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"Regenerating Natural Capital: Land, Water and Forests"  
The critical need for coherence in Policies and Actions

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## **Regenerating Natural Capital: Land, Water and Forests**

Land and society have always had an intimate relationship. Land resources constitute the fundamental base of all human activities. It is a priceless resource and is quite important to every individual and every nation. The way and the extent to which this natural resource is utilized set the pace of a nation's economic development. Unfortunately, land is getting scarcer and scarcer with each passing day, firstly, because of the burgeoning population (decreasing land-man ratio) and secondly, because of the merciless way it is being used or rather abused .

Water is also a most important resource for the survival of life on this planet, it is a fundamental human need and a critical national and international asset. In every drop of water, there is a story of life and livelihoods. Unfortunately, this precious resource is depleting swiftly everywhere. The world's water resources are, however, under increasing pressure from a growing human population, expected to reach 9.7 billion by 2050, and increasing per capita consumption of water, the demand for water will grow by an estimated 55 percent between now and 2050 exacerbating current pressure. India, 18% of world population, with just 2.3% land resources and 4% fresh water endeavouring for its sustainable growth, here the challenge is to protect the environment at large as well.

Madhya Pradesh is rich in natural resources - fuels, minerals, agriculture and biodiversity. The state has an agrarian economy. Agriculture continues to remain a major source of employment and livelihood in the state. According to Census 2011, 69.8% of total workers, and 85.6% of the total workers in rural areas are dependent on agriculture for livelihood in the State, as compared to 72.3% in rural India.

### **Target of the seminar**

- To create a path for better technology promotions, attract public-private participation and the larger issues of land and water development.

- See the possibilities of DMF and other development bodies of the state and synchronise them with PC / SPV models for that Climate resilient business can be promoted and development of state can be ensured.
- Aware policy makers on larger issues and sensitise them to integrate them in local planning.



## Sub-Themes

- Regenerating Land in Madhya Pradesh
- Water a cross cutting needs of the State and Systemic changes
- Promoting business models for green businesses, agribusiness in relation to land and water