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**ROUND TABLE TITLE:**

## DEVELOPMENT OF POLICY AND PRACTICE

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### ABSTRACT

India has traversed a long journey over the last 75 years and is sharply focused on the priorities for the next 25 years. The last few years have witnessed changes in developmental governance in the country through some key policy interventions. To achieve its goal of becoming a US\$5-trillion economy, India would need to implement policies that boost its people and physical resources. When it comes to economic growth, India has always seemed like a conundrum - "ample resource, ample poverty". Abundant natural resources yet "development deficit", in terms of low incomes, low economic growth and weaker developmental indicators as compared to economies with less bountiful natural resources. Inevitably, there are "costs of growth" associated with maintaining a healthy natural environment, ethnicities of the indigenous people, traditions, heritage, culture and concerns about distributive justice and equality have accompanied the progress towards development and especially economic development. Losses to livelihoods, difficulties with rehabilitation, and damage to the environment are all possible outcomes despite well intentioned and well laid out plans. Important policy interventions have been made in the development sector throughout the last four decades, drawing attention to policy actions that are likely to build a sustainable India keeping in mind the global sustainable development goals (SDG's).

These programs aim to eliminate inequality by promoting health and education on the one hand, while also preserving India's natural resources on the other. The policies and acts have been formulated with very appropriate provisions if practiced in letter and spirit, the socio-economic conditions of the tribal people would be addressed, and they could have been mainstreamed. But it is a matter of concern that there has been a gap between the policies and practice in most of the cases because of which the tribal development initiatives have a very slow-paced impact on the tribal population. Keeping the above issues in view, it has been decided to have a Round Table Discussion with experienced panellists to put forth their experience and would suggest ways and means how the policies can be translated in to practice in a more meaningful manner such that the overall development of the tribals will be made possible.

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