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India's Biogas Decade - From Vision to Global Leadership

# **PROGRAMME**

# DAY 1 Wednesday, 3 December 2025 08:00 to 17:30

08:00 - 09:00	Registration & Networking Main Hall (Jacaranda)	
09:00 - 10:00	Inaugural Plenary Session Fueling India's Biogas Decade	
	<u>Theme</u> : India as a global leader in climate solutions / Biogas as a key driver for energy security, clean energy, waste management, and circular economy	
	Objectives: Sets the tone for India's biogas decade, outlining its role in achieving net- zero while promoting energy security, energy transition, waste management, circular economy and building global partnerships and alliances	
	<ul> <li>Chaired by:</li> <li>Ms. Charlotte Morton OBE, Chief Executive Officer, World Biogas Association (WBA)</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Speakers:         <ul> <li>Mr. Meenesh Shah, Chairperson, National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)</li> <li>Ms. Mary Burce Warlick, Deputy Executive Director, International Energy Agency (IEA)</li> <li>Ms. Gauri Singh, Deputy Director General, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)</li> <li>Mr. Tarun Kapoor, Advisor to Hon'ble Prime Minister, Government of India</li> <li>Mr. Pankaj Jain (IAS), Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum &amp; Natural Gas (MoPNG), Government of India</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break & Networking	
	Policy & Leadership Track Main Hall (Jacaranda)	Technical Track Gulmohar Hall
10:30 – 11:30	Delivering on India's Biogas Vision – Making Biogas Happen Programme  Theme: Innovative Programmes & Policies, National Blending Targets, National Gas Grid, and Distributed Supply Chain	
	Objectives: Aligning policy and regulatory frameworks, standards, and certification with market mechanisms to create a high performing, sustainable, and scalable CBG industry ecosystem in India	
	<ul><li>Chaired by:</li><li>Dr. Pradeep Monga, Senior Advisor &amp; Policy Director, WBA</li></ul>	
	<ul> <li>Speakers</li> <li>Mr. Ashish Kumar, Chief Executive         Officer, VERBIO</li> <li>Mr. Jagjeet Sareen, India-Head, Dalberg         Advisors</li> <li>Col. Rohit Dev, Founder, Reveille         Energy</li> <li>Mr. Mahesh Girdhar, Managing         Director &amp; Chief Executive Officer, Ever         Enviro Resource Private Ltd.</li> </ul>	
11:30 – 12:30	India's Leadership in delivering on the Global Biogas Agenda  Theme: India's ambitious biogas targets, leadership in the Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA) and contributing to Net Zero and Energy Security (COP 30 outcomes)  Objectives: Showcasing India's ambitions and strategies to lead biogas agenda globally, contributing to GBA, promoting biogas as part of Net Zero strategies, energy security, and linking with the COP 30 Outcomes  Chaired by:	10:30 – 13:00  Workshop #MBH: Global Biogas Regulatory Framework (GBRF)  Implementing Global Policies and Regulatory Frameworks to unlock Biogas potential in India  Theme: A global framework that encompasses all the policies, regulations, and standards necessary to consolidate a high-performance biogas sector at the national level
	Dr. Vibha Dhawan, Director General, The Energy Resource Institute (TERI)	Objectives: Introduce the nine pillars from the MBH project that will provide

### delegates an understanding of a range of Speakers: key deliverables under the GBRF and highlight the needs of its implementation • Mr. Sanjay Ganjoo, Director General, with a suitable and cohesive action plan Indian Federation of Green Energy • Dr. Shantanu Gupta, Director Technical, Speakers: Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA) • Mr. Flávio Ascenco, Senior Technical Lead, WBA • Mr. Gaurav Kedia, Chairman, Indian Biogas Association (IBA) • Dr Sarah Letsinger, MBH Policy Lead, • Mr. Atul Kharate, Chief Operating **WBA** Officer, Indian Oil Adani Venture • Mr Ashish Chutani, National Policy Head, Maruti Suzuki India Ltd. 12:30 -Fireside Chat 13:00 City Gas to Green Gas: Roadmap for a **Biomethane-Driven Future** Moderator: • Ms. Charlotte Morton OBE, Chief Executive, WBA Speakers: • Mr. Ashu Shinghal, MD, Mahanagar Gas • Mr. Satyan Kumar, CEO, ONGC Green 13:00 -**Lunch & Networking** 14:00 14:00 -State and Sectoral Action Plans, Policies, 15:00 & Standards Technical Panel **Social and Economic Impacts of Biogas** Theme: Accelerating integration of state Industry and sectoral action plans, policies, and standards Theme: Biogas Industry empowering women, creating jobs, clean cooking Objectives: Discussing how state level opportunities, and improving resilience of biogas action plans can facilitate adoption communities of key elements of ADCS International, unlock investments, promote sustainable Objectives: Identifying opportunities to supply chains, and create robust biogas empower women as entrepreneurs, markets at the state level skilled work force, and beneficiaries in the biogas ecosystem, creating employment Chaired by: opportunities through supply chain, clean • Dr Anil Jain, Chairperson PNGRB – Chair cooking options, and sustainable waste management practices for adoption by Speakers: communities • Mr. Sanjay Bandopadhyaya, Member, Supreme Court Committee on Road Chaired by: Safety & Chairperson, Green Transport • Dr Gaurav Mishra, Director MNRE -Chair

#### & Mobility Committee, Indian Federation of Green Energy (IFGE) **Speakers:** • Mr. Debajit Palit, Chintan Research Mr. Ajay Shukla, Managing Director, Madhya Pradesh New and Renewable Foundation **Energy Department** • Mr. Vinay Patel, NDDB MRIDA • Dr. Suresh Chandra Sharma, Former • Ms. Rekha Krishnan, Founder WEFT, Officer on Special Duty, Energy and **Board Member of CLEAN** Climate Change, Niti Aayog, • Mr. Atul Mittal, South Asia Director, Government of India Sistema Bio Mr. Shivshankar. L, KKS, Managing Director, Karnataka State Bioenergy Development Board (KSBEB) 15:00-**Cities Driving the CBG Revolution** Technical Panel 16:00 Sustainable Fuels of the Future -Biomethane, rDME, BioLPG & Hydrogen Theme: Urban MSW, STP sludge, and wastewater integration / Scaling statelevel pipelines and investor-ready projects Theme: Emerging fuels such Biomethane, rDME, BioLPG, and hydrogen Objectives: Highlighting how cities are co-production and pathways through enabling localized waste management and hybrid biogas plants. clean energy ecosystems, attracting investments, and promoting public private Objectives: Introducing next-gen technologies to diversify India's biofuel partnerships. portfolio and support clean energy transitions. Integration of innovative Chaired by: • Mr. Shishir Priyadarshi, President, technologies for multiple clean energy Chintan Research Foundation outputs. Speakers: Chaired by: Dr. SSV Ramkumar, Executive Vice • Mr. Shashi Shekhar, Former Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and President, AM Green Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government **Speakers:** of India • Mr. Satinder Pal Singh, Managing • Dr. N.P Singh, Advisor, United Nations **Industrial Development Organization** Director – LanzaTech, (UNIDO) India • Mr. Jagjeet Sareen, India-Head, **Dalberg Advisors** • Mr. Shivam Verma, IAS, Municipal Corporation, Indore • Mr. Flávio Ascenco, Senior Technical • Mr. Kiran Dighavkar, Dy Municipal Lead, WBA commissioner, Mumbai • Mr. Kalpesh Kumar, Chief Executive Officer, REFEX, Chennai 16:00 -Carbon Markets - Innovation and 16:00 - 16:3017:00 Integration **Coffee Break & Networking** Theme: Carbon credits, financing and markets, national registry, blockchain, monitoring and verification

Objectives: Exploring how digital and innovative technologies, harmonised policies, LCA, and MRV ecosystem can monetize and integrate biogas/biomethane credits into growing carbon markets in India

### Chaired by:

• Mr. Saumya Gadnaik, Country Representative, Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), India

### Speakers:

- Ms. Zerin Osho, Director, India Programme, Institute for Governance & Sustainability Development
- Mr. Kevin Houston, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Carbon Masters
- Mr. Raj Kapoor, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Blockchain
- Mr. Jai Kumar Gaurav, Senior Advisor, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
- Mr. Rohit Kumar, Secretary General, Carbon Markets Association of India (CMAI)

### 17:00 – 17:30

Fireside Chat

Dialogue on journey towards 5000 CBG Plants by 2030

### **Speakers Fireside:**

• Hon'ble Minister Hardeep Singh Puri

### Moderators:

- Mr. Kushan Mitra, The Pioneer
- Ms. Charlotte Morton OBE, Chief Executive, WBA

#### 16:30 - 17:30

### **Technical Panel**

Accelerating Research & Development, Innovation, and Sustainability through Public-Private Partnerships

<u>Theme:</u> Accelerating collaborative R & D centres, innovative technologies developers, supply chain, off takers, additives, and service providers

Objectives: Identifying and closing innovation gaps to fast-track technology localisation, scaling, promoting sustainability, and public private partnerships for accelerating R & D.

### **Chaired by:**

• Prof. V. K. Vijay, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi

### **Speakers:**

		Dr. Suresh Chandra Sharma, Former Special Duty (Energy & Climate Change), Niti Aayog Mr. Vivek Taneja, Managing Director, Suma India Mr. S. R. Meena, Director, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India
17:30- 17:45	Signing of MoU between WBA and NDDB Cooperation in presence of Hon'ble Minister MoPNG	
19:00- 21:00	Networking Dinner (by Invitation)	

# DAY 2 Thursday, 4 December 2025 09:00 to 17:30

09:00 - 09:30	Welcome Remarks and Setting the Scene (WBA)  Keynote Address  Speaker:	
	Shri Sripad Naik, St	rate Minister MNRE
	Policy & Leadership Track Main Hall (Jacaranda)	Technical Track Gulmohar Hall
09:30 - 10:00	Biogas Beyond Borders: Global Dialogue  Theme: Experiences from Europe, North America, Brazil, China, Indonesia, Singapore, South Africa on technology transfer, investments, and explore North - South and South- South cooperation models  Focus & Objectives: Learning from other developed and emerging economies to accelerate biogas deployment nationally and worldwide, and integration with international methane reduction initiatives and national level climate goals  Chaired by:  Dr. YB Ramakrishna, Senior Vice President, Indian Federation of Green Energy (IFGE)  Speakers:  Mr. Thierry Michel Rene Martin, Senior Urban Development Specialist, World Bank  Dr. Peter Zeniewski, Senior Energy Analyst, International Energy Agency (IEA)  Mr. Ravi Gupta, Renuka Sugars  Ms. Vidvatta Sharma, Regional Associate Asia, Global Methane Hub	Technical Panel  The Role of Biomethane in Decarbonising Hard-to-Abate Industrial Sectors  Theme: Biomethane adoption in steel, cement, chemical, and refining sectors  Objectives: Driving deep decarbonisation through biomethane production, supply and integration in heavy industries and supply chains  Chaired by:  Dr. Dilip Kumar Khare, Technical Advisor WBA India  Speakers:  Mr. Amit Kulshrestha, General Manager, National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd. (NTPC)  Mr. Baljeet Singh, Director, Centre for High Technology (CHT)  Mr. Rajesh Kumar Mediratta, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Indian Gas Exchange  Mr. Atul Kharate, CEO, Indian Oil Adani Venture
10:00 -	Fireside Chat	

10:30	<ul> <li>Strategic Vision for Biogas &amp; Biomethane</li> <li>Margin to Mainstream</li> <li>Moderator:         <ul> <li>Ms. Charlotte Morton OBE, Chief Executive, WBA</li> </ul> </li> <li>Speaker:         <ul> <li>Mr. Santosh Kumar Sarangi, Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
10:30 - 11:00	Session 6 continued	
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee Break - Networking	10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break & Networking
11:15 - 12:15	Small and Medium Scale Biogas Plants – Challenges and Opportunities  Theme: Small and Medium Scale Biogas Plants for Clean Energy, Waste Management, biofertilizer, and Circular Economy  Focus & Objectives: Discussing the potential of Small and Medium Scale Biogas Plants for promoting energy transition, clean cooking, food security, and waste management in urban / rural /of farm areas  Chaired by:  Mr. Deepak Gupta, Former Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India  Speakers:  Mr. Bhimashankar, Chief Operating Officer, National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) MRIDA  Dr. Gaurav Mishra, Director, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India  Mr. Dharmendra Kumar, Sustain Plus  Dr. Sarbjit Singh Sooch, Former Principal Scientist, Punjab Agriculture University	Workshop #MBH: International Anaerobic Digestion Certification Scheme  Enhancing Performance, Standards, and Operations of the Biogas Plants  Theme: How will AD certification scheme and standards enhance the performance and operations of biogas plants and increase their financial viability  Objectives: Introduction to the global standards and how to implement it. Understand the AD certification scheme specifically for the biogas sector, independently audited, to improve operator health and safety and the plant's environmental and operational performance. ADCS International covers 11 modules that will secure the success of your unit  Speakers:  Mr. Flávio Ascenco, Senior Technical Lead, WBA  Dr Sarah Letsinger, MBH Policy Lead, WBA

12:15 – 13:15	Biogas for Decarbonizing Maritime, Aviation, and Transport Sectors	
	<u>Theme:</u> Biomethane as a marine fuel / Biogas-derived SAF/Transport (buses) fuel	
	Objectives: Exploring biogas potential for decarbonising Maritime, Aviation, and Transport sectors	
	<ul> <li>Chaired by:</li> <li>Dr. C V Raman, Member Executive</li> <li>Committee, Maruti Suzuki</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Speakers:</li> <li>Mr. Rajesh Kumar Mediratta, Managing Director &amp; Chief Executive Officer, India Gas Exchange (IGX)</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Mr. Anjan Kumar Mishra, Secretary, Petroleum &amp; Natural Gas Board (PNGRB)</li> </ul>	
	Mr. Tanuj Sharma, Senior Assistant Vice President INVEST India	
	<ul> <li>Dr. Sarah Letsinger, MBH Policy Lead, WBA</li> </ul>	
13:15 – 14:00	Lunch & N	etworking
14:00 – 15:00	Unlocking Private Financing for India's Vibrant Biogas Sector	Technical Panel Feedstock Management: Al and Supply Chain Tools
	Theme: Role of DFIs, Private Investors, and Insurance Companies in the CBG Sector	<u>Theme:</u> Understand feedstock pretreatment, aggregation, supply chain,
	Objectives: Unlocking capital for financing India's biogas industry through private equity, blended finance, guarantees, and	long term agreements, and use of smart techniques to ensure sustainable supply
	de-risking  Chaired by:	Objectives: Policies and AI tools to collect, manage, and leverage feedstocks to ensure reliable and sustainable operations. Follow
	Ms. Charlotte Morton OBE, Chief Executive Officer, WBA	supply chain for traceability, AI technology, automation and innovation equipment to secure assured supply of feedstock
	Speakers:	
	Mr. Ramana Reddy, Senior Sector     Specialist Energy Gorman	<ul><li>Chaired by:</li><li>Dr. W. Selvamurthy, Chancellor, Amity</li></ul>
	Specialist–Energy, German Development Bank (KfW)	University, Noida- Chair
	Mr. Gurpreet Chugh, Managing	

	<ul> <li>Director, ICF Consulting</li> <li>Mr. S RMeena, General Manager, Small Industries Development of India (SIDBI)</li> <li>Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Managing Director, NEXGEN &amp; PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Speakers:</li> <li>Mr. Anil Baweja Mission Director SAMARTH Mission</li> <li>Col. Monish Ahuja, Punjab Renewable Energy Systems Private Limited (PRESPL)</li> <li>Mr. Ashish Kumar, CEO, VERBIO India</li> <li>Mr. Ekasjyot Singh Barara, Co-Founder &amp; Director - LR Energy</li> </ul>
15:00 - 16:00	Catalyzing Industrial Organic Waste for CBG: Policy, Standards & Scale-Up  Theme: Transforming Sugar, Beverages, and Distilleries Waste into Green Energy Solutions  Focus & Objectives: Highlight the policy interventions needed to integrate industrial organic waste streams and showcasing successful models and partnerships for CBG production.  Chaired by:  Mr. Vaibhav Dhange, Founding Director, Indian Federation of Green Energy (IFGE)  Speakers:  Mr. Roshan Lal Tamak, Executive Director, DCM Sugars  Dr. D K Singh, Former Professor, Indian Agriculture Research Institute (IARI)  Mr. S.R. Meena, Director, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India  Dr. Dilip Kumar Khare, Technical Advisor, WBA	Technical Panel Digestate Valorisation and Biotechnology  Theme: Digestate production cycle, microbial engineering, and nutrient recovery technologies  Objectives: Turning digestate into value-added products, ensuring standards, and improving soil health and agri-production  Chaired by:  Mr. Bhimashankar, Chief Operating Officer NDDB MRIDA  Speakers:  Mr. Som Narayan, Carbon Master India,  Mr. Guna Raj Dhakal, Founder Chairperson, Renewable Energy Confederation of Nepal (RECON)  Mr. Velmurugan, Executive Director, Consultants and Engineering Pvt. Ltd. (CEID)
16:00 – 16:15	Coffee Break & Networking	
16:15 – 17:15	India's Biogas Accelerator: from Pilots Plants to Transformative Industrial Scale  Theme: Scaling India's biogas accelerator ecosystem for achieving climate goals, energy security, clean energy, waste management, environmental	16:00 – 17:00  Coffee Break, Breakaway Meetings & Networking  At table let`s have a tea/coffee and continue our discussions

conservation, and social and economic benefits including women empowerment and jobs creation.

Objectives: Discuss opportunities and challenges involved in scaling India's biogas policy, regulatory, and infrastructure ecosystem with robust national grids, decentralized off takers, blending targets, supply chains, circular-economy models, and women empowerment.

### **Chaired by:**

 Dr. Pradeep Monga, Senior Advisor & Policy Director, WBA

### Speakers:

- Mr Chandershekhar Director R&D BPCL
   Chair
- Mr P S Ravi, FIPI
- Mr Subodh Kumar, Executive Director, Val Pro
- Dr. Nagendra Kumar, Associate Director and Fellow, The Energy Resource Institute (TERI)

### **Investor-Developer Matchmaking Room**

<u>Theme</u>: Structured pitching to DFIs and private investors

<u>Objectives</u>: Connecting projects with financing to accelerate deployment

### 17:15 – 17:45

### **Closing Plenary Session**

### **Concluding Remarks**

<u>Theme</u>: Final outcomes and the way forward

Objectives: Presentation of final outcomes and the key recommendations

- Ms. Charlotte Morton OBE, CEO, WBA
- Dr. Pradeep Monga, Senior Advisor & Policy Director, WBA

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