



## 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 TARAGram 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.