

Unlocking Financing Opportunities for Climate-Resilient, Sustainable Agriculture in India and the Global South

Date: 3rd December 2023

Location: Regional Climate Foundations Pavillion- COP28 (Pavilion No - TA3-145)

Time and duration: 4.30pm to 6pm (UAE time) | 1 hour and 30 minutes

Objective: This objective of this event is highlight innovative financing mechanisms and strategies that can catalyze climate-resilient, sustainable agriculture systems in the Global South. By bringing together key stakeholders from diverse backgrounds, the event seeks to facilitate knowledge exchange, partnership building, and the mobilization of resources to drive transformative change in agricultural and food systems.

Topics to address/ key questions:

- What are the main barriers and challenges hindering investment in climate-resilient, sustainable agriculture?
- Are there specific financial, regulatory, or institutional obstacles that need to be addressed?
- What incentives can be provided to encourage private sector investment in climate-resilient agriculture?
- How can financial instruments be structured to attract investments in sustainable agricultural practices?
- Experience sharing from different Global South countries.

Moderator: Ms. Vidvatta Sharma, Program Manager, Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation

Panelist:

1. Mr. Swapan Mehra, Chief Executive Officer, IORA Ecological Solutions
2. Ms. Seema Paul, Program Director, Sequoia Climate Foundation
3. Mr. Rakesh K. Warriar, Programme Director, BAIF Development Research Foundation

Detailed agenda

Time	Theme/ Activity	Description	Participants
5 mins	Opening Remarks	Introduction to the session	Vidvatta
20 minutes	Context Setting presentation	Context setting presentation on the landscape of climate finance for agri-food systems globally	CPI
50 mins	Moderated discussion and open-house Q&A	Encouraging partners to share reflections and insights from their work and their specific country experiences on scaling finance for sustainable agriculture and land use. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Role of government and private sector in scaling sustainable agriculture	Moderator and panellists

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Differences in the role that various financial instruments play and the extent to which each instrument can be relied upon to scale up sustainable agriculture and land use practices. - Innovative financial instruments that have been piloted in different Global South countries. - How can Global South countries learn from each other and support practice implementation. - Ecosystem support mechanisms that need to be put in place to support scale up of finance for sustainable agriculture and land use. 	
5 mins	Closing remarks	Summary of key messages and invitation to continue the efforts and dialogue.	Koyel Mandal