

Parivartan: Finance for Green Transition

2026 Annual GIFS Summit

21-22 July 2026 | Jio Convention Centre, BKC, Mumbai, India

About the Summit

India's 69 million MSMEs contribute 30% to GDP, 46% of exports, and employ over 110 million people, yet they sit on the sharp edge of the climate challenge (NITI Aayog, January 2026). They are both significant contributors to industrial emissions and among the most exposed to climate shocks. Yet, they remain the most underserved segment of India's financial system, receiving only a fraction of the green finance the transition demands. Closing this gap, which requires transforming how the financial system serves them, is central to India's net zero ambition and its vision of inclusive, resilient growth.

The Green Indian Financial System (GIFS) Initiative was created to address this challenge. Established in 2021, the GIFS Initiative is an Indo-European platform designed to bolster the greening of India's financial system and expedite the nation's transition to a low-carbon economy. The initiative brings together policymakers, financial institutions, industry leaders, researchers, and practitioners to advance sustainable finance through knowledge exchange, capacity building, and technical dialogue. India's first professional network for women greening the financial system is hosted by the Initiative, called Greening of Finance by Women (GroW), with the objective of improving the standing of women professionals in climate and sustainable finance. The Initiative is implemented by a Project Implementation Unit (PIU) comprising Climate Policy Initiative (CPI), auctusESG, and the Foundation for MSME Clusters (FMC).

The Summit presents a multi-dimensional agenda that reflects the three core priorities of the GIFS initiative:

- Recognizing and integrating climate risks into financing decisions
- Adopting a balanced approach to risk assessment while expanding financing opportunities for MSME inclusion
- Embedding gender equity in the design and implementation of green finance approaches

Adopting a solution-oriented approach, the Summit brings together strategic conversations and tactical workshops, offering a balanced structure to address the green finance needs of MSMEs.

Summit structure

Over two days, the Summit will offer sessions that spotlight critical aspects of green finance for MSMEs. These aspects involve understanding climate risk, unpacking financing opportunities, and integrating gender inclusiveness.

Indicative speakers include representatives of the Government of India, the Delegation of the European Union to India, including the Agence Française de Développement (AFD), Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), NABARD, IFC and the World Bank Group, Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation, including public and private sector banks, Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC), climate-focused enterprises, think tanks and advisory firms, investment firms and industry representatives.

Summit Agenda

Agenda — Day 1 | 21 July 2026

Starting Time	Session	Format
Main Room (Meeting Suite 206 A & B)		
9:30 AM	Registration	
10:00 AM	Key Learning and Insights: GIFS Year 1	Presentation
10:15 AM	GIFS-Phase 2: The vision and journey	Welcome address
10:25 AM	Catalyzing the Green Transition for MSMEs	Context Setting
10:35 AM	Indo-European Collaboration to build a greener MSME ecosystem in India	Special Address
10:45 AM	India's Green Transition: Aligning climate action with economic development	Keynote
10:55 AM	India's Green Transition: Strengthening the MSME ecosystem in India's green growth journey	Keynote
11:05 AM	India's Green Transition: Unlocking capital for MSMEs	Inaugural Address
11:15 AM	Fireside Chat: Convening global and local learning on MSME green finance strategies	Fireside Chat
11:55 AM	Tea and Networking Break	
12:25 PM	Global Perspective: Deploying catalytic capital for MSME green finance	Panel Discussion
1:10 PM	Lunch and Networking Break	
2:15 PM	The New Development Paradigm: Green Finance and Economic Growth	Lightning talk
2:25 PM	Resilience by Design: The Role of Adaptation Finance	Panel Discussion
3:10 PM	Adaptation Finance and Parametric Insurance: Innovation Showcase	Presentation
3:55 PM	Tea and Networking Break	
4:25 PM	Green Business Spotlight	Presentation/ Lightning Talk
5:10 PM	Closing Remarks	
Side Room - Invite only (Meeting Suite 202)		
12:00 PM	Building a Physical Risk Heat Map for MSME Portfolios	Workshop

1:30 PM	Lunch and Networking Break	
2:45 PM	Building the Green Finance Thesis: Innovative financing for emerging green themes	Knowledge Sharing & Roundtable
4:15 PM	Closed-Door Strategic Dialogue: Mechanisms to drive institutionalized green finance for MSMEs	Roundtable
Boardroom – Invite only (Meeting Suite 207)		
12:00 PM	Climate finance and macroeconomic modelling	Workshop & Roundtable
1:30 PM	Lunch and Networking Break	

Agenda — Day 2 | 22 July 2026

Starting Time	Session	Format
Main Room (Meeting Suite 206 A & B)		
9:30 AM	Registration	
10:00 AM	Day 1 Recap	
10:10 AM	GroW: Learning from the Year gone by	Presentation
10:25 AM	Gender Equity and MSME Financing: Driving a Balanced Trajectory	Keynote
10:35 AM	Strengthening women's leadership in green finance: Perspectives from around the world	Panel Discussion
11:25 AM	Tea and Networking Break	
11:55 AM	Gender, Youth, and Leadership: Building a pipeline of women leaders in green finance	Panel Discussion
12:40 PM	Bridging the gaps: Building an ecosystem conducive for women entrepreneurs.	Panel Discussion
1:25 PM	Lunch and Networking Break	
2:40 PM	Voices from the ground: Women impacted by climate change	Lightning Talks
3:10 PM	Incremental Innovations: Financial mechanisms for green finance at the last mile	Panel Discussion
3:55 PM	Closing Remarks	
Side Room – Invite only (Meeting Suite 202)		
11:45 AM	Addressing the Information Asymmetry: Workshop on financing women-led enterprises	Workshop (Invite-only)
1:15 PM	Lunch and Networking Break	
2:15 PM	Mentorship Discovery: Women Leaders in Green Finance & Sustainability	Focused Roundtables
3:30 PM	Women in Climate: Investor Showcase Session	Presentation and Roundtable
Boardroom – Invite only (Meeting Suite 207)		

11:30 AM	Multi-Stakeholder Discussion on Nature-based Solutions (NbS) Roundtable	Roundtable
1:00 PM	Lunch and Networking Break	

About the Initiative

The Green Indian Financial System (GIFS)

The Green Indian Financial System (GIFS) Initiative is an Indo-European platform established in 2021 to support the greening of India’s financial system and accelerate the country’s low-carbon transition. GIFS Initiative is co-created by the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), the European Union (EU), the Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation (SSEF), and Agence Française de Développement (AFD). The initiative brings together financial institutions, policymakers, industry leaders, researchers, and practitioners to advance sustainable finance through knowledge exchange, capacity building, and technical dialogue.

For more information, visit [GIFS Initiative](#)

Greening of Finance by Women (GROW)

The Greening of Finance by Women (GROW) Network is an Indo-European networking platform established under the Green Indian Financial System (GIFS) Initiative to advance women’s leadership in climate and sustainable finance. Established in 2021, GROW, co-created by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), the European Union (EU), the Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation (SSEF), and Agence Française de Développement (AFD), strengthens gender equity in climate and sustainable finance through knowledge exchange, collaboration, networking, and capacity building. The network connects experts, practitioners, policymakers, researchers, and emerging leaders to promote gender-inclusive financial systems that drive effective climate action.

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