

## **BIRD organises Virtual Exchange and Capacity Building Programme on DAE Accreditation Process of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) – Sri Lanka**

As part of the capacity building initiatives for international participants, BIRD has commenced a 4 day Virtual Exchange programme for representatives from 05 entities in Sri Lanka, who have evinced interest in becoming a Direct Access Entity (DAE) of the Green Climate Fund on 11 November 2021.

Welcoming the participants, Shri Shankar A Pande, Director, highlighted the unique position of NABARD and BIRD in the climate finance landscape, especially in the Asia Pacific and African regions. He emphasised that a majority of the @US\$88 billion portfolio is largely focussed on initiatives pertaining to sustainable finance and adaptation measures. Appreciating the efforts made by the participating institutions as also the Government of Sri Lanka, Director, BIRD expressed that BIRD would definitely fulfil the desired capacity building requirements and stressed on the need for developing multilateral partnerships.

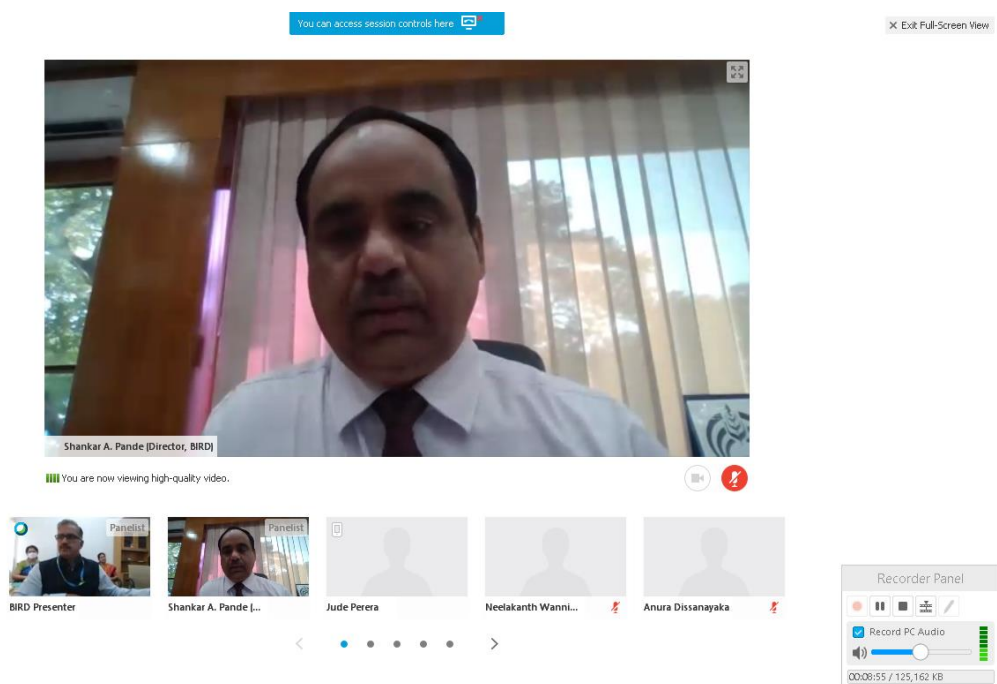
Shri C S R Murthy, CGM, FSDD, NABARD, HO shared NABARD's perspective on climate with the participants and pointed out that since inception, NABARD has been actively associated with piloting and mainstreaming of a number of sustainable finance models, including watershed development and tribal development

Sharing the expectations of the climatically vulnerable tropical island nation, Ms Kumudini Nilanthi, Director (Climate Change), Ministry of Environment, Government of Sri Lanka appreciated the support received from BIRD and NABARD

for organisation of the Exchange programme and expressed the need for developing DAEs at the national level.

Thereafter representatives from Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC, Hatton National Bank PLC, NDB Bank PLC, HDFC PLC, and Industrial Services Bureau (ISB) shared their expectations from the programme.

Some photographs taken during the Inaugural Session :



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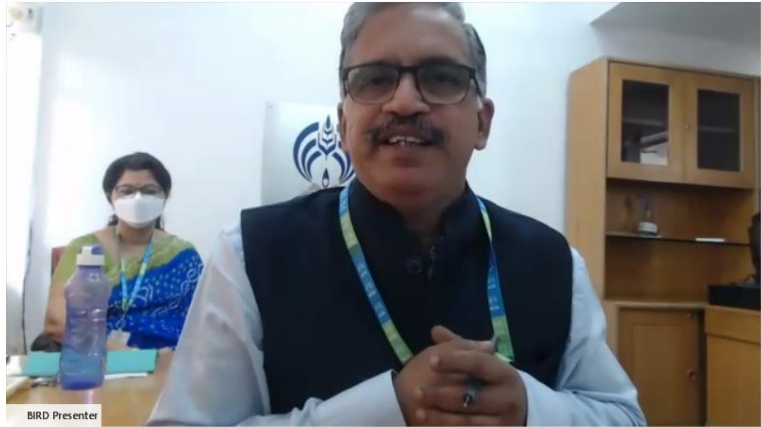


CSR Murthy



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


BIRD Presenter



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