sustainable production and consumption policies, practices and initiatives through the engagement of governments, the business community and civil society organizations. The Unit is the organizational focal point for circular economy initiatives and projects. Prior to that, Elisa worked in UNEP Office for Latin America and the Caribbean and in the UN Industrial Development Organization. Before joining the UN, she worked in the private sector in the promotion of environmental solutions. Elisa has a Master degree in Environmental Engineering from the Polytechnic of Turin, Italy, and in Sustainable Development from the University of London, UK.
16.		Farid Yaker , Programme Officer, works with United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Economy division, Economic and Fiscal Policy unit. He has been leading the work of UNEP in the area of Sustainable Public Procurement since 2008.

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17.		George Cheriyan is Director of CUTS International, an Indian origin international public policy research and advocacy group, headquartered in Jaipur, India. George is a member of Global Think Tank Group on Sustainable Consumption hosted by Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC). George is having 36 years of experience in development sector, exposure from traveling in about 35 countries and have experience of consulting for bilateral and multilateral agencies.
18.		Haripriya Gundimeda is a Professor of Economics in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, at the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, India. She has been the recipient of the START Young Scientist award awarded by START Washington D.C in 2001. President of International Urban Biodiversity and Design Network during 2014-2018, member of the Green National Accounts committee set up the Government of India during 2011-2013. She has been the lead author of Green Accounting for Indian States Project, Green Indian States Trust. She has been a coordinating lead author for the IPBES Global Values assessment. She holds a masters degree in mathematics and a Ph.D. in Development Policy and has been a post-doctoral researcher at University of Gothenburg Sweden and London School of Economics. She works on various issues relating to environment and development economics and has published widely in this area.
19.		Himanshu Sharma supports work on green fiscal policy at UNEP, and is the Manager of the Green Fiscal Policy Network, a collaboration between the IMF, UNEP and GIZ on advancing country dialogue and knowledge on green fiscal policy reform. Before joining UNEP, he worked with CNRS France, the World Bank and the OECD on public policy issues at the intersection of economic policy, financial regulation and the environment. He holds a dual degree MPA from LSE and Sciences Po Paris and a MBA in International Business from BIMTECH.
20.		Jillian Campbell has recently joined the UN Convention on Biological Diversity where she is responsible for monitoring of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, including national action planning. Prior to that she led the methodological work on the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicators under UN Environment Programme (UNEP) custodianship and coordinated UNEP's work on environment statistics capacity building. In order to improve the compilation of environmental data and the use of environmental data and information for analysis she has been actively working to elaborate how a digital ecosystem for the environment could be achieved, including through new techniques and data sources (such as citizen science data, satellite data, etc.). Before joining UN Environment (UNEP) in 2015 she was Programme Officer and Statistician at the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia-Pacific (UN ESCAP) based in Bangkok (Thailand) and in Suva (Fiji) where she worked on environment statistics and environmental Economic accounting, her work at UN ESCAP included designing and implementing capacity building activities with a focus on the System of Environmental Economic Accounting (SEEA) and managing the production of the ESCAP Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific. Prior to her work in the Asia-Pacific region she was based in the UN Statistics Division of DESA in New York where she worked on economic statistics and national accounts.
21.		Kanwalpreet is Director (Public Procurement Division) at the Department of Expenditure at the Ministry of Finance, Government of India. He is a bureaucrat from the Indian Railway Stores Services, Government of India. Krishna Kumar Tiwari is Deputy Director at the Ministry of Statistics and
22.		Programme Implementation, Government of India.

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23.		Kurian Joseph is an Environmental Engineer and currently Professor at Centre for Environmental Studies and Director, Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) Anna University, Chennai, India. He received his B.Tech. degree in Civil Engineering (1986) from the University of Calicut, M.Tech. in Environmental Engineering(1989) from the University of Kerala and Ph. D in Environmental Engineering(2001) from the Anna University. He received the "Kriton Curi" award for the best paper in waste management from developing countries in Sardinia 2003, – IX International Waste Management and Landfill Symposium Sardinia, Italy, October 2003. He is an Expert member of the Tamilnadu State Level Advisory Committee on Solid Waste Management, He is also a member of the National Steering Committee for the Technology Need Assessment Project in the Waste Sector setup by TIFAC, as well a member of the Technical committee on solid Waste management of the Greater Corporation of Chennai.
24.		Kuwar Alok Singh Yadav is Deputy Director at the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India.
25.		Lakshmi Raghupathy is Former Director Ministry of Environment & Forests GOI New Delhi and is a Visiting Faculty in TERI School of Advanced Sciences (Formerly TERI University) teaching and guiding research post graduate and doctoral students. She also works as an Advisor and Consultant, in the areas of Environment, Waste Management, Sustainable development and Circular Economy for a number of organizations. Lakshmi Raghupathy is PhD from B.I.T.S. Pilani India and Post-doctoral from Asahikawa Medical College, Hokkaido, Japan. She has over 36 years experience in the area of waste management with 20 years of working in the Ministry of Environment Forests & CC in various capacities framing policies and regulations. She was negotiator in the UNEP-Basel Convention and was elected as Chair and Vice Chairperson of the Technical Working Group (TWG) for seven years.
26.		Livleen Kahlon is Associate Director, Environmental Education and Awareness at TERI. She has a vast experience of working in fields of environment research, outreach and conservation education. She joined TERI in 2002, and since then has been actively engaged in creating a niche for environment education both within the organization and outside. GREEN Olympiad is a major project being implemented under her direct supervision. She has experimented and implemented several programs around basic education designs and innovative, multidisciplinary ideas for youth of all age groups. 'Catching them young' is the motto behind activities designed under the banner of Environment Education (EE) at TERI and the focus is on channelizing energy of youth towards sustainable development goals (SDGs). She has over two decades of experience and has led several projects with interdisciplinary teams, and applied innovative strategies to examine various cross-cutting issues such as Energy conservation, WASH education, Waste management, Climate Change education, to design and implement school and college based projects with a multiplier effect.
27.		Mamata Pradhan is a scholar in development researching on social protection programs. She completed her Phd in international development from University of East Anglia. Her Phd thesis involved research on-Understanding the demand side of social protection programs. It specifically focused on the world's largest food based safety net i.e. the case of public distribution of food in India. She is also engaged in transect study where urban, rural and peri urban food systems are studied across socio economic and location differences. Presently she is working as a research collaborator with International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). She also researches on institutional solutions for smallholder agriculture in the form of farmer organizations in India and some ASEAN countries.

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28.		Mani Juneja is currently working as a Research Associate under the Centre for Resource Efficiency and Governance division of TERI. She did her Masters in Economics from Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi and graduation in economics from University of Delhi. In TERI she has been working on health economics, cost benefit assessments, SDGs and blue economy. In the past she was engaged as a researcher in research organisations like Research and Information Systems for Developing Countries (RIS) and Institute for Economic Growth, New Delhi. She has also worked as a statistical intern at the Election Commission of India, Government of India during her masters.
29.	iroent	Mushtaq Ahmed Memon is working with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as a Regional Coordinator for Resource Efficiency in Asia Pacific Office located in Bangkok. He is supporting resource efficiency, sustainable consumption and production, green economy, green financing, sustainable public procurement, sustainable tourism, sustainable industries and various areas for Asia and the Pacific. Dr. Memon is also Project Manager for the Regional Policy Advocacy Component of the EU-funded SWITCH-Asia Programme to promote sustainable consumption and production and uptake of SDG 12 in Asia. Dr. Memon has a Doctorate degree in environmental and resource economics from Hiroshima University in Japan, a Master's degree in national development and project planning from University of Bradford in UK, a postgraduate diploma in Transport from Karachi University and Chartered Institute of Transport, Bachelors in civil engineering from Mehran University of Engineering and Technology Jamshoro and schooling at Cadet College Petaro in Pakistan. He has also published various papers in international journals and has delivered various training programmes.
30.		Nandita Gupta is Joint Secretary (Storage & PG) in the Department of Food and Public Distribution, government of India. She has been enforcing development and regulatory administration at the national level through the Central Government Ministry and in state of Himachal Pradesh through various field level administrative posts. Previously, she was also Joint Secretary at the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India.
31.		Nitya Nanda is Director of Council for Social Development – A social science think tank based at New Delhi. He has been working on international trade, industrialization, development, energy and environment issues. He has been a consultant to several UN organizations, the European Commission and different government ministries/ departments and agencies in India and contributed to policy making. He has a large number of publications in journals and edited books as well as pieces in magazines and newspapers. He has authored and edited several volumes. His important volumes include Expanding Frontiers of Global Trade Rules (2009), Hydro-Politics in GBM Basin (2015), and India's Resource Security (2018). Currently, he is working on his forthcoming book, India's Industrial Policy and Performance.
32.		P. Bhanumati is Deputy Director General (Social Statistics Division at the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, Government of India.
33.		Parul Agarwala is the Country Programme Manager, UN-Habitat, India office. In this role, she has worked on promoting the sustainability, inclusion and resilience into the national urban policy frameworks, spatial planning and urban management. Prior to India, she managed the Clean and Green Cities programme at UN-Habitat in Afghanistan developed to improve lives of the urban poor – with a special focus on women - by providing job opportunities and stability through paid work. Prior to UN-Habitat, Ms. Agarwala has worked as a City Planner in the New York City Department of City Planning, and with the World Bank's Global Practice of Urban, Rural, Disaster Risk and Social Development based in Washington DC.

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34.		Peter Wooders leads the International Institute for Sustainable Development's Energy programme, which helps countries transition to sustainable energy systems. Major focus areas include: the Global Subsidies Initiative, which has been identifying subsidies which act against sustainable development and helping governments reform them since 2005; new work making the case for increased energy taxation; demonstrating the full costs and risks of fossil fuels compared to clean alternatives; and promoting both increased private sector investment in renewable energy and energy efficiency while developing the circular economy to reduce unsustainable primary resource inputs and waste. Trained as an engineer and economist, Peter has worked in the energy economy since 1991, in a wide range of countries and across almost every area of energy supply and demand, from oil and gas production to climate change mitigation and from nuclear waste disposal to clean energy subsidy swaps. His work has evolved from modelling and techno-economic studies to a strong focus on the climate crisis and how energy systems and the political economy need to adapt to it. Just transition and a trade system which supports climate action and sustainable development are central. Peter has been fortunate to work in dozens of countries around the world, particularly Egypt; India; Indonesia; Nigeria; Viet Nam; South-East Asian countries; and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. The challenge they all face – providing good jobs and contributing to stable public
35.		finances – drives the work of IISD's Energy Programme. Priya Bhalla is an administrative officer with the Asian Ecotourism Network (AEN). She holds a Doctorate degree in Environment Management and post- graduate diploma in Tourism and Environmental Law. The topic of her Ph.D. was 'Ecotourism impact assessment on Binsar Wildlife Sanctuary of Uttarakhand, India". She is an alumna of University School of Environment Management, GGSIPU, Delhi and Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi, India. Her experience in interdisciplinary studies (ecotourism impact assessment), scientific communications, natural resource management, biodiversity conservation, livelihoods and interpretations has included roles in the nonprofit, private, and public sectors.
36.		Rajani Ranjan Rashmi is a senior retired IAS officer of 1983 batch from Manipur Cadre and is now a Distinguished Fellow and Programme Director of Integrated Policy Analysis in The Energy & Resources Institute (TERI) where he works in the field of environment policy research. He has been India's principal negotiator for climate change for many years and was a member of the Finance Ministry's Sub Committee on Climate Finance. Besides his other responsibilities, he is currently a member of the Technical Advisory Body of the ICAO.
37.		Rakesh Kumar Maurya is Dy. Director General at the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India.
38.		Rijit Sengupta is CEO of the Centre for Responsible Business (CRB) – and has over twenty years of experience in various areas of sustainable development policy and practice across Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa. His interest lies in the interface of business and society – particularly environmental protection/management, nature based solutions, consumer welfare, community welfare, livelihoods/SMEs, business regulation, responsible business and SDGs. He has designed and implemented various projects/programmes on these areas in Sub-Saharan Africa, South and South East Asia. Currently, while much of his work on sustainable business/SDGs is focused on India, he has been also advocating for greater North-South dialogue on sustainable business/SDGs at various national and international platforms, while researching and writing on these issues. He has a Master degree in Agriculture and in Environment Management. He is an Alumnus of the University of Calcutta and the United Nations University (Tokyo). He is Member, Advisory Board of the Trade for Sustainable Development programme, International Trade Centre, Geneva and of the Consumer Information Programme of the One Planet Network. He was part of a global Task Group that produced a report on 'Catalysing Science based

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		Policy action on SCP' for the 5th UN Environment Assembly 2021.
39.		Rita Pandey is Senior Fellow at the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi. Her research interests span climate change, biodiversity finance, sustainable development, green economy, and green budgeting. Her research has a strong policy focus using environmental and ecological economics, and tools and measures of public finance; and entails collaboration with experts from other areas. She has a Ph.D. in economics from Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, India and has been a visiting fellow at the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, University of Yale. She has served on several national and international committees including the Technological and Finance Standing Committee to implement the Montreal Protocol, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India; and the Indo-German Expert Group on Green and Inclusive Economy, supported by Government of Germany. She has served on boards of premier institutions including NIPFP, Delhi, India, and OK International, San Francisco, USA. She has published widely in international and national peer reviewed journals and has authored five books. She has been consultant for the World Bank, UNDP, UNEP, Green Economy Coalition, Verco Global, TEPL and Davelopment Alternatives
40.		TERI, and Development Alternatives. Ruchi Mishra is Assistant Director at the Ministry of Statistics and
		Programme Implementation, Government of India.
41.		Sanjay Kumar is Director at the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India.
42.	INDIA	Sanyukta Samaddar is Adviser (SDGs) at NITI Aayog, Government of India. She is an officer of the Indian Administrative Service, with 21 years of experience across development administration, policy making, planning, and financial management. She has 7 years of work with Government of India (federal) and 14 years of work with Government of Uttar Pradesh (sub- national).
43.		Saon Ray is Senior Fellow at the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), New Delhi. An economist specializing in industry and international trade issues, her areas of interest include global value chains, technological upgrading of Indian industries, free trade agreements and trade creation effects, technology transfer, foreign direct investment, efficiency and productivity of firms, financial inclusion and energy and climate change related issues. Her Ph.D. in Economics from the Jawaharlal Nehru University examined the role of intellectual property rights in transferring technology to developing countries
44.		Shailly Kedia, Fellow at The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), is a multidisciplinary professional who has more than sixteen years of experience in policy research, consulting, advocacy and capacity building. Prior to TERI, she was briefly with World Bank in Washington, DC; and Columbia University and NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies in New York. She has studied international organization, finance, business administration and engineering. She is the principal investigator from TERI for of UNEP SWITCH-Asia project on Research and Capacity Building on SDG 12.
45.		Simran Sinha is currently an intern in the fiscal team of UNEP's Economic and Trade Policy Unit (Economy Division). She is a final-year master's student in the Development Studies program at The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland. She is primarily specializing in the Environment, Resources, and Sustainability track, with a secondary specialization in Trade and International Finance. She has a bachelor's degree in Economics and a minor in Statistics from Lady Shri Ram College for Women, University of Delhi."

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46.		Sofie Clausen is working as Monitoring and Reporting Analyst of the 10YFP Secretariat. Sofie has been responsible for the methodological development, reporting system and processes for the 10YFP annual reporting, as well as SDG indicator 12.1.1. Sofie coordinates the efforts across all SDG 12 custodian agencies in the development of the SDG 12 Hub, a one-stop-shop for SDG 12 data, reporting and solutions. The SDG 12 Hub will facilitate reporting of national entities on the SDG 12 indicators by providing access all reporting systems, guidance material, country progress, etc. in one place. The Hub is expected to launch this year.
47.		Soumya Bhowmick is a Junior Fellow at ORF Kolkata, under the Economy and Growth Programme. His research focus is on the Indian economy, sustainability, globalization and governance. He works closely with Foreign Direct Investments and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Soumya holds a double Masters degree in Economics from Jadavpur University, Kolkata and University of Antwerp, Belgium (Specialization in Economics of Globalisation and European Integration). He has previously been awarded: the Government of Japan's JASSO Scholarship, Tokyo Foundation's SYLFF Fellowship, and the European Commission's EMJMD Fellowship.
48.		Souvik Bhattacharjya is a Fellow and Associate Director at the Centre for Resource Efficiency and Governance Division of TERI, New Delhi. Souvik holds a Masters Degree in Economics (with spl. in World Economy) from School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. He has more than 16 years of rich experience in the field of energy and environmental research and management consulting. Among other assignments, Souvik is currently leading the EU supported Resource Efficiency Initiative in India project at TERI, which is jointly implemented by the consortium GIZ, adelphi, CII.
49.		Sudeepta Ghosh is Joint Director at the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India.
50.		Sunil K. Agarwal is Scientist 'F' in the Ministry of Science and Technology, Department of Science & Technology
51.		Surya Dasgupta is Assistant Director at the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India.
52.		Swati Singh Sambyal is a researcher on resource management. Swati has worked in India as well as across Global South on development issues concerning integrated waste and resource management. Swati has done city scale implementation projects in India on decentralised waste management in the states of Bihar (Muzaffarpur) and Himachal Pradesh. She has also worked in Zanzibar in Tanzania, eSwatini (Mbabane and Matsapha), Ethiopia, Ghana and Namibia in bringing policy and implementation reforms and pushing for an integrated waste management approach by adopting circular solutions. She has worked extensively with governments and environmental regulatory agencies of Bhutan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh on projects related to environmental compliance, impact assessment, waste and waste-water management. She has been a part of the National Geographic forum on circular economy. Swati is trained at Swedish EPA, Stockholm and Norwegian EPA, Oslo on environmental governance and planning. She is presently associated as a Waste Management Specialist with UNHABITAT India. She has worked as the head of a programme on Municipal Solid Waste at New Delhi based environment policy and advocacy organisation, Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) for over 9 years. She has been a part of national and international advisory boards on solid waste management. Swati is a graduate in Energy and Environmental Engineering.
53.		Tanmay Tathagat is Executive Director of Environmental Design Solutions Pvt. Ltd.

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54.		Tunnie Srisakulchairak is currently an UNEP Programme Officer for the SWITCH-Asia Regional Policy Advocacy Component implemented by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). She has over 10 years of professional experience as a project manager at UNEP regional office for Asia and the Pacific. Prior to this, she worked as programme specialist in Asian Institute of Technology to promote linkages between science and policy and enhance multi-stakeholders participation in scientific assessment and policy recommendation process. She successfully manages key projects on climate adaptation and mitigation as well as Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP). She has experiences in engaging with national governments into the policy dialogue and implementing activities on the ground especially in term of capacity building, raising awareness and policy advocacy in the region, especially governments in Southeast Asia.
55.		Vikram Rajvanshi has more than ten years of experience in public procurement. He is currently engaged with United Nations Environment Programme as Consultant- Sustainable Public and has been the procurement consultant with Procurement Policy Division, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, the World Bank, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and Centre for Chronic Disease Control (CCDC), New Delhi. At the World Bank, he has been involved in several projects including the India Country Procurement Assessment using Methodology for Assessing Procurement Systems (MAPS) tool and the Bank funded India COVID-19 Emergency Response project. Mr. Vikram has delivered lectures on public procurement policies of Government of India at national institutes and has co-authored several technical papers in the field of public procurement. He has done his bachelors in Civil Engineering.
56.		Zeenat Niazi, vice-president of Development Alternatives Group provides oversight to the policy studies and development action initiatives at the Development Alternatives Group. Her work addresses resilience building in human settlements through Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) strategies, especially green and inclusive circular economy models. She is a third time member of the Board of the Climate Action Network South Asia, member of the Multi-stakeholder Advisory Committee (MAC) of the Sustainable Buildings and Construction Programme of UN's One Planet Network, Strategic Steering Committee member of UNEP PAGE Programme in India and the Steering Committee member of the Green Economy Coalition in India. She also contributes to the Global Green Growth Platform. Her programmatic responsibilities include guiding policy and action research focused on local and national action for sustainable development and climate change. She leads the policy alliances and partnerships initiatives of the DA Group. Her management responsibilities include institutional knowledge management and corporate communications systems of the DA group.
57.		Ziaul Haque is Joint Director at the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India.