



Dialogues to Reduce Food Loss and Waste in India

August 5-6, 2025 | New Delhi

DAY 1 AGENDA | AUGUST 5, 2025

Session 1: Plenary: Building Resilient Food Systems with Collaborative Efforts on Food Loss and Waste Reduction | 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

10:30 – 10:35 AM	Opening Plenary & Welcome Remarks <i>Madhav Pai</i> , Chief Executive Officer- WRI India
10:35 - 10:40 AM	Context Setting on Food Loss and Waste <i>Ritoja Basu</i> , Program Head, Food Loss and Waste- WRI India
10:40 – 11:30 AM	Panel Discussion Moderated by <i>Dr. Ruchika Singh</i> , Executive Program Director- WRI India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Shri Franklin L Khobung</i>, IFoS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare • <i>Dr. Ashok Dalwai</i>, Chairman of the Board of Governors- ISEC • <i>Pradnya Paithankar</i>, Head (Climate Change, Resilience & DRR)- UNWFP • <i>Pritee Chaudhary</i>, Regional Director- FSSAI • <i>Rajkanya Mahapatra</i>, Lead, Plastics and Circular Economy and Inclusive Growth- Zomato
11:30 – 11:40 AM	Q/A
11:40 – 11:45 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Photo • Exhibition Walkthrough

Session 2: Learnings from the Field: Enabling Farmers to Reduce Post-Harvest Losses | 11:45 AM – 01:05 PM

11:50 – 11:52 AM	Welcome Remarks <i>Dr. Nitya Sharma</i> , Program Manager, Food, Land and Water- WRI India
11:52 - 12:00 PM	Context Setting <i>Shweta Lamba</i> , Program Manager, Food, Land and Water- WRI India
12:00 – 12:50 PM	Panel Discussion Moderated by <i>Dr. Sampriti Baruah</i> , Program Head, Sustainable Agriculture, Food, Land and Water- WRI India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Bhaskar Mittra</i>, Associate Director- Tata Cornell Institute for Agriculture and Nutrition (TCI) • <i>Dr. Kalyani Gorrepati</i>, Scientist, ICAR- Directorate of Onion and Garlic Research

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Rajashree Joshi</i>, Programme Director- BAIF Development Research Foundation • <i>Dr. Vivek Sharma</i>, Chairman- Centre for Advanced Research and Development • <i>Sridhar Easwaran</i>, Head- Samunnati Foundation
12:50 – 01:00 PM	Q/A
01:00 – 01:05 PM	Closing Remarks and Group Photo

1:05 – 2:00 PM | Networking Lunch

Session 3 A: Food and Climate: Exploring Potential Climate Wins by Reducing Food Loss & Waste | 2:00 PM – 03:15 PM | Royal Ballroom

02:00 – 02:05 PM	Welcome Address and Introductions <i>Dr. Anar Bhatt</i> , Program Manager, Food, Land and Water- WRI India
02:05 – 02:15 PM	Keynote on Food Loss and Waste (Virtual) <i>Dr. Liz Goodwin</i> , Senior Fellow, Food Loss and Waste- WRI
02:15 – 02:55 PM	Panel Discussion Moderated by <i>Shweta Lamba</i> , Program Manager, Food, Land and Water- WRI India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dhiraj Santdasani</i>, Technical Advisor, Waste & Methane- C40 Cities • <i>Malavika Gopinath</i>, Manager- cKinetics • <i>Dr. Khushboo Gupta</i>, Principal Research Associate- AEEE • <i>Swarna Dutt</i>, Senior Manager, Research & Policy- EPIC India
02:55 – 03:10 PM	Q/A
03:10 – 03:15 PM	Closing Remarks & Group Photo

Session 3 B: Plated with Purpose: Kitchen Strategies to Reduce Food Waste | 2:00 PM – 3:15 PM | Viceroy Hall

02:00 – 02:05 PM	Welcome Address and Introductions <i>Dr. Nitya Sharma</i> , Program Manager, Food, Land & Water- WRI India
02:00 – 02:05 PM	Launch of HoReCA Toolkit
02:05 – 02:55 PM	Panel Discussion Moderated by <i>Ritoja Basu</i> , Program Head, Food Loss and Waste- WRI India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chef <i>Anahita Dhondy</i>, Chef and Author- The Parsi Kitchen • Chef <i>Chetak Goyal</i>, Executive Chef, Sandal Suites by Lemon Tree Hotels • Chef <i>Diwas Wadhera</i>, Executive Chef- Eros • Chef <i>Gunjan Goela</i>, Founder, Gunjan's Kitchen • Chef <i>Ilvika Chandawarkar</i>, Research and Business Development, Chiranjeev Restaurant and Foods Pvt Ltd • <i>Piyush Gulati</i>, Managing Director, Veg Gulati & Dessart Gallery
02:55 – 03:10 PM	Q/A
03:10 – 03:15 PM	Closing Remarks & Group Photo

3:15 – 3:45 PM | Tea Break

Session 4 A: Business Unusual: Private Sector Action on Food Loss | 3:45 – 05:00 PM

03:45 – 03:47 PM	Welcome and Introductions <i>Chirag Bansal</i> , Senior Program Associate, Food, land and Water- WRI India
03:47 – 03:54 PM	Presentation of Caselets Compendium <i>Dr. Anar Bhatt</i> , Program Manager, Food, land and Water- WRI India
03:50 – 04:45 AM	Panel Discussion Moderated by <i>Devyani Hari</i> , Director- Centre for Responsible Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Dr. Anupama Panghal</i>, Associate Professor- NIFTEM• <i>Deepten Chatterjee</i>, Head of Corporate Affairs- Tetra Pak• <i>Ganapathy Ajeethan</i>, Director- Tamil Nadu Banana Federation• <i>Shweta Lamba</i>, Program Manager-Food, Land and Water, Food Loss and Waste- WRI India• <i>Sachin Sharma</i>, Vice President & Head, Agri & Dairy Operations- ITC• <i>Sanjay Sacheti</i>, Country Head & ED- Olam Agri
04:45 – 04:55 PM	Q/A
04:55 – 05:00 PM	Closing Remarks & Group Photo

Session 4 B: Beyond the Bin: Tech Innovations to Transform Food Waste | 3:45 – 05:00 PM

03:45 – 03:50 PM	Welcome Address and Introductions <i>Drishti Vishwanath</i> , Program Associate, Food, Land and Water- WRI India
03:50 – 04:45 PM	Panel Discussion Moderated by <i>Subhaprada Nishthala</i> , Vice President- AFST <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Ankita Vijayvergiya</i>, Co-founder and CEO- BillionCarbon• <i>Krishnana Kasturirangan</i>, Co-founder and Managing Director- Wastelink• <i>Shivali Sugand</i>, Co-founder and CTO- Green Grahi• <i>Himanshu Saxena</i>, VP-Sales- AgNext Technologies• <i>Vipin Raj</i>, Founder- AGSO Agrosoldier
04:45 – 04:55 PM	Q/A
04:55 – 05:00 PM	Closing Remarks & Group Photo

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Session 5: Smart Post-Harvest: Scaling Farm-Level Loss Solutions | 10:30– 11:45 AM

10:30 – 10:35 AM	Welcome Address and Introductions Dr. Anar Bhatt, Program Manager, Food, Land and Water- WRI India
10:35 - 10:45 AM	Keynote Address Dr. S.N. Jha, DDG (Agricultural Engineering)- ICAR
	Presentation on “From Pilots to Practice: Scaling Onion Storage & Solar Drying in MP & MH” Dr. Sandeep Mann, Principal Scientist, ICAR-CIPHET
10:45 – 11:25 AM	Panel Discussion Moderated by <i>Dr. Ruchika Singh</i> , Executive Program Director- Food, Land & Water, WRI India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Devinder Dhingra</i>, Principal Scientist- Indian Council of Agricultural Research • <i>Dr. Amol Yadav</i>, Additional Project Director- MAGNET Society, Government of Maharashtra • <i>Yogesh Dwivedi</i>, CEO- Madhyabharat Consortium of Farmers Producer Company Limited • <i>Kalyani Shinde</i>, Founder- Godaam Innovations • <i>Varun Raheja</i>, Founder- Raheja Solar Food Processing Pvt Ltd • <i>Dr. Nitya Sharma</i>, Program Manager, Food, Land and Water- WRI India
11:25 – 11:40 AM	Q/A
11:40 – 11:45 AM	Closing Remarks & Group Photo

Session 6: Talk of the Town: City Leaders on Fixing the Food Waste Puzzle | 11:50 AM – 01:00 PM

11:50 – 11:52 AM	Welcome Address and Introductions <i>Mimansha Singh</i> , Program Associate, Food, Land and Water- WRI India
11:52 – 12:00 PM	Keynote on Food Waste <i>Lokendra Thakkar</i> , Coordinator, SKMCCC- Department of Environment, Govt. of MP, India
12:00 – 12:50 PM	Panel Discussion Moderated by <i>Dr. Anar Bhatt</i> , Program Manager- WRI India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Ruby Makhija</i>, Founder- Why Waste Wednesdays Foundation, • <i>Dr. Sameer Sharma</i>, Co-founder and Director of Technology & Projects- SWAAHA • <i>Shobha Raghavan</i>, CEO- Saahas Zero Waste • <i>Sumana Narayanan</i>, Deputy Director- Programs (Asia Specific), GAIA Asia Pacific- strategic South and Southeast Asia initiatives on zero waste • <i>Vandana Singh</i>, Director- India FoodBanking Network • <i>Vidvatta Sharma</i>, Regional Associate Asia- Global Methane Hub
12:50 – 01:00 PM	Q/A
12:55 – 01:00 PM	Closing Remarks & Group Photo

Session 7 A: Unlocking Finance for reducing Food Loss and Waste in India | 2:00–3:15 PM

02:00 – 02:05 PM	Welcome Address and Introductions <i>Dr. Nitya Sharma</i> , Program Manager, Food, Land and Water- WRI India
02:05 – 02:50 PM	Panel Discussion Moderated by <i>Dr. Ruchika Singh</i> , Executive Program Director, Food, Land and Water- WRI India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Nidhi Pant</i>, Co-founder- S4S Technologies • <i>Krishan S. Rautela</i>, Natural Resources and Agriculture <i>Specialist</i>- Asian Development Bank • <i>Santosh Watpade</i>, Chief Financial Officer - Sahyadri Farms • <i>Starlene Sharma</i>, Founding Partner- Green Artha • <i>Swati Agarwal</i>, Director, Climate- Asia Philanthropy Circle • <i>Dr. Vadivel Esakkimuthu</i>, General Manager- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
02:50 – 03:10 PM	Q/A
03:10 – 03:15 PM	Closing Remarks & Group Photo

Session 7 B: Conscious Consumption: Behavioral Shifts for Minimizing Food Waste by Consumers | 2:00 PM – 03:15 PM

02:00 – 02:03 PM	Welcome Address and Introductions <i>Dr. Shwetmala Kashyap</i> , Program Manager, Food Loss and Waste- WRI India
02:03 – 02:10 PM	Context Setting with The Waste Side Story (Video Launch)
02:10 – 02:35 PM	Panel Discussion on Behavioral Shifts for Minimizing Food Waste Moderated by <i>Shweta Prajapati</i> , Program Communications Lead, Food, Land, and Water- WRI India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Luna Mishra</i>, Lead – Corporate Responsibility- Sodexo • <i>Mandira</i>, Senior Campaign Director & Head of Office- Purpose • <i>Dr. Sanjeev Kumar</i>, Founder/Director- Empowered Citizens Initiative • <i>Pooja Haldea</i>, Senior Advisor, Centre for Social and Behaviour Change- Ashoka University
02:35 – 02:45 PM	Q/A
02:45 – 03:10 PM	Twist Your Story (Interactive Activity) Moderated by <i>Kritika Gadhvi</i> , Senior Program Communications Associate, Food, Land, and Water- WRI India
03:10 – 03:15 PM	Closing Remarks & Group Photo