



# Livelihoods India

Campaign for Sustainable Livelihoods of Poor  
Summit 2025

Day 1: December 3, 2025

9:30 - 10:35 am	Inaugural Session
Sovereign Hall	<p><b>Welcome Address and Introduction</b> Puja Gour, Vice President, ACCESS Development Services</p> <p><b>Keynote Address</b> Manoj Mittal, Chairman &amp; Managing Director, Small Industries Development Bank of India</p> <p><b>Release of State of India's Livelihoods (SOIL) Report 2025</b></p> <p><b>Key Findings from SOIL Report 2025</b> Ramesh Srivatsava Arunachalam, Independent Consultant</p> <p><b>Keynote Address</b> Julie Gehrki, President, Walmart Foundation &amp; Senior Vice President, Philanthropy, Walmart Inc.</p> <p><b>Inaugural Address</b> Dr Angela Lusigi, Resident Representative, UNDP in India</p>
10:35 - 10:55 am	Networking Break
10:55 - 11:45 am	Fireside Chat 1: Unpacking Women-led Development – What Does it Mean & What Can We Do?
Sovereign Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Amarjeet Sinha, Former Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India</li><li>Sanchita Mitra, National Coordinator, SEWA Bharat</li></ul> <p>In conversation with Dr Yamini Atmavilas, Gender &amp; Development Sector Leader</p>
11:45 - 12:45 pm	Fireside Chat 2: On the Spot with Shiv Securing the Future – The New Water Paradigm
Sovereign Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dr. Shraman Jha, CEO, Hindustan Unilever Foundation</li><li>Rathish Balakrishnan, Co-founder &amp; Managing Partner, Sattva Consulting</li></ul> <p>In conversation with S. Sivakumar, Group Head – Agri &amp; IT Businesses, ITC Limited, India</p>
12:45 - 1:45 pm	Networking Break
1:45 - 2:45 pm	Technical Session 1: Building Unicorn FPOs for India's Agri Future
Sovereign 1	<p><b>Moderator</b> Debaranjan Pujahari, Partner &amp; Head Agriculture Practice, Sattva Consulting</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Shweta Singh, Community Partnerships &amp; Sustainability Leader, Corteva Agriscience Seed Pvt. Ltd.</li><li>Mansi Chandorikar Kalra, Head - Resource Mobilization &amp; Donor Partnerships, Digital Green</li><li>Shenoy Mathew, Chief Sustainability Officer, Arya.ag</li><li>Deepak Kumar, Zonal Business Head, Samunnati</li><li>Sanjiv Singh, Managing Director, Mishti Farmer Producer Company Limited</li></ul>

1:45 - 2:45 pm	Technical Session 2: From Innovation to Adoption - Enablers for Scaling Climate Smart Agriculture
Sovereign 2	<p><b>Moderator</b> Harish Damodaran, National Rural Affairs &amp; Agriculture Editor, The Indian Express</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Devdutt Dalal, Co-founder, Mitti Labs</li><li>Dr. Umang Agarwal, Chief Operating Officer, Carbon Business, Grow Indigo</li><li>Minhaj Ameen, Operations Director, Agroecology Fund and Coordinator, Consortium for Agroecological Transformation (CAT), India</li><li>Hemendra Mathur, Venture Partner, Bharat Innovation Fund</li><li>Ashish Chaturvedi, Head - Action for Climate and Environment, UNDP India</li></ul>
2:45 - 3:45 pm	Technical Session 3: Beyond the Farm: Financing and Empowering Non- Farm Livelihoods through Collectives
Sovereign 1	<p><b>Moderator</b> Poorna Pushkala, CEO, Samunnati Foundation, Group Head, Branding &amp; Communications, Samunnati Group</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Umadevi Swamianthan, Managing Director, RUDI Multi Trading Co. Ltd.</li><li>Suvendu Rout, Vice President, ACCESS Development Services</li><li>Sunder Chauhan, Managing Director, IFPC Ltd.</li><li>Samrat Roy, CEO, Magenta Finance Services Pvt. Ltd.</li></ul>
2:45 - 3:45 pm	Technical Session 4: Food Systems as Engines of Green Growth and Decent Work
Sovereign 2	<p><b>Moderator</b> Nivedita Varshneya, Regional Advisor, Advocacy and Collaborations Welthungerhilfe (WHH)</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Raman Wadhwa, Director, DAY-NRLM, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India</li><li>Aleen Mukherjee, Director - Farm Sector, ACCESS Development Services</li><li>Ruchi Jain, Co-founder &amp; CEO, Taru Naturals</li><li>Himanshu Kapoor, Founder, C.Green</li></ul>
2:45 - 4:00 pm	Fireside Chat 3: Advancing Local Systems - Strengthening Economic Inclusion Programmes
Inspire	<p><b>Moderator</b> Purna Roy Chowdhury, Lead Strategic Partnership, Trickle Up India</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Smriti Sharan, Joint Secretary, DAY-NRLM, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India</li><li>Sonali Srivastava, Founder &amp; CEO, Anode Governance Lab</li><li>Shweta S. Banerjee, Country Lead, India, BRAC International</li><li>Saroj Kumar Mahapatra, Executive Director, PRADAN</li><li>Nita Aggarwal, Associate Director, Programs, Asia Co-Impact</li></ul>
3:45 - 4:00 pm	Networking Break
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Plenary Session 1: From Entitlements to Empowerment – Ensuring Last-Mile Access to Social Security
Sovereign Hall	<p><b>Moderator</b> Sharon Buteau, Executive Director, LEAD at KREA University</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mirai Chaterjee, Director, SEWA Social Security &amp; Chairperson SEWA Cooperative Federation</li><li>Aniket Doegar, Founder &amp; CEO, Haqdarshak</li><li>Madhu Khetan, integrator, PRADAN</li></ul>



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Day 2: December 4, 2025

9:30 - 10:20 am	Plenary Session 2: Mobility as a Sub-sector for Women’s Economic Empowerment
Sovereign Hall	<p><b>Moderator</b> Aparajita Bharti, Founding Partner, TQH &amp; Co-founder, Young Leaders for Active Citizenship</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Anjalli Ravi Kumar, Chief Sustainability Officer, Eternal Limited</li><li>Meenu Vadera, Founder, Azad Foundation &amp; Co-founder, Sakha Consulting Wings Pvt. Ltd.</li><li>Yogesh Kumar, Founder, Even Cargo</li></ul>
10:20 – 10:25 am	FPO Financing Facility Launch
Sovereign Hall	<p><b>Launch</b> Vrutti’s FPO Financing Facility with HSBC (Anchor Partner) &amp; FWWB (Facility Manager)</p> <p><b>Release</b> Primer on FPO Blended Financing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Romit Sen, Senior Vice President, Sustainability, HSBC</li><li>S S Bhat, CEO, Friends of Women’s World Banking India</li><li>Raghini Badhrinarayan, CEO, Vrutti</li><li>Muralidharan Thykat, Chairperson, Vrutti</li></ul>
10:25 - 11:15 am	Plenary Session 3: From Farm to Future – How AI is Redefining Market Access for Farmers and FPOs
Sovereign Hall	<p><b>Moderator</b> Aniruddha Brahmachari, Director, Programs, Digital Green India</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Aparna Bijapurkar, Managing Director and Partner, Boston Consulting Group</li><li>Sudarshan Suchi, Chief Development Officer, Reliance Foundation</li><li>Siddharth Chaturvedi, Senior Program Officer, Agriculture Development, Gates Foundation</li></ul>
11:15 -11:55 am	Fireside Chat 4: The Employment Challenge – Where Will the Jobs Come From
Sovereign Hall	<p>Dr Rajiv Kumar, Chairman, Pahle India Foundation, Former Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog</p> <p>In conversation with</p> <p>Dr Orlanda Ruthven, Sector Expert</p>
11:55 - 12:10 pm	Networking Break
12:10 – 01:10 pm	Technical Session 5: Catalyzing Private Sector Partnerships for Gender-Responsive and Climate-Resilient Value Chains
Sovereign 1	<p><b>Moderator</b> Akanksha Saluja, National Programme Manager, Sustainable and Inclusive Growth Unit, UNDP India</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Prasanna Rao, Co-founder &amp; CEO, Arya.ag</li><li>Ishira Mehta, Social Entrepreneur &amp; International Development Professional</li><li>Nitin Puri, Founder, KisaanSay</li><li>Yogesh Saini, Founder &amp; CEO, MandiGate</li><li>Ravdeep Kaur, Associate Director, KPMG</li></ul>

12:10 - 1:10 pm	Technical Session 6: Closing the Gender Gap – Advancing Women’s Workforce Participation
Sovereign 2	<p><b>Moderator</b> Sruthi Kutty, Senior Policy Manager, IWWAGE</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sneha Menon, Member, OneDasra Leadership Team</li><li>Anupam Nidhi, Group CSR Head, Vedanta Group</li><li>Dr Madhu Sharan, President, Hand in Hand India</li><li>Jayatri Dasgupta, Chief Marketing Officer, PayNearby &amp; Program Director, Digital Naari</li></ul>
1:10 - 2:00 pm	Networking Break
2:00 - 3:00 pm	Plenary Session 5: From Grants to Orders: Making Social Procurement Work for Livelihoods
Sovereign Hall	<p><b>Moderator</b> Jasmer Dhingra, Director - Programs, IDH India</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rangu Rao, CEO, Safe Harvest</li><li>Vivek Prakash, Senior Vice President &amp; Head CSR, Jubilant Ingrevia Ltd.</li><li>Nandan HS, CEO, Last Forest Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.</li></ul>
3:00 - 3:30 pm	Ted Style Talk: Investing for Impact – Sustaining and Scaling Social Enterprises
Sovereign Hall	<p><b>Guest Speaker</b> Vineet Rai, Founder &amp; Vice Chairman, Aavishkaar Group</p>
3:30 -3:50 pm	Networking Break
3:50 - 5:00 pm	Valedictory Session
Sovereign Hall	<p><b>Summary of Deliberations</b> Shomita Kundu, AVP, ACCESS Development Services</p> <p><b>Release</b> Livelihoods India Case Study Compendium 2025</p> <p><b>Presentation Ceremony</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Livelihoods India Case Study Competition</li><li>Grants for Agroecology Program (GAP) Fund</li><li>FPO Impact Awards 2025</li></ul> <p><b>Keynote Address</b> Shaji K V, Chairman, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development</p> <p><b>Vote of Thanks</b></p>