

2nd CII INDIA NORDIC BALTIC BUSINESS CONCLAVE

22 - 23 November 2023: Sushma Swaraj Bhawan, New Delhi

Programme

Day I: Wednesday, 22 November 2023

0930 hrs Registrations

1000 – 1045 hrs Country Round Table - Faroe Islands

1100 – 1200 hrs Inaugural Session
India – Nordic Baltic: Creating Partnership for Future

- **Dr. S. Jaishankar**, Minister of External Affairs, Government of India
- **H.E. Mr Ville Tavio**, Minister for Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade, Republic of Finland
- **H.E. Mr Niklas Wykman**, Minister for Financial Markets, Kingdom of Sweden
- **H.E. Mr Aksel Vilhelmson Johannesen**, Prime Minister, Faroe Islands
- **Mr R Dinesh**, President, CII and Chairman, TVS Supply Chain Solutions Ltd
- **Mr Chandrajit Banerjee**, Director General, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

1215 – 1315 hrs **SESSION I**
Food Processing & Productivity: Next Practices

India's food processing sector has grown to be a sunrise sector and offers enormous investment opportunities with stimulating growth, encouraging economic policies and attractive fiscal incentives. India's Agenda 2030, calls for cooperation between domestic and international stakeholders.

How can cooperation between India and the Nordic Baltic nations provide support in the multilateral system addressing global challenges and providing a holistic approach to all three dimensions of sustainability- economic, social and environment? What are the best ways to share experiences, innovations and best practices in transforming food systems to more sustainable ones?

Session Moderator: **Mr. Rajiv Wahi**, CEO, Captain Agri Machinery, India

Panelists:

- **Mr Oluf Zeilund Jessen**, Vice President, International Development, DHI, Denmark
- **Mr Abhinav Khare**, Managing Director, GC Rieber Compact, Norway
- **Mr Amit Sawhney**, CEO, Kiz Foods Private Limited, India
- **Mr Anand Chordia**, Director, Suhana Group, India

1315 – 1400 hrs Lunch

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1400 – 1445 hrs Country Round Table – Finland

1400 – 1500 hrs **SESSION II**
Arctic: Blue Economy and Maritime Cooperation

The efficient management of the blue economy can contribute to greater global supply chain resilience by promoting sustainable marine practices, encouraging innovation, facilitating greater connectivity and greater maritime cooperation between nations. India, with its vast coastline and strategic location in the Indian Ocean, is poised to harness the potential of the blue economy by embracing technology and addressing climate change. Nordic-Baltic countries have also placed great emphasis on the blue economy, given the sectors' potential for encouraging sustainable growth.

What strategies can the two regions adopt to enhance cooperation in the sector for promoting greater supply chain resilience? What are the potential areas of cooperation, particularly in terms of technology and innovative practices, that can promote greater sustainable development between the regions?

Session Moderator: **Mr Vir Advani**, Chairman CII International & Trade Policy Council & Vice Chairman and Managing Director, Blue Star Limited, India

Panelists:

- **Mr Arun Kumar Sahu**, Joint Secretary, Central Europe, Ministry of External Affairs, India
- **Mr Mads Qvist Frederiksen**, Director, Arctic Economic Council, Denmark
- **Mr Rúni M. Hansen**, Executive Chairman, Tjaldur (Bakkafrost), Faroe Islands
- **Mr Siddharth Swaminathan**, Founder & CEO, REPLY, Iceland
- **Ms Siri Carson**, Director NTNU Oceans, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Norway
- **Mr Sachin Kulkarni**, Head, Marine Business - Wärtsilä Marine, South Asia, India

1500 – 1600 hrs **SESSION III**
Renewable Energy Integration: Leveraging the Opportunity for Sustainable Future

India is the 3rd largest energy consuming country in the world. To ensure further renewable integration, the need of the hour calls for identification of resources, regulatory, policy and institutional support, energy storage and advance technology initiatives. The Nordic and Baltic Countries are among the most innovative and sustainable economies in the world, possessing all kinds of technology especially in the RE sector.

How can Nordic-Baltic nations, along with other global leaders, support India to identify high priority clean energy related technologies? What policies and initiatives can be taken to contribute to the decarbonization in all stakeholder nations?

Session Moderator: **Mr Prashant Choubey**, President, Avaada Group, India

Guest of Honor:

- **H. E. Mr. Andreas Motzfeldt Kravik**, Deputy Foreign Minister, Kingdom of Norway

Panelists:

- **Mr Peeyush Mohit**, Founder & Chief Operating Officer, O2 Power, India
- **Mr Bjarni Richter**, Head of Marketing & Business Development, Iceland GeoSurvey, Iceland

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- **Mr Rishabh Khanna**, Co-Founder and Chief Impact Officer, Earthbanc, Sweden
- **Ms Heli Antila**, CEO, Chempolis, Finland

1600 – 1700 hrs **SESSION IV**

Collaboration for New Technologies: Transitioning together to Industry 5.0

The manufacturing sector is an important pillar of any country's economy. It contributes to employment, GDP growth, and exports. To increase productivity and efficiency of manufacturing, many businesses worldwide have already transitioned into Industry 4.0 with smart manufacturing, integrating advanced technologies such as automation, robotics, artificial intelligence (AI) and Internet of Things (IoT).

With India emerging as an economic powerhouse with strong democratic credentials, how can cooperation with the Nordic and Baltic nations help India in become a developed nation by 2047? How can expanding relations between India and Nordic countries help in bolstering smart manufacturing in both regions?

Session Moderator: **Mr Pranjal Sharma**, Economic Analyst, Advisor and Author, India

Guest of Honor:

- **H. E. Mr Egidijus Meilūnas**, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Lithuania

Panelists:

- **Mr Snæbjørn Jacobsen**, CEO, Stýr, Faroe Islands
- **Mr John Jensen**, Deputy Director General, COO, Danish Patent and Trademark Office (DKPTO), Denmark
- **Ms Edda Bjork Ragnarsdottir**, Business Development and Commercialisation, Carbfix, Iceland
- **Dr P N S V Narasimham**, President and Head of Corporate functions, Cyient Ltd, India
- **Mr Eirik Selnæs Sivertsen**, Project manager small satellites - NTNU Oceans, Norway

1700 – 1800 hrs **SESSION V**

Green Financing: Structured Climate Financing for the Future

Climate finance remains critical to mitigating climate risks and securing a green, sustainable and climate resilient future. However, making significant progress towards achieving climate goals also requires structural solutions to issues with respect to funding, institutions, and financing tools. Disbursing timely funds will be critical for accelerating an inclusive and sustainable green transition, which will require concerted efforts from governments, international organizations, financial institutions, and private players.

Given that India and the Nordic-Baltic countries share common goals of climate, energy, and innovation, how can the two regions drive greater funding and investments through greater collaboration and facilitate the global green transition? What strategies and solutions can the two regions develop in advancing climate action and mobilizing climate finance?

Session Moderator: **Mr Vish Iyer**, Global Chief Commercial Officer, Jakson Green, India

Guest of Honor: **H. E. Mr Niklas Wykman**, Minister for Financial Markets, Kingdom of Sweden

Panelists:

- **Ms Ulla E Joensen**, CEO, Electron, Faroe Islands

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- **Mr Tomas Hansson**, Chairman, Geotropy, Iceland
- **Ms Nina Fenton**, Head of Regional Representation, South Asia, European Investment Bank, European Union
- **Mr Per Lillebø**, Chairman, Cambi AS, Norway
- **Mr Dibirath Sen**, Managing Director and Head of Global Banking North India & India Lead-Sustainable Finance, HSBC, India
- **Dr Harish K Ahuja**, Head – Product and Strategy (Power and Carbon Markets), NSE, India

1800 – 1900 hrs **SESSION VI** **Special Plenary**

Chief Guest:

- **Shri Piyush Goyal**, Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles, Government of India

Panelists:

- **H.E. Mr Niklas Wykman**, Minister for Financial Markets, Kingdom of Sweden
- **H. E. Mr Ville Tavio**, Minister for Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade, Republic of Finland
- **H.E. Mr Aksel Vilhelmson Johannesen**, Prime Minister, Faroe Islands
- **H.E. Ms Mariin Ratnik**, Deputy Minister for Economic and Development Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Estonia
- **H.E. Mr Egidijus Meilūnas**, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Lithuania
- **H.E. Mr Andreas Motzfeldt Kravik**, Deputy Foreign Minister, Kingdom of Norway
- **H.E. Mr Jurgis Miežainis**, Parliamentary Secretary, Latvian Ministry of Economics Republic of Latvia
- **H. E. Mr Benedikt Hoskuldsson**, Special Envoy for Climate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Republic of Iceland
- **Mr R Dinesh**, President, CII and Chairman, TVS Supply Chain Solutions Ltd
- **Mr Chandrajit Banerjee**, Director General, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

1900 – 1905 hrs **Felicitation of Visiting Ministers and Photo Op of Special Plenary Session**

1905 hrs **Dinner**

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1000 – 1100 hrs **SESSION VII**
Information Technology and AI 360: An Innovation-driven Partnership for Growth in a New World

In recent years, the field of artificial intelligence (AI) and Information Technology (IT) has been a relentless source of fascination and amazement. Technology has transcended all conventional geographical, political and economic boundaries. Today we live in a big global digital village. Further, Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become a crucial reality. In India, AI is revolutionizing sectors including education, agriculture, and healthcare. India has a conducive environment for AI to flourish given its talented workforce and strengths in IT and innovation. On the other hand, the Nordic-Baltic region is already a leader in the development of IT and AI and is focusing on expanding cooperation to further elevate the region's status. What are the potential areas of cooperation between India and the Nordic-Baltic countries where the two can come together and address the many complex societal challenges that the world is faced with today? How can the two regions collaborate on skill development initiatives for enabling inclusive AI and IT for all?

Session Moderator: **Mr Pranjal Sharma**, Economic Analyst, Advisor and Author, India

Guest of Honor:

- **H.E. Ms Mariin Ratnik**, Deputy Minister for Economic and Development Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Estonia

Panelists:

- **Dr Jan Goetz**, CEO & Co-Founder, IQM Quantum Computer, Finland
- **Ms Solvita Gulbe**, Deputy Director, Foreign Trade Promotion Department, Investment and Development Agency of Latvia
- **Ms Simonas Černiauskas**, CEO, Infobalt, Lithuania
- **Mr Egon Veermäe**, CEO, Gennet Laboratories, Estonia
- **Mr Jagdish Mitra**, Chief Strategy Officer, Tech Mahindra, India
- **Mr Manoj Gurnani**, Chief Technology Officer, Nokia, India

1000 – 1045 hrs **Country Round Table – Iceland**

1100 – 1145 hrs **Country Round Table – Lithuania**

1100 – 1200 hrs **SESSION VIII**
Resilient Supply Chain and Logistics: Agility and Risk Management

The rapidly changing global economic landscape and widespread economic disruptions in the past few years have necessitated the need for building efficient and resilient supply chains. The Logistics Policy introduced in 2022 envisions building a technologically enabled, resilient, cost-efficient logistics system and will further strengthen Indian supply chains. With their common goals of promoting efficient and resilient supply chains, India together with the Nordic-Baltic can become a powerful force in building strong global value chains. How can India and the Nordic Baltic countries harness individual strengths to expand collaboration in optimal logistics management for building efficient and resilient global supply chains? How can the two supplement efforts in leveraging new technological advancements in boosting supply chain resilience?

Session Moderator: **Mr Kamal Bali**, Chairman CII Southern Region and President and MD Volvo Group India Pvt Ltd., India

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- **H. E. Mr Jurģis Miežainis**, Parliamentary Secretary at the Latvian Ministry of Economics, Republic of Latvia

Panelists:

- **Dr Surendra Ahirwar**, Joint Secretary, Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Government of India
- **Mr Henrik Isakson**, Director-Trade Policy-Swedish Enterprise, Sweden
- **Mr Nishad Ali**, CEO, Teltonika, India
- **Mr. Anil Arora**, Managing Partner, Aetos, Digilog, India
- **Mr. Sanjiv Edward**, CEO, Cargo and Logistics, GMR Group, India

1200 – 1300 hrs **Valedictory Session**

Session Moderator: **Mr Chandrajit Banerjee**, Director General, Confederation of Indian Industry

Remarks:

- **Mr Sanjay Verma**, Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs
- **H.E. Ms Mariin Ratnik**, Deputy Minister for Economic and Development Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Estonia
- **H.E. Mr Jurģis Miežainis**, Parliamentary Secretary at the Latvian Ministry of Economics, Republic of Latvia
- **H. E. Mr Freddy Svane**, Ambassador of Kingdom of Denmark to India
- **H.E. Mr Guðni Bragason**, Ambassador of Republic of Iceland to India
- **H. E. Ms Diana Mickevičienė**, Ambassador of Republic of Lithuania to India
- **H.E. Mr Jan Thesleff**, Ambassador of Kingdom of Sweden to India
- **Mr Tito Grownow**, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Republic of Finland to India
- **Ms Martine Aamdal Bottheim**, Minister Counsellor, Deputy Head of Mission of Kingdom of Norway to India

1300 – 1400 hrs **Lunch**

Close of 2nd CII India Nordic Baltic Business Conclave