

Foreword



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India and Germany signed a Declaration of Intent on 9th September 2008 in Delhi for engaging each other on a dialogue on a Dialogue on Science for Sustainability. The declaration was signed by Science Ministers of both countries. Following the declaration 4 thematic areas viz Land-use, Energy, Water and Waste Management for further discussions were identified. Two meetings have been held in New Delhi and Bonn to discuss follow-up actions on the selected thematic areas and the 3rd is planned in Delhi in February 2010.

Scientists and experts from both sides met in a most cordial atmosphere to identify the strengths and opportunities for collaborative work and exchanged information and knowledge on the state-of-the-art in the two countries. The discussions of the meeting have now been documented. This publication will be of immense use to both practitioners and policy makers. I am sure that stakeholders would put the publication to use and enhance the dialogue process to enable India and Germany embarks on a voyage of togetherness and Sustainability at a time when the global attention is on Sustainability Science.