

CALL FOR PAPERS

Powering Green Growth

Connecting Climate & Livelihoods: An Inter-Sectoral Dialogue for Viksit Bharat

27 November 2026

Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

Papers are invited from:

- UG/PG Students
- Researchers & Academics
- Development Practitioners
- Industry & Clean-Tech Innovators
- Green & Blended Finance Experts



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Intersection is PCI India's flagship annual thought-leadership platform that brings together policymakers, development practitioners, private sector leaders, financial institutions, philanthropies, academia, innovators and community representatives to explore interconnected development challenges and identify pathways for integrated action.

The **3rd edition**, under the theme "Powering Green Growth: Connecting Climate & Livelihoods : An Inter-Sectoral Dialogue for Viksit Bharat," will explore the intersections between climate action, livelihoods and economic growth, with a focus on accelerating low-carbon MSME growth, green finance and the rural bio-economy for inclusive development.

As part of this edition, PCI India is inviting papers from students, researchers and academics, development practitioners, industry and clean-tech innovators, and green and blended-finance experts to contribute research, field insights and innovative approaches that can inform the dialogue and advance pathways towards inclusive and sustainable green growth.

THEMES & FOCUS PROBLEMS

Papers are invited under the following themes. Each theme is anchored in a set of specific, unresolved problems that papers should seek to address. Authors must indicate the theme under which the paper is submitted.

THEME

01

Accelerating Clean Energy Adoption and Sustainable MSME Transitions

- What clean energy transition pathways and policy or financing support can enable energy-intensive MSMEs to scale adoption?
- How can cluster-level clean energy models and supply-chain pressures drive competitive and equitable MSME green transitions?

THEME

02

Advancing Rural Green Transitions and Climate-Resilient Livelihoods

- How can decentralised renewable energy, regenerative agriculture and bio-economy solutions strengthen rural livelihoods and climate resilience?
- How can community-led biogas enterprises address stubble burning, rural energy access and women's or farmers' incomes while enabling replication?



THEME

03

Catalysing Circular Economy Solutions and Sustainable Waste Management

- What policy, market and business solutions can help informal and MSME sectors transition to circular economy models?
- How can e-waste formalisation, public procurement and consumer behaviour enable equitable participation and scale demand for recycled and upcycled products?

THEME

04

Unlocking Green Finance for Inclusive and Sustainable Development

- How can blended finance and domestic financing innovations de-risk green investments and channel capital to underserved MSMEs and rural enterprises?
- What gender-responsive green finance mechanisms can enable women-led enterprises and rural women to benefit from green transition investments?

THEME

05

Shaping Responsible Business Futures through Carbon Markets and ESG

- How can India's voluntary and compliance carbon markets ensure genuine climate benefits while enabling equitable access for smallholder and MSME participants?
- How are global supply-chain ESG requirements reshaping Indian businesses, and how can carbon credits from rural or community projects ensure equitable benefit sharing?

BRING your research your evidence

Format requirements:

- **Paper:** 3000-5000 words, excluding references and annexures. Please define each section clearly with headings.
- **Theme:** Authors must indicate the theme and, where relevant, the focus problem the paper addresses.
- **Citation style:** APA.
- **Language:** English.
- **File format:** MS Word (.docx).

 REVIEW PROCESS

All submissions will be reviewed by an independent panel of experts and academics from leading institutions and organisations across India. Papers will be assessed on the relevance of the problem addressed, rigour and analysis, policy or practice implications, and originality of contribution. Selected authors will be invited to the summit, and the top-ranked paper will be honoured with with an Award, recognition and a monetary prize.

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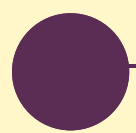


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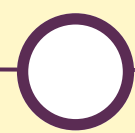
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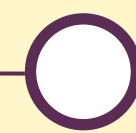
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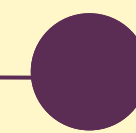
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- Engage directly with policy makers, government officials, investors, development practitioners, think tanks and research institutions.
- Selected papers and authors will be featured and amplified across PCI India's social media platforms and networks, giving your research visibility among policymakers, investors and practitioners nationwide.
- Selected papers will be featured in a post-summit knowledge compendium and contribute to a policy-relevant repository on India's green transition.

