

Dear Sir/Madam

The United Nations General Assembly has adopted a resolution on 25th September, 2015 under the official agendas "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development". The Resolution aims at achieving 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with 169 targets and 304 indicators which focus on overall development of the citizens of the world in an ecologically and environmentally sustainable manner. The Government of India is one of the signatories to this Resolution.

The Government of Assam recognizes that the SDGs represent the consensus of the global community on things to be done by deferent Governments in the interest of well – being of the entire world and humanity. The Government of Assam further recognises the great beneficial impact achievement of these Goals would have on the health, happiness, prosperity and well- being of each and every citizen of Assam, as also on the conservation and preservation of State's unique bio-diversity, which is so important for the sustainable development and economic growth of Assam.

Keeping the above in view, the Government of Assam has decided to implement the SDGs in the State with effect from 1st January, 2016, and to launch and initiative titled Assam- 2030 in light of SDGs from that date.

In line with the same, the Government of Assam is organising a partnership Conference on Sustainable Development Goals on the 10th and 11th February 2016 at Guwahati. This initiative of Government is perhaps a first of the activities anywhere in the world.. The Conference will be inaugurated at 5PM on 10-02-2016 at the Assam Administrative Staff College by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam Shri Tarun Gogoi . The inaugural session will also be addressed via Skype by Prof. Jeffrey Sacks of the Earth Institute of Columbia University . The Earth Institute will collaborate with Government of Assam implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

On behalf of Chief Secretary, Assam, I request your kind presence. A tentative Agenda is enclosed for your kind information. A line of confirmation may kindly be communicated to the undersigned by 5th February, 2016.

Warm Regards,

K.V. Eapen

Additional Chief Secretary,