

# AGENDA

Session Title	Description
<p><b>Opening Plenary: Financing Climate Action for the Global South</b></p>	<p>As the world grapples with the crippling effects of climate change and its far-reaching ramifications on humanity, the time has come to shift our focus from fear and resignation to instilling hope and building solutions.</p> <p>To surmount these monumental challenges, we aim to facilitate unprecedented transformations, surpassing any historical precedent. This session will shine a spotlight on collaborative capital frameworks and innovative methodologies designed to accelerate progress. It recognizes the essential role of social entrepreneurs, who have historically emerged as champions adept at navigating and resolving multifaceted challenges.</p> <p>We will acknowledge the imperative for a "Great Transition" and the necessity of a fundamental overhaul of policy design, investment strategies, ESG compliance, production methods, and consumption patterns. Building on Sankalp's legacy of catalyzing global recognition of entrepreneurship and impact investing, we now pivot toward a new reality. This session will initiate Sankalp's commitment to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incentivize private sector involvement in adopting climate-smart solutions.</li> <li>• Mobilize collaborative capital to finance climate action.</li> <li>• Prioritize people-centric approaches to advance the SDGs.</li> </ul> <p>Join us in this session where experts across the globe share their strategies to increase climate financing and chart a course toward a brighter future. This is where innovation, collaboration, and sustainability will meet! Together, we can make a profound difference in the world.</p>
<p><b>Green Growth and Sustainable Landscapes: India's Roadmap to a Resilient Future</b></p>	<p>How do we meet our aspirations as a developing country and achieve sustainability goals amidst climate change and biodiversity loss? What kind of approaches do we need to confront this twofold challenge?</p> <p>This session aims at addressing some of these questions. It will draw attention to transforming nature-based production systems like agriculture and forests to be more sustainable and productive. The session will promote an integrated approach that spans planning and execution, using landscape thinking to recognize the complex relationships between ecosystems and human activities.</p> <p>The panel will explore the role of various stakeholders in mainstreaming landscape thinking. The support of the government required for scaling implementation and local communities to transform the value chain will be a few interesting perspectives to listen in! Join in as the panel convinces everyone that ultimately adopting sustainable landscape management practices can help India meet its green growth and sustainability commitments.</p>

<p><b>Towards a decarbonized textiles and apparel industry in South Asia - what does it take?</b></p>	<p>With the Paris Agreement’s 2030 deadline for reducing emissions by 45% looming, the textile and apparel industry has committed to drastically cut emissions across the supply chain. Over 100 companies have set up Science-based Targets (SBTs), including pledging to become net-zero by 2050. While multiple efforts have been undertaken to decarbonize the sector supply chain, critical gaps continue to exist between the decarbonization potential and the existing footprint of the sector.</p> <p>How do we bridge the gap between intent and action? How do we ensure accountability?</p> <p>Brands &amp; manufacturers face multiple challenges in their decarbonization journey which include a) limited know-how and understanding to achieve the same b) lack of access and limited awareness of low-carbon solutions. This session aims to develop an understanding of the broad contours of a decarbonisation strategy. The session will showcase innovative circular solutions required to support the industry in this transition.</p> <p>Not a fan of the fast fashion industry and want to understand how to change it? Engage in this session!</p>
<p><b>Building the market for New Energy - What’s it going to take?</b></p>	<p>India is expected to experience the greatest rise in energy demand compared to any other country. India's demand for oil and gas is anticipated to triple by 2050, with gas consumption growing threefold by 2030. To meet our emission goals, the government has put the spotlight on the green sector through its policy initiatives like Budget 2023, SATAT and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) is aggressively pushing its National Bioenergy Programme.</p> <p>According to IEA’s energy analysts, bioenergy is projected to account for 15% of total energy in 2040 and 18% of the total energy supply in 2050. With the launch of Global Biofuels Alliance during G20, there will be further international cooperation and intensifying the use of sustainable biofuels. This session will delve into the promising avenues and pressing challenges of harnessing Compressed Biogas (CBG) as a key energy source in the journey towards a sustainable future.</p> <p>This session will bring together experts, financiers, and industry leaders to facilitate a dynamic discussion on the Financing opportunities and challenges surrounding CBG, and their pivotal role in achieving Net Zero emissions. The session will also highlight recent developments in CBG Policies, developments, feedstock, marketing of byproducts and financing of CBG Projects.</p> <p>Join us to gain insights into the future of sustainable energy and the path to a cleaner, greener world.</p>

<p><b>Fuelling Energy Transitions: Mobilizing Private Investment and Adoption of Alternative Energies</b></p>	<p>Discover the pivotal role of private sector engagement in driving energy transitions towards sustainability. This session will be a dynamic showcase of innovative energy alternatives that hold the key to a greener future. Leading experts, industry pioneers, and policymakers will then convene in a plenary discussion to explore strategies and catalytic shifts needed to amplify private investment and widespread adoption of these alternatives. This session will unravel the synergy between visionary innovation and strategic collaboration, unlocking pathways that will accelerate the global shift towards cleaner, more resilient energy systems.</p> <p>This session is hosted in collaboration with Energy Catalyst.</p>
<p><b>Masterclass: Portfolio Creation for Impact Fund Managers</b></p>	<p>The session is targeted at new as well as seasoned Fund Managers of Impact Funds with an objective of effective portfolio creation. Impact Fund Managers often come across transactions where they are forced to trade impact for commercial decisions or vice versa. In these scenarios, the fund managers lose focus on portfolio creation and stick to individual transactions which complicates the decision-making process further. This results in a disturbed portfolio which portrays misalignment with the fund objectives. This masterclass aims to encourage fund managers to think broadly about portfolio management and provides them with a direction which will help them do this.</p>
<p><b>Masterclass on Fundraising: Speaking the Language of Money</b></p>	<p>Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) play a pivotal role in addressing climate change, yet often face funding, capacity, and communication hurdles. The session will provide CSOs with insights and inputs from an industry expert on articulating their aspirations, developing and pitching an idea, and tailoring narratives that resonate with donors to attract funding in areas of their expertise. Further the discussion would also look at developing networks and fostering strategic partnerships to scale their innovations/ programs.</p> <p>Join this session as heroes share their stories and empower the CSOs to effectively communicate and raise funds for scaling up.</p>
<p><b>The Untapped Potential of Blue Carbon: Challenges and Opportunities for India</b></p>	<p>Blue carbon ecosystems (mangroves, seagrasses and tidal marshes) sequester globally significant amounts of carbon, support food security and economic self-sufficiency, protect lives and livelihoods through buffering the effects of storms and tsunamis, and more. Because of the high amounts of carbon they store and their high rates of carbon sequestration, the restoration and protection of blue carbon ecosystems has high potential to contribute to emission reduction commitments, which might provide a potential avenue to finance those activities. However, the financial mechanisms and policy frameworks that are needed to facilitate relevant actions are still being developed.</p> <p>This session will discuss how policymakers, investors and other stakeholders are actively exploring the constraints to, enablers of, and opportunities for investment in blue carbon.</p> <p>This session will be in collaboration with the World Bank.</p>

<p><b>Moving the Needle: A Just and Inclusive Transition towards Circular Fashion</b></p>	<p>Can the South Asian countries afford to be circular and sustainable? Can we save the planet at the cost of people? Can we truly slow down fashion without impacting the income of an enormous workforce?</p> <p>The livelihoods of an enormous workforce, comprising both formal and informal workers, are dependent on the fashion sector in South Asian countries. Women account for a majority of this workforce, most of whom are employed in semi-skilled and unskilled roles at lower wages than men and, under poor working conditions.</p> <p>There is an urgent need for a ‘just and inclusive transition’ towards circular fashion, which ensures positive people and planet positive outcomes. This session will explore how we can unlock green jobs and entrepreneurship opportunities for informal workers and make them a part of the formal supply chain. Join this session that aims to invite and influence industry stakeholders to collaborate, participate in and accelerate a just and inclusive transition towards circular fashion.</p>
<p><b>Masterclass: Navigating the Carbon Market and Carbon Credits</b></p>	<p>This session will outline the importance of carbon markets and the key concept of how they operate. The difference between compliance and voluntary markets and their interaction and intersection shall be discussed in detail. It shall also elaborate on the different project opportunities in the carbon markets with a focus developing high quality carbon projects. The session will explain what carbon credits are and how they act as a market mechanism/funding tool for undertaking decarbonisation efforts. Participants will gain insights from real success stories and lessons learned. Join us to make a difference in the global sustainability landscape.</p>
<p><b>Revving up the Future: Bridging Financing needs of EV Mobility &amp; Energy Storage</b></p>	<p>As the world shifts towards sustainable green transportation solutions, the electrification of mobility stands at the forefront of this global transformation. Electric Vehicles (EVs), charging infrastructure, and their related storage solutions are hailed as significant technologies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and combating climate change. Industry trends indicate that the top segment is attracting the most funding and middle stage companies are looking to scale newer business models in a rapidly changing technology space, making fund-raising complex for both sides.</p> <p>This session will discuss some of the above challenges and explore solutions to bridge funding gaps, while managing various risk factors. We will also identify the hurdles that impede the growth of EV adoption, including infrastructure gaps, affordability issues, and regulatory challenges.</p> <p>If you want to be a part of charting the course towards a greener, more sustainable future for transportation, this is the place for you!</p>

<p><b>Advancing Climate Finance in Emerging Economies: The Crucial Role of Regional Bodies</b></p>	<p>With a staggering annual requirement of \$190 billion until 2030 for mitigation, juxtaposed against the meager \$15.7 billion received in 2020, discover the strategies to bridge this gap and bolster sustainable development.</p> <p>This session will delve into the collaborative efforts of ASEAN body, UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre and other bodies to increase climate finance. We will explore the vision behind mobilizing \$80 billion annually by 2030 to fund climate initiatives, and the steps taken to bridge the current \$6 billion gap.</p> <p>Learn from experts of regional bodies about the strategies that are shaping the path toward a sustainable and resilient future. Together, we'll uncover how regional bodies, innovators, and collective efforts are driving impactful climate action that transcends boundaries and empowers change where it's needed most.</p>
<p><b>Climate Deal Room   Invite Only</b></p>	<p>Sankalp Forum at Intellectap is proud to announce our Climate Change Deal Room session. It is an invite-only session aimed at facilitating networking opportunities among investors and entrepreneurs and driving capital towards innovative climate change solutions.</p> <p>This is a unique opportunity for enterprises with a clear climate action bias to connect with investors from venture capital firms, development finance institutions, and foundations who share our vision for a more sustainable future.</p> <p>For Investors, this is an exclusive opportunity to network with a promising cohort of enterprises building innovative climate change solutions.</p>
<p><b>Charting the Future: Long term support for care businesses</b></p>	<p>Last Sankalp, we had looked at how care businesses enhance outcomes for women and girls. Since then, the topic of care economy has gained significant traction, thanks to sustained efforts by a range of mission-aligned stakeholders across the globe. The CEKH research has further demonstrated the impact these businesses can have and that they need to be supported to sustain and scale. Various fora such as the G7, G20 and APEC are increasingly heeding this theme; and support structures for such businesses are evolving. This session brings to the fore the various systemic considerations that need to be established, and how they can enable care businesses. This session is hosted in collaboration with IDRC.</p>

<p><b>Masterclass: Gender Lens Investing</b></p>	<p>Globally, climate- and clean-tech deals with at least one female founder stands at a low 26.5%, as of 2023. In India, only 9% of climate-tech startups are women founded that have raised Series A funding and beyond in India. Even though women are increasingly creating disruptive technologies to ensure a greener future for the planet, female founders raise less per deal than their male counterparts; this only gets worse in the climate and clean tech industry. Through this Masterclass, the network for Greening of Finance by Women (GroW) would help investors and fund managers better understand approaches of gender lens investing to investment strategies in the climate sector.</p> <p>Join us as we embark on a journey through the entire investment spectrum - from the inception of groundbreaking ideas and meticulous due diligence to the art of portfolio management and the science of impactful reporting. It's time to redesign a future where green innovation knows no gender boundaries.</p>
<p><b>From Field to Finance: The FPO Transformation Journey</b></p>	<p>Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) harness the collective strength of farmers, enabling economies of scale that enhance their negotiating power for better pricing. But how do we foster the growth of such FPOs? How do we ensure their profitability and sustainability? How do we ensure their access to finance and credit to scale their operations?</p> <p>Join this session to understand the challenges of FPOs and lenders in accessing and providing the finance respectively. This session will provide participants with an opportunity to hear from experts who have experience in implementing initiatives designed to address some of the specific challenges. Additionally, the session will explore the government's strategic objectives for fostering FPOs and the pivotal role partnerships.</p> <p>This session is an attempt in the world's endeavor to ensure that those who put food on our plates have plenty on theirs too.</p>
<p><b>A Circular Wardrobe: Transforming material choices for a Regenerative Future</b></p>	<p>Do you know the amount of waste that is generated in the process of creating our clothing? The textile and apparel (T&amp;A) industry is one of the most polluting and resource-intensive sectors in the world? 45% of the global T&amp;A emissions can be attributed to fibers and raw materials itself!</p> <p>These materials are largely derived from farms, forests and fossil fuels and their continued extraction with growing demand is making the planet unsustainable. So what's the alternative? Alternative materials such as recycled, regenerative and new generation materials have gained traction but have not been adopted aggressively due to imbalance of business requirements.</p> <p>This session will explore ways to balance the business case requirements of the industry vis-a-vis the investment and capacity building support required to scale such materials. This session will offer a space for brands and solution providers to deliberate on the ingredients for mainstreaming sustainable materials for a circular and regenerative future.</p>

<p><b>Crafting Blended Finance- Unlocking Climate Action in South Asia</b></p>	<p>In the urgent pursuit of Sustainable Development Goals, it is clear that substantial financial resources are needed. However, accessing these resources has been a challenge for many developing countries, including those in South Asia. There is an estimated \$4.2 trillion funding gap per annum to realize the SDGs in developing countries alone.</p> <p>Blended finance strategies, which combine public, private, and philanthropic capital, have emerged as a critical approach to address this gap by catalyzing private sector investment in climate solutions. It has already mobilized approximately \$198 billion in capital towards sustainable development in developing countries to-date. While Sub-Saharan Africa is currently the most targeted geography for blended finance transactions, South Asia is the emerging new frontier.</p> <p>This session will emphasize on what it takes to make the most of this opportunity and the importance of forming robust public-private partnerships.</p>
<p><b>Workshop: Climate Risk Assessment</b></p>	<p>This session is hosted in partnership with Aavishkaar Capital.</p> <p>Globally, the urgency of addressing climate change is on the rise. The finance sector has awakened to the importance of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) practices and assessing climate risks. Investors now see how climate events can affect their long-term investments, driven by regulations across US, Europe and Asia and evolving ESG standards.</p> <p>We have reached a place where public market fund managers are voting against companies not addressing climate risks, and this trend is gradually reaching private markets with more investment in climate tech and nature-based solutions. While investors want to reduce climate risk, prompting companies to commit to carbon reduction, the question is HOW? Companies too want to safeguard themselves from the effects of climate change on costs and shifting customer demands, but the question remains HOW?</p> <p>If you are an investor or an entrepreneur who is looking to find the answers, there's no better place!</p>
<p><b>#Global Impact Hackathon</b></p>	<p>In our entrepreneurial endeavor to tackle critical global challenges, Sankalp will host its 1st Hackathon. The session will be a fusion of expertise and ingenuity, with innovators passionately addressing climate change, harnessing AI for societal good, and integrating a social perspective into their solutions.</p> <p>Join this session to discover the innovative solutions that young changemakers have developed and let them inspire you</p>



<p><b>Closing Plenary: Catalyzing Climate Action in Private Sector</b></p>	<p>With unprecedented and interconnected sustainability challenges that the planet and its people face due to climate change, business plays a pre-eminent role in not just driving down GHG emissions across their value chains, but also in improving value chain sustainability and building resilient communities that are directly or indirectly touched by their footprint. The session will deliberate on the pathways and solutions adopted by private sector players across different sectors; the challenges they face, and the support they need from the ecosystem to accelerate the transition towards net zero.</p> <p>The session will specifically delve into the challenges and opportunities linked to access to solutions or technologies, limited capacities and capabilities amongst suppliers to adopt these solutions and the much-needed access to capital that can finance the transition towards planet and people positive supply chains.</p> <p>The plenary will see business and sustainability leaders from sectors incl. Textiles &amp; Apparel, FMCG, Automobiles, Retail etc.</p>
<p><b>#WomenAtSankalp: Sisterhood Soiree</b></p>	<p>Ladies, have you ever stopped to think about the incredible power that lies within the collective strength of women? Do you remember when you were supported by a fellow woman - perhaps a mentor, a friend, or a colleague. Remember how it felt to have someone in your corner, cheering you on? That support was a game-changer, right?</p> <p>Join us at #Women@Sankalp for a session that's not just about empowerment but also about embracing the power of sisterhood. If we are being completely honest, there are times when we don't support each other as we should. Sometimes, it's jealousy or competition, and sometimes it's societal conditioning that pits us against one another. This session will create a safe space for us to reflect on what stops us from being each other's champions and how we can overcome these barriers.</p> <p>Join us in this women-only session. Something magical is sure to come from sharing wisdom, laughter and energy! Get ready to move your body and groove as we break down those walls together!</p>