



# AGROECOLOGY SUMMIT 2025

## Pathways to Sustainable Food Systems

Le Meridien, New Delhi | 6 November 2025

TIME	HALL	SESSION THEME
🕒 9:30 - 10:00 AM	Sovereign	<b>Registration &amp; Networking</b>
🕒 10:00 - 10:05 AM	Sovereign	<b>National Anthem</b>
🕒 10:05 - 10:10 AM	Sovereign	<b>Welcome Address</b> Vivek Sinha, SVP, Lead- GAP Fund, ACCESS Development Services
🕒 10:10 - 10:20 AM	Sovereign	<b>Special Address 1</b> Pravesh Sharma, Chairman, Samunnati Foundation
🕒 10:20 - 10:30 AM	Sovereign	<b>Special Address 2</b> Sanjeev Asthana, Chairman, ACCESS Development Services (CEO, Patanjali Foods)
🕒 10:30 - 10:40 AM	Sovereign	<b>Special Address 3</b> James Marc de Sousa-Shields, Country Director (India), IFAD
🕒 10:40 - 10:50 AM	Sovereign	<b>Keynote Address</b> Dr. Devesh Chaturvedi, Secretary, MoA&FW, Government of India
🕒 10:50 - 11:05 AM	Sovereign	<b>Book Release - Value Chain Studies &amp; Presentation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Devesh Chaturvedi, Secretary, MoA&amp;FW, Government of India</li> <li>- James Marc de Sousa-Shields, Country Director (India), IFAD</li> <li>- Sanjeev Asthana, Chairman, ACCESS Development Services (CEO, Patanjali Foods)</li> <li>- Pravesh Sharma, Chairman, Samunnati Foundation</li> <li>- Vipin Sharma, CEO, ACCESS Development Services</li> <li>- Vivek Sinha, SVP, Lead- GAP Fund, ACCESS Development Services</li> </ul>
🕒 11:05 - 11:20 AM	Sovereign	<b>Grant Awards Ceremony</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Devesh Chaturvedi, Secretary, MoA&amp;FW, Government of India</li> <li>- James Marc de Sousa-Shields, Country Director (India), IFAD</li> <li>- Sanjeev Asthana, Chairman, ACCESS Development Services (CEO, Patanjali Foods)</li> <li>- Pravesh Sharma, Chairman, Samunnati Foundation</li> <li>- Vipin Sharma, CEO, ACCESS Development Services</li> <li>- Vivek Sinha, SVP, Lead- GAP Fund, ACCESS Development Services</li> </ul>
🕒 11:20 - 11:40 AM	Desire Hall	<b>Networking Tea Break</b>

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🕒 11:40 - 12:30 PM	Sovereign	<p><b>Session - 1: Programmes Driving Agroecology: Opportunities, Challenges and Way forward</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Jasmer Dhingra, Director- Programmes, IDH</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Siraj Hussain, Former Secretary, MoFPI, Government of India</li> <li>- Dr. Sanjay Singh Rathod, Head, Agronomy Division, IARI</li> <li>- Dr. Inder Dev, Director- Extension, UHF, Nauni, Himachal Pradesh</li> <li>- Dr. M. Ravishankar, Sr. Scientist, World Vegetable Centre</li> </ul>
🕒 12:30 - 1:30 PM	Sovereign	<p><b>Session - 2: Beyond Labels: Are Certifications Enough to Drive Real Change in Agro-food Systems?</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dr G. V. Ramanjaneyulu, ED, CSA</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Gagnesh Sharma, Director, NCONF (National Centre for Organic and Natural Farming), GOI</li> <li>- Vipul Mittal, MD, NCOL (National Cooperative Organic Limited)</li> <li>- Navin Horo, Senior Advisor, GIZ India</li> <li>- Anil Jadhav, MD, EcoCert</li> <li>- Aneel Ambavaram, Yasasree Viroha Impex Pvt.Ltd, Andhra Pradesh</li> </ul>
🕒 1:30 - 2:15 PM	Desire Hall	<b>Networking Lunch</b>
🕒 2:15 - 3:15 PM	Sovereign	<p><b>Session - 3: Agroecology as a Pathway to Climate Resilience and Food Sovereignty</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Manas Satpathy, Lead Climate Action, Ex-ED, PRADAN</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Padma Shri Dr Bharat Bhusan Tyagi, Mentor, Organic &amp; Natural Farming Systems, AIOFF (All India Organic Farmers Forum)</li> <li>- Murli Dhar, Director, Sustainable Agriculture Programme, WWF, India</li> <li>- Pawan Aggarwal, CEO, Food Future Foundation</li> <li>- Aleen Mukherjee, Director, Farm Sector, ACCESS Development Services</li> <li>- Sanjay Aggarwal, CEO, Clover Organic Pvt. Ltd.</li> <li>- Rohitashwa Gakhar, Director, Operations, ICCOA (International Competence Centre for Organic Agriculture)</li> </ul>
🕒 3:15 - 3:30 PM	Desire Hall	<b>Tea-Coffee Break</b>
🕒 3:30 - 4:30 PM	Sovereign	<p><b>Session - 4: Sustainability beyond Catalytic Funding- Do Agroecology Projects Make Business Sense</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Hemendra Mathur, Co-Founder, ThinkAg</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Arindom Dutta, Venture Partner, Omnivore</li> <li>- Amit Arora, Senior Rural and Agrifinance Specialist, World Bank</li> <li>- G. Krishna Prasad, Founder Director, Sahaja Samrudha, Karnataka</li> <li>- Joash Verghese, All Garo Hills MPCS, Meghalaya</li> <li>- Ashish Naphade, CEO, Jay Sardar FPC, Maharashtra</li> <li>- Ankit Jain, E.F. Polymer, Udaipur, Rajasthan</li> </ul>
🕒 4:30 - 4:45 PM	Sovereign	<p><b>Closing Address &amp; Vote of Thanks</b></p> <p>Pramod Kumar Sahu, Lead- Sustainable Agriculture, ACCESS Development Services</p>