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Mainstreaming Development and Enhancing Climate Resilience: New Opportunities for States in India

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Background

India's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) under the Paris Agreement is an ambitious commitment to reduce emissions and important to limit global temperature rise. While the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) and its missions have been guiding climate policies in the country, State governments are key stakeholders in driving climate action at the sub-national level. Many States have implemented their first State Action Plan on Climate Change (SAPCC) and are now in the process of formulating their revised SAPCCs that reflect current realities of the changing climate.

As per the direction of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, states have to revise their SAPCCs based on 'The Common Framework for Revision of SAPCCs' issued in January, 2018. The framework provides a consistent methodology for states to identify actions that are in coherence with the national and global climate change goals like Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). While many of the States are now on a course towards revising their SAPCC's, leveraging knowledge from State's past experiences of undertaking climate actions is paramount. To develop a preliminary understanding of the experiences of stakeholders during the first round of SAPCCs, TERI has conducted a survey involving policymakers, academicians, researchers and implementing agencies. The outcomes of this event will help us provide an opportunity to identify and offer plausible recommendations to address major issues and challenges during the SAPCC revision process

Key Discussion Points

- **Development and Sustainable Development Goals:** The discussion will focus on opportunities to mainstream climate actions in development policies through SAPCCs. Further we will delve on how States have already tried to mainstream SDGs and Climate actions in policy-making.

- **Enhancing Climate Resilience:** The discussions will be around new opportunities for the Indian States enhance resilience through their SAPCCs. Further, we will discuss how some States are trying to do this.
- **Sharing Best Practices that are replicable:** The discussions will primarily focus on drawing lessons from some of the best practices implemented by States which could potentially be replicated in the second SAPCC, followed by a discussion on what will it take to do so. This will ultimately provide a platform for States to share knowledge and build mutual confidence in execution of their climate actions.
- **Understanding the Challenges:** The event will brainstorm on challenges that the States have faced during the process of drafting, financing, coordination and implementation of actions. States will also share knowledge by highlighting actionable solutions to combat the existing challenges by stepping beyond state budgets for financing and establishing institutional structures for coordination or creation of frameworks to Monitor, learn and evaluate climate actions.
- **Monitoring and Evaluation:** A key element of the monitoring and evaluation process is to assess how climate actions being taken up by the States fare on contributing to sustainable development goals (SDG). In this the discussion would be around the existing M&E frameworks and what are the challenges in the SAPCCs implementation.

