



Panel Discussion on Localising SDGs for Enabling Inclusion

Xavier School of Sustainability (XSOS), Xavier University Bhubaneswar (XUB) in collaboration with GRI and Wipro Foundation

Gitika Goswami, Senior Programme Director, Development Alternatives was part of a panel discussion on “Localising the Sustainable Development Goals – corporate and state government examples” at Xavier School of Sustainability, Xavier University Bhubaneswar in collaboration with GRI and Wipro Foundation on 22 November 2019. Other panellist included Manjunath Lakshminathan, Regional Manager-Eastern India, ITC; Preetish Biswal, PWC ; Dr Aneesh A. Lotliker, Scientist 'E' & Scientist-in-Charge, Estuaries, Observations and Remote Sensing, Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) and Christudas K V, Director Projects, ESAF Microfinance. This session was moderated by Richa Chowdhary, Specialist – Environmental Sustainability Health & Safety, TCS.

Localisation relates to both - how local and sub-national governments can support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through bottom-up action, and how the SDGs can provide a framework for local development policy. These entail participatory planning, implementation, and evaluation. Wide-ranging partnerships are also essential for achieving the SDGs. The key objective is to build a win-win situation where public and private partners pool in their resources and competencies to achieve common objectives.

The panellist discussed various pertinent questions such as what could be the local initiatives to achieve the global goals and how to identify and scale up innovations that can help to develop strategies and programmes to achieve the SDGs.