



Bankers Institute of Rural Development (BIRD), Lucknow

**BIRD participates in International Webinar on
“Scaling up freshwater restoration by using local / indigenous
knowledge and practices” on 01 October 2021**

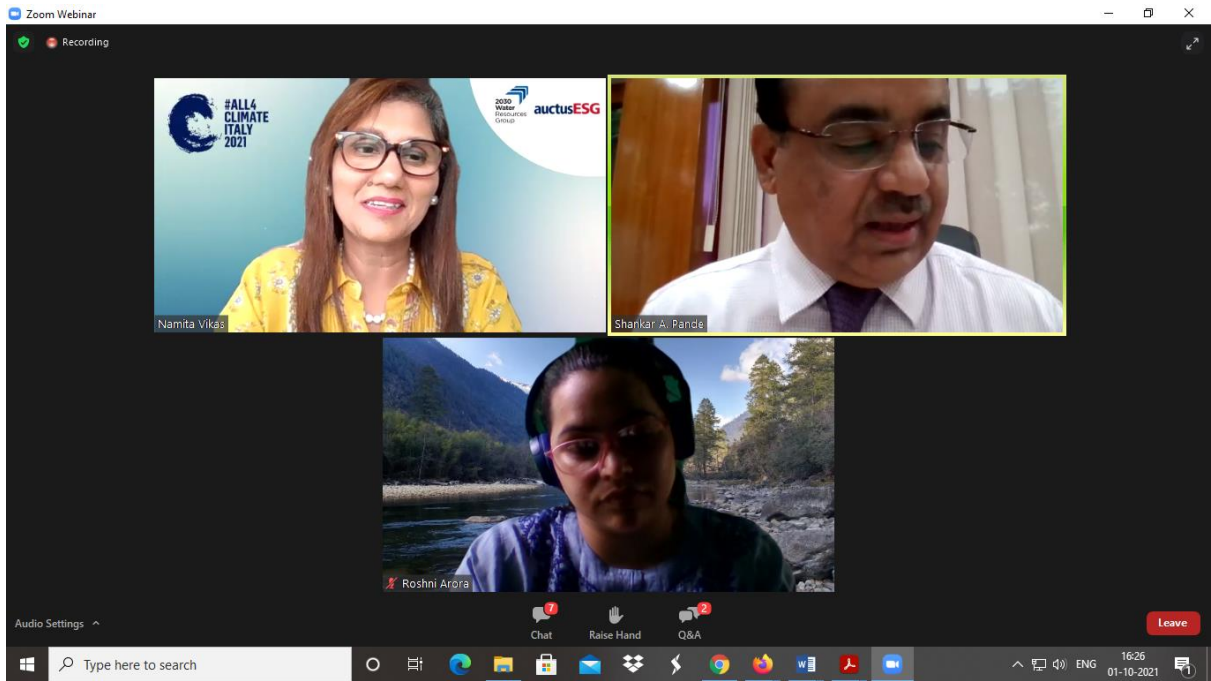
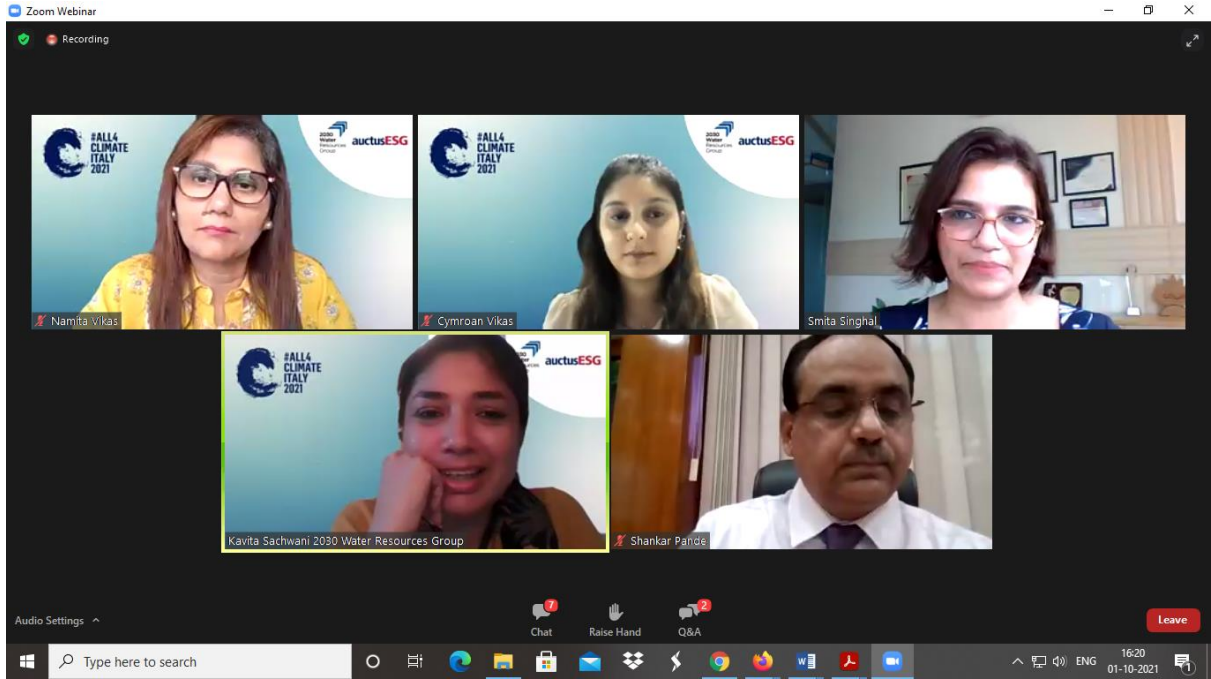
Shri Shankar A Pande, Director, participated in the panel discussions organised as a part of the Online Webinar on “Scaling up freshwater restoration by using local / indigenous knowledge and practices” co-hosted by auctusESG and 2030 WRG – World Bank, under the aegis of “All4ClimateItaly”, a program by Government of Italy on 1st October 2021.

The first part was on presentation of replicable case studies of interventions that enable freshwater restoration using local/indigenous knowledge and practices, wherein successful interventions were presented by Global Resilience Partnership, Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture, World Agroforestry Centre, Watershed Organisation Trust (WOTR) and Absolute Water.

The second part of the webinar in the form of a panel discussion with finance and sustainability experts with the discussion focussing on identifying workable financing solutions to scale up the interventions. Apart from Director, BIRD, the other members on the panel included - The Nature Conservancy, International Water Management Institute (IWMI) and Climate Fund Managers, Geneva.

While deliberating on the synergy between Centre and State as also the role of public and private sector, Shri Shankar A Pande, Director highlighted the key role played by NABARD in addressing the issue of freshwater restoration. As a part of the panel discussions, Director, BIRD also spoke about the role played by regulatory interventions in Indian agriculture in order to address the issue of freshwater restoration, and how these regulations benefit the financing of such restoration. He also highlighted the measures which need to be taken to reduce the farm sector’s reliance on water-intensive crops and vulnerability to freshwater supply.

Some photographs taken during the Webinar



The Zoom Webinar grid displays seven participants in a 2x3 layout with one participant in the bottom center. The participants are:

- Namita Vikas**: Top-left tile, wearing glasses and a yellow patterned top.
- Cymroan Vikas**: Top-middle tile, wearing a light-colored top.
- Shankar A. Pande**: Top-right tile, wearing a white shirt and a purple tie.
- Ger Bergkamp**: Middle-left tile, wearing a light blue shirt.
- Roshni Arora**: Middle-middle tile, wearing glasses and a blue patterned top.
- Simon Langan**: Middle-right tile, wearing glasses and a light blue shirt.
- Kavita Sachwani 2030 Water Resources Group**: Bottom-center tile, wearing a brown top.

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