Introduction - *history and concept*

Annual event of the Development Alternatives Group, designed to deliberate on germane issues of development

- **Mission** - *Inspire sustainability* in policy and practice especially in the South and South East Asian Region
- **Partnership** with international learning organisations
- **Platform** for exchanging cutting edge ideas to realize a sustainable future.
The Yatra - *structure*

- **Eminent participants** - practitioners and policy makers
- **Discussions** - A mix of dialogue and field interactions
- **Deliberations** - define direction of action
  
  *poverty alleviation, environment regeneration, and tackling social deprivation.*

- **Synthesis** - leads for follow-up on policy advocacy and south – south knowledge transfer
The Yatra – an emerging discourse on Sustainable Development

In the past two years, the TARAgam Yatra has

- Contributed to form opinions around the concept of ‘Green Economies’ from the South Asian perspective
- Helped build capacities and ideas for action for practitioners in the region.
“Sustainable Development in South Asia – Women Driving Change”

SWAN – DA – UNEP APFED Showcase Programme

- **Focus** - *empowering women* to lead the path for Sustainable Development.

- **Celebrate contributions that women make** to the economic, social, and political lives of their countries, communities and families.

- **Focus on potential of women led interventions** - *to revive our ecosystems, enhance securities and build sustainable economies, healthier and happier societies.*
November 22-25 – the journey ahead

- **Debate on the practical solutions** to develop capacities and skills for sustainable livelihoods
- **Define policies** required at national and regional level to empower women as key actors leading sustainable economies.
- **Showcase the achievements of grassroots actions** in community empowerment led by women.
November 22-25 – the first milestone

- **Design strategies** for education, skill building, enterprise development, institutional supports, cultural exchange, peace processes and leadership development

- **Design action plans** for capacity building to address at least 100,000 women of change in South Asia in the next 3-5 years.