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The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry www.bengalchamber.com; one of India's oldest institutions of its kind dating back to 1833; has, over the last several years, been providing a relevant and sustainable forum towards promoting clean technology access and energy and environment management. A continuous endeavour has been to focus on sustainable development and to disseminate information and educate business, industry and society about the need for balancing industrial growth with ecological stability. This is the maxim of our Energy and Environment Committee.

The annual Environment and Energy Conclave, an international forum for Climate Change mitigation and business response, is held every August and is the preferred forum for discussing environmental and climate challenges and mitigation actions.

The 13th Edition will be held on 26th and 27th August 2020. The theme of this year is 'Inclusive Growth with Resource Security'.

UK is the Country Partner featuring the Conclave as one of the key programmes in run up to COP26. The Conclave will be graced by COP26 Leadership and British High Commission in India.

We are witnessing an unprecedented time due to outbreak of the pandemic. As mentioned by the UN Secretary General in his call for solidarity, *"We are facing a global health crisis unlike any in the 75-year history of the United Nations — one that is spreading human suffering, infecting the global economy and upending people's lives."*

Climate change is also a concern which needs immediate attention. It has already demonstrated existential risks for future generations, and is already having real-time impact on millions globally. The focus has to be on regeneration from COVID-19 synchronizing with climate resilience and green recovery.

Changes in climate have a multiplier effect, leading to other problems, from ecosystem stability to food production and human conflict. Ecosystem and biodiversity loss are threatening the planet's ability to provide goods and services – deforestation for example, disrupts our weather patterns and the water cycle, contributes to climate change, and destroys the habitats of important species. Chemicals and waste are polluting the air, soil and water, killing millions each year.

We need to collaborate and create a blueprint for economic and societal future considering security of resources of environment in a globalized world. We live in an integrated ecosystem which does not give space to ignore local problems – pollution and pathogens are trans boundary issues.

A variety of market, policy and institutional failures mean that the Earth's natural capital tends to be used in ways that are economically inefficient and wasteful, without sufficient reckoning of the true social costs of resource depletion, and without adequate reinvestment in other forms of wealth. These failures threaten the long-run sustainability of growth and progress made on social welfare. We are yet to provide access to electricity, sanitation, safe and clean drinking water to a sizeable demography around the world.

In other words growth has not been inclusive!



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COP 26 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change will take place in Glasgow, United Kingdom from 1 to 12 November 2021. **COP26 can be that moment and lead up to it can be those footsteps when the world comes together to ramp up momentum towards a climate resilient zero carbon economy.** Ahead of the COP26 summit, efforts to rebuild the global economy will begin. We believe this rebuilding and recovery should focus on supporting a **clean, inclusive and resilient recovery building on the principles of the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals.** In its recovery from COVID 19 crisis, nations, states, cities, businesses, civil society organisations and academic ecosystem can showcase great leadership through strategic innovative solutions

which build resilience and cut emissions. A clear strategic vision will create green jobs, build a robust technologically advanced domestic supply chain, greener industries and unlock inclusive and sustainable growth to help reduce the risk of any future shock. It is in this spirit that we present the 13th Energy and Environment Conclave.

Better hopes for future may only be built on economic and social sustainability complementing social and environmental sustainability.

The objective of this year's Conclave is to prepare for the 'New Normal' and be more resilient to climate induced challenges like super cyclone Amphan and Invasion of Locusts and addressing Inclusive Growth with Resources availability to all.

The Conclave will feature Innovations, Business Models, Policies, Visions and Collaborations

The Session will be focus on:-

- **Pathways for green and resilient recovery**
- **Strategies and innovative technologies for Clean Energy Transition**
- **Roadmap for faster adoption of Electric Mobility**
- **Climate Resilient Strategy and Nature-based solution for vulnerable regions**



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This year the Conclave will be in new avatar to suit the changed paradigm exploring opportunities to connect beyond geographical boundaries.

Programme Platform:

Synchronizing with the Change Management, the said programme will be presented offering **virtual connects with physical presence if allowed by Government Policies.**

- Video Conference facilities will be created so that Speakers across the globe may join the Sessions and get extensive scope of interacting with other speakers and senior dignitaries at the programme.
- The programme will be promoted in social and digital media extensively in and outside India.
- Participation will be enhanced by multiple times by virtue of multiple platforms to connect eg, LinkedIn, YouTube and Facebook.
- By virtue of online connect, global participants will be invited to join the programme.
- Live videos at all the above mentioned platforms will also be saved in the respective platforms which will create a knowledge bank.
- This apart, videos of important speakers will be promoted separately post programme on digital media.
- Senior most stakeholders from Government, Business, Academia and other forums would be invited to the programme venue abiding by the number of permissible attendees as per the laid down Policy.
- Participants will get real time views similar to the venue through feeds from multiple cameras set up at the venue.

With the kind participation, support and contribution of our stakeholders we are targeting to reach out to 30,000 and more relevant netizens.

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