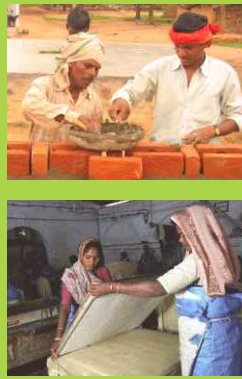


The TARAgam YATRA

TARAgam YATRA is an annual event organised by Development Alternatives and its partners to deliberate on germane issues of sustainability. The Yatra - a journey or pilgrimage that one takes with friends and colleagues to attain higher goals, brings together top-level practitioners and policy makers from across the world. With a mix of dialogue and field visits, the Yatra provides a platform for exchanging cutting-edge ideas on how to realise a sustainable future. The event provides leads for follow-up on policies and action at the local, national and global levels.



The Organisers



Established in 1982, Development Alternatives innovates and delivers eco-solutions for poverty reduction and environment regeneration. With a mission for creating sustainable livelihoods, it influences and spearheads major policy changes for sustainable development and empowerment of the marginalised.

Partners

The Green Economy Coalition (GEC)

The Green Economy Coalition, founded in 2009 in Switzerland and hosted by IIED, has members from the environment, development, business, labour and consumer sectors. The focus is on policy changes for a clean, green and equitable global economy.
Website: www.greeneconomycoalition.org



The International Institute for Environment & Development (IIED)

IIED is an independent international research organisation working with some of the world's most vulnerable people with a mission to build a fairer, more sustainable world.
Website: www.iied.org

The Nehru Memorial Museum & Library (NMML)

NMML instituted as a tribute to Jawaharlal Nehru (1889 - 1964), is an autonomous institution under the Government of India. Located in the majestic Teen Murti House, the official residence of the first Prime Minister of India, it has a Memorial Museum, a Library on modern India, a Centre for Contemporary Studies and a Planetarium.
Website: www.nehrumemorial.com



The Heinrich Böll Foundation

The Heinrich Böll Foundation is a non-profit organization striving to promote democracy, civil society, human rights, international understanding and a healthy environment internationally. The Heinrich Böll Foundation is affiliated with the German Green Party. Headquartered in Berlin.
Website: www.boell.org or www.boell-india.org



The Department of Science & Technology

The Department of Science & Technology plays a pivotal role in promotion of science & technology in the country. Its activities range from promoting high-end basic research and development of cutting-edge technologies to servicing technological requirements of the common man through development of appropriate skills and technologies.
Website: www.dst.gov.in



The Ministry of External Affairs

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) is the foreign ministry of India. It is the Indian government agency responsible for the foreign relations of India.
Website: www.mea.nic.in



The Ministry of Environment & Forests

The ministry is responsible for planning, promoting, coordinating, and overseeing the implementation of environmental and forestry programmes in the country.
Website: www.moef.nic.in



The KIIT University

KIIT School of Rural Management(KSRM) ...school for change managers
KSRM's vision is to strive to become a leading global academic institution in the field of Rural Management and show the path of eradicating rural backwardness.
Website: www.ksrm.ac.in



The RING Alliance for Policy Research Institutions

RING, founded in 1991, is an alliance of 13 policy research organisations promoting sustainable development through research, dissemination and policy advocacy.
Website: www.ring-alliance.org



The UNEP/GRID-Arendal

UNEP/GRID-Arendal is an official United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) collaborating centre located in Arendal, Norway with out posted offices in Ottawa and Stockholm. GRID-Arendal's mission is to provide environmental information, capacity building services and innovative communication tools, methodologies and products for information management and outreach. GRID-Arendal seeks to make credible, science-based knowledge understandable to the public and to decision-makers.
Website: www.grida.no



The ACC Limited

Established in 1936, ACC Limited is India's foremost cement manufacturing company with a countrywide network of factories and marketing offices. A pioneer in cement and concrete technology, ACC is one of the first companies in the country to include environment protection as a corporate objective.
Website: www.acclimited.com



The Tata Steel

The Tata Steel Group has always believed that mutual benefit of countries, corporations and communities is the most effective route to growth. Tata Steel has not limited its operations and businesses within India but has built an imposing presence around the globe as well.
Website: www.tatasteel.com



The Ministry of New & Renewable Energy

The Ministry is responsible mainly for research and development, intellectual property protection, and international cooperation, promotion, and coordination in renewable energy sources such as wind power, small hydro, biogas, and solar power.
Website: www.mnre.nic.in



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TARAgam Orchha, Madhya Pradesh

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TARAGram YATRA 2010 will unfold as follows:

Friday, 17 September 2010
**Venue: Nehru Memorial Museum and Library,
New Delhi**

Inaugural Session

Keynote Address by Dr. Ashok Khosla
Chairman, Development Alternatives,
President, International Union for Conservation of Nature and
President, Club of Rome

Overview Presentations

- Immediate global challenges of poverty reduction and environmental regeneration
- Low carbon pathways to create sustainable livelihoods on a global scale

Panel discussion and audience interaction



Saturday, 18 - Monday, 20 September 2010
Venue: TARAGram Orchha, Madhya Pradesh

TARAGram YATRA 2010 - A journey into Bundelkhand, the rural heartland of India, combining first hand exposure to the challenges of poverty and environmental degradation with real life stories of change and cutting-edge discourse on alternative pathways to sustainable development

Introductory Session

Working Sessions

I Green Growth: Priority Sectors for Large Scale Impact

Sectoral overviews highlighting global trends, major gaps, best practices, key influencing factors and high potential opportunities in

- Renewable Energy
- Sustainable Construction
- Water Management
- Waste Recycling
- Sustainable Agriculture

Walk through TARAGram

**Thematic presentation and panel discussion on
Green Jobs**



II Building Blocks for Green Growth

Presentations with systemic analyses highlighting global trends, stress points, path-breaking initiatives and scalable models in the development of

- Technology
- Skills
- Institutions, and
- Markets

Field visits to habitat, energy, water, information services and local institution building initiatives

III Strategic Imperatives and Practical Solutions

Thematic presentation and panel discussion on Adaptation for Livelihood Security

Group work on priority goals, key capacity building tasks and immediate actions at the global level in BRIC nations and in Least Developed Countries to promote sustainable technologies, education and vocational training, social empowerment and green business models

IV Stimulating Inclusive Growth: Green Investment as a Key Driver

Presentations on the macro-environment for Green Investment highlighting existing mechanisms, major opportunities and principal barriers.

Discussion on breakthrough initiatives to support green entrepreneurship and game-changing possibilities for investment in high potential sectors

V Agenda for Stakeholder Action: Policy as a Key Enabler

Group work on policy orientation required to create enabling frameworks for green growth and new mandates for the state, private sector, financial institutions and civil society

Drafting of the TARAGram Declaration 2010



Tuesday, 21 September 2010
**Venue: Nehru Memorial Museum and Library,
New Delhi**

Session I

: Youth for Action

based on Yuva TARAGram YATRA,
1 September - 6 September 2010
Student Projects on "Climate Change
in Bundelkhand"

Session II

: Yatra 2010 Revealed

Session III

: Green Investment for Inclusive Growth and Policy Imperatives for Greening of Economies

Call for Action

: Valedictory Session

Presentation of "TARAGram Declaration 2010"
Address by Chief Guest
Passing the baton to Youth for Action

The Green Economy Perspective

The **Global Green New Deal** concept, emerging from the current financial crisis, highlights vast, yet previously unnoticed opportunities for investing in sectors that are good for both development and environment, such as conservation, renewable energy and clean transport. These investments can serve the triple purpose of reviving the economy, regenerating the environment and setting development onto a more sustainable path.

The **TARAGram YATRA** dialogue promises to be a milestone in a series of global multi-stakeholder consultation processes leading up to Rio+20. TARAGram YATRA 2010 is organised by Development Alternatives in partnership with the Green Economy Coalition (GEC), the Ring Alliance of Policy Research Organisations, the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) and the Nehru Memorial Museum & Library (NMML). The Yatra aims to build consensus amongst key stakeholders on prioritised and sequenced issues in the transition to sustainability.

The Yatra's primary focus will be on Green Investment and Policy Imperatives. It recognises that creation of a green backbone that can support emerging economies will need large injections of capital, a vital prerequisite for sustainability and scalability. Green investing is not just an ethical issue but also a potentially crucial economic influence. As UNEP and ILO (2008) point out:

"Little progress is being made in generating sufficient investment in those developing countries where the benefits of clean development are most needed and where employment losses from not tackling the environmental crises are likely to be very serious."

Strategic insights emerging from TARAGram YATRA will address the issue of building our nations' capacities to secure livelihoods and community prosperity while reducing our carbon footprint and improving the health of ecosystems.

Yatra 2010 recognises that in addition to green investment, the achievement of green growth requires the widespread adoption of green technology, the evolution of green markets and a workforce armed with skills to take up green jobs. Only when these are in tandem can the future of the planet and its peoples be secured.

Structure and Venues

TARAGram YATRA 2010 will take place at the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi and at the DA Group Resource Centre at TARAGram, Bundelkhand in Central India over five days, consisting of:

- Inaugural session in New Delhi - half day
- Working sessions at TARAGram and field visits - three days
- Plenary and Valedictory sessions in New Delhi - one day

The sessions at TARAGram will concentrate on "discussion and design" of path breaking approaches; those at New Delhi will focus more on wider "consultation and communication" with a national and global audience.

Outputs

The primary outputs of TARAGram YATRA 2010 will be:

- Clear and wider understanding of Green Economy issues and solutions
- A Declaration of key messages emerging from the event
- A concise document on critical green economy issues and practical solutions for the public and media
- Thematic documents on green jobs, green investments, and adaptation for livelihood security relevant to practitioners and policy makers
- An interactive website that enables stakeholders to
 - ≠ disseminate knowledge products and case studies
 - ≠ take follow-up action

Participants

The Yatra will include participants from national, state and local governments, businesses and financial institutions, academics and research organisations, civil society and international agencies. The broad mix of interests and expertise is designed to encourage generation of new ideas and innovative solutions, and to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experience.