

INVITATION

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With:

**Planning
Commission
of India**

Greetings!

The **Planning Commission of India** has recently taken the initiative to bring together a large number of **civil society organizations to contribute to the development of the Eleventh Five Year Plan**. Regional and thematic consultations were held across the country and several groups have been part of processes for the finalization of the Plan document.

In the light of this engagement, we feel that there is an important need to establish a **sustained and broader based engagement of the voluntary sector with the working of the Planning Commission**. The precedents for such collaboration have been set down as far back as the Third Five Year Plan, which explicitly states the importance of voluntary sector engagement to provide ongoing feedback on how the programs and objectives of the Plan are being achieved on the ground.

It is in this context and after several months of discussion that the **Planning Commission has agreed to collaborate** with us for a consultation on the role of civil society in the 11th Five Year Plan. **Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission** has confirmed his participation in this dialogue which aims to:

- Facilitate a dialogue on the opportunities and challenges for development in the context of the Eleventh Five Year Plan
- Understand the objectives and targets of the Eleventh five year plan, with emphasis on the priority areas for civil society engagement.
- Identify institutional mechanisms for sustained engagement of Civil Society Organizations across different stages of the Five Year Plan process

In order to strengthen this dialogue, we invite your participation in the proposed consultation. The **program outline and background note** are enclosed with this letter for your reference.

Due to limited provisions, we regret that **we are unable to support travel & accommodation** for outstation participation and request you to make your own arrangements. If you would require assistance in locating accommodation, please get back to us immediately.

We would be happy to provide you with any further details that you may need to confirm your participation, and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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- on behalf of -

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