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**EVENT
SCHEDULE**

28 The Regional Nov Opportunity Canvas

A Future of Regional

Opportunities

11 AM to 12:15 PM IST

How are organizations strategically positioning themselves regionally to unlock new opportunities and harness insights for greater impact.

How to be Seen and Heard:
A Guide to Crafting Your
Communications Strategy

3 PM to 3:45 PM IST

Regional Angel/ VC Funds:
Addressing the Need of the
Hour

6 PM to 7:15 PM IST

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Where does South Asia
Stand in the Race to
2030? The role of cities
as units of climate action

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Approaches that are working to highlight role of SGBs

Building a Circular
Economy in Textiles :

What does it take?

3 PM to 4:15 PM IST

Hear from successful collaborative models from the region

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Cross-border networks for women entrepreneurs

Balancing the Power in
Gender Lens Investing

6 PM to 7:30 PM IST

The role of 'translation'

28 NOVEMBER

The Regional Opportunity Canvas

A Future of Regional Opportunities

11:00 AM -
12:00 PM IST

Speaker: Bijon Islam, Lightcastle

Spotlight: Anu Joshi Shrestha, Srabani Roy, ICIMOD, Kesang Om, ILS Bhutan and Niraj Khanal, Antarprerana

Session to focus on how organisations are positioning themselves at a regional level and leveraging insights and inputs towards more impact.

How to be Seen and Heard: A Guide to Crafting Your Communications Strategy

3:00 PM -
3:40 PM IST

Speakers: Amina Azad, Comms Ninja, Unlock Impact

In this session, participants will acquire a comprehensive understanding of how to develop an effective communications strategy. Topics covered include narrative construction, channel selection, and the cultivation of meaningful connections.

Regional Angel/VC Funds: The Need of the Hour

6:00 PM -
7:15 PM IST

Speakers: Nazat Chowdhury, SA Tech
Chalinda Abeykoon, nVentures
Sanchayan Chakraborty, Aavishkaar
Kalsoom Lakhani, i2i Ventures

Moderator: Omar Abedin, PTH Venture Studios

Why should funds be more broad-based than being country-specific? What are the real opportunities they can leverage in making this a regional approach?



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Climate & Environmental Action

Where does South Asia Stand in the Race to 2030? The role of cities as units of climate action

11:00 AM -
12:15 PM IST

Speakers: Shruti Narayan, Akshatha Venkatesha, Anantha Paladugula, Sanjana Acharya, Dipti Salvi, C40 Cities

Session will look at South Asia's standing in the journey to meet global climate goals, examining successful city/urban initiatives that highlight the pivotal role of small businesses in advancing the SDGs.

Building a Circular Economy in Textiles : What does it take?

3:00 PM -
4:15 PM IST

Speakers: Gigi Mathews, Enviu Jiska Coppoolse, Enviu Fernanda Drumond, H&M Foundation Sophie van Kol, Fashion for Good

Session will examine proven methods and practices that have effectively accelerated circularity, fostering sustainable resource management and economic growth. Speakers will also share valuable learnings and cross-border experiences, promoting knowledge exchange and collaboration to drive positive environmental and economic change.

30 NOVEMBER

Gender Equality via SGBs

The Network Effect: Empowering Women Entrepreneurs through Cross-Border Networks

11:00 AM -
12:15 PM IST

*Speakers: Jehan Ara, Katalyst Labs (Spotlight)
Christopher Tee, Accelerating Asia (Spotlight)
Azima Dhanjee, ConnectHear
Pulani Ranasinghe, LoonsLab*

Moderator: Santona Malakar, SAFAL Partners

Discover the significance of cross-border networks for women entrepreneurs and why they are essential in today's ecosystem. Our session will also explore the role of intermediaries in fostering and sustaining these vital alliances, promoting growth and empowerment.

Balancing the power in Gender Lens Investing: The role of "Translation"

3:00 PM -
4:15 PM IST

Speakers: Pranay Samson / Tia Subramanian, Criterion Institute

Delve into the pivotal role of 'translation' in shifting the power in gender lens investing. This session will shed light on how translation between finance and gender is a function that enables better gender analysis to be integrated in investment design and decision-making processes.