



Climate Change – IGCC and amfori discusses mitigation in Mumbai with various stakeholders

On 3rd May at Tata Institute of Social Sciences in Mumbai, the institutions of Indo-German Chamber of Commerce, amfori, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Heidelberg University South Asia Institute and Global Shapers Community Mumbai Hub held an event to raise awareness about climate change and to support the search for solutions in the form of a multi-stakeholder forum.

Marja Einig, Deputy Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, expressed her concerns about **what we can do for climate change, as a community at a local level**. She also introduced the **Green Talents Award** which is an *International Forum for High Potentials in Sustainable Development* hosted every year by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research to promote the international exchange of innovative green ideas.

Prof. Dr. Unmesh Patnaik of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences lectured about the existing effects of climate change in India, *"The secondary effects of climate change, the socio-economic effects, are the ones that are really bothersome for a country like India and question we face is the trade-off between adaption to climate change and India's developmental commitment."*

Professor Parthasarathy, working on climate change at the Indian Institute of Technology in Mumbai spoke about the future scenarios of Maharashtra and India, *"The impact of climate change is likely to have a catastrophic impact on the poor in India and the people dependent on the climate and the land for their livelihoods. The effects of climate change on the Indian monsoon is something that is neglected although it has a huge effect on society in all of Asia and ripples are already being felt in the economy."*

With this knowledge of climate change, the World Café, an interactive round of discussions with all the participants, was held to bring about a better understanding of three key questions – *What are the drivers of climate change, the strategies for the mitigation and impact of climate change?* Each participant shared their responses for the three essential economic sectors *Industrial Production, Agriculture, Mobility and Transportation*.

Natasha Majumdar, amfori Network Representative in India, spoke about amfori's Business Environmental Performance Initiative (BEPI), *"It is important for scientists and economists to bridge the gap between knowledge and implementation and thereby develop solutions and initiatives that can mitigate and*

address the adverse impact on our environment. amfori BEPI is one such leading global initiative. I am pleased to share that amfori BEPI is going to develop chemical management and energy management capacity building and training in India."

Naman Gupta, Team Leader Maharashtra, Action Climate Today, conveyed her experiences about her focus areas such as engagement with Senior Government Officials, Corporates, Think Tanks & Professionals, for Policy development, Programme Management, Climate Finance Project Development, Knowledge Management and Capacity Development in the space of climate change.

Ruchie Kothari, Independent Consultant for Sustainability and part of Global Shapers Community, shared her parting food for thought, *"What we need is to identify one act from a personal and a professional level that we can implement. What is it that you can change?"*

"I like the event because there is a mix of people here, not just your usual crowd and I felt very comfortable speaking up about the important topic of climate change and how we can help mitigate it in Maharashtra", a happy participant said.



The World Café table discussions in progress



(L-R) Natasha Majumdar, amfori Network Representative in India; Marja Einig, Deputy Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany; Sebastian Soenksen, Coordinator Sustainability Projects; Prof. Dr. Unmesh Patnaik, Tata Institute of Social Sciences



Vivek Gilani, Director at cBalance sharing the results of the Harvest session on Transportation and Mobility



Professor Parthasarathy, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences



Dr. Madhushree Sekher, Professor, Centre for Study of Social Exclusion & Inclusive Policies



Naman Gupta, Team Leader Maharashtra, ACT



Ruchie Kothari, Global Shapers Community