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.

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Day 1 of the Summit will focus upon assessing the financing opportunity and climate risk considerations that are critical for greening of MSME Finance; understanding and assessing physical risk related to MSMEs, establishing the context and application of adaptation finance, and building a cohesive understanding of emerging green themes impacting MSMEs.

Day 2 of the Summit will spotlight the necessity of balancing gender equity and inclusiveness in the greening of finance by focusing on conversations around women's leadership, women-led businesses, and gender inclusive finance at the last mile.

The summit will feature high-level dialogue alongside ground-up perspectives across both days. The sessions are designed to be strategic dialogues, hands-on workshops, capacity building sessions, enterprise showcases, and structured stakeholder conversations.

Summit Objectives

The Summit seeks to:

- Enable the development and implementation of responsible financial practices among sector players (regulators, supervisors, banks, other financial institutions) and strengthen their resilience to climate and energy transition
- Provide a platform for the representation of MSMEs and representatives from the real economy
- Foster a gender equitable dialogue within the green and climate finance ecosystem by enabling meaningful collaboration between stakeholders

Summit Focus

- Building awareness and capacity among stakeholders for the practical integration of climate-related risks and building a shared understanding and actionable thesis for greening MSME finance
- Facilitating knowledge exchange between stakeholders and promoting learning from European expertise and cross-country perspectives
- Enabling strategic partnerships and collaborations between stakeholders, including policy, regulation, industry, finance, and academia
- Providing a platform for enterprises, investors, and financial institutions to engage in meaningful and constructive dialogue and develop actionable pathways for the greening of MSME finance.

Summit Speakers

The Summit aims to have speakers representing the entire ecosystem, including dignitaries from policy and regulation, development finance, philanthropy, industry, and financial institutions.

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	Sharing of key learning and Insights: GIFS Year 1	Presentation
10:15 AM	GIFS-Phase 2: The vision and journey	Welcome address
10:25 AM	Indo-European Collaboration to building a greener MSME ecosystem in India	Special Address
10:35 AM	Catalyzing the Green Transition for MSMEs	Special Address
10:45 AM	The New Development Paradigm - Green Finance and Economic Growth	Lightning Talk
10:55 AM	India's Green Transition: Aligning climate action with economic development	Keynote
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	
2:25 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
Boardroom – *Invite only (Meeting Suite 207)*		
12:00 PM	Climate Finance and Macroeconomic Modeling	Workshop & Roundtable
1:30 PM	Lunch and Networking Break	

4:15 PM	Closed-Door Strategic Dialogue: Mechanisms to drive institutionalized green finance for MSMEs	Roundtable

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
10:35 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	
2:25 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

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Green Indian Financial System

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 Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation (SSEF), and Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and funded by the European Union (EU). 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 the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), the Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation (SSEF), and Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and funded by the European Union (EU), 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.

For more information, visit grownetwork.in

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