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## ACU India Roundtables 2023 'Equitable and Sustainable Partnerships'

29<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai

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### INTRODUCTION

The Mumbai roundtable (part of a series of 3 ACU India Roundtables) will be hosted in partnership with the Tata Institute of Social Sciences and will focus on the theme of 'Equitable and Sustainable Partnerships'.

Participants will hear from expert speakers from across the Commonwealth as well as engage in discussions around the theme.

The roundtable will be discussion focussed – providing participants an opportunity to share their thoughts, as well as learn from the experiences of peers in developing equitable and sustainable partnerships.

As well as sharing insight on the theme, the event will offer:

- The chance to network and build connections between your institution and other universities, in India and around the Commonwealth
- The opportunity to develop sustainable partnerships and projects with attendees and institutions
- A platform to share their expertise and demonstrate their institution's leadership on our key discussion topics
- A space to find out more about the ACU, and our work in bringing universities together from around India and the Commonwealth

### Format:

The roundtable is a half-day, in-person only event.

## PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Time	Agenda	Chair
10:00 - 10:30am	<b>Arrival and registration</b>	
10:30 - 11:00am	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <p>ACU and TISS</p>	<p>Professor Madhushree Sekher, Chairperson, Office for International Affairs, TISS</p> <p>Aditya Malkani, Regional Director, Membership - APAC, ACU</p> <p>Opening remarks:</p> <p>Professor Shalini Bharat, Vice Chancellor, TISS</p> <p>Dr Monica Kennedy, Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner, Mumbai, AUSTRADE</p>
11:00 - 11:30am	<p><b>Equitable and sustainable partnerships</b></p> <p>ACU's contribution in promoting equitable and sustainable partnerships – specific examples including 'Equitable Partnerships Toolkit' and work of ACU Higher Education and the SDGs Network</p>	<p>Aditya Malkani, Regional Director, Membership - APAC, ACU</p> <p>Professor Madhushree Sekher, Chairperson, Office for International Affairs, TISS</p>
11:30 - 11:45am	<b>Comfort Break</b>	
11:45 - 12:00noon	<p><b>Need of the hour – equitable and sustainable partnerships</b></p> <p>Sharing of experiences from University of Bristol (UK)</p>	Ms Lorna Cuckow, Deputy Director International and Head of International Partnerships & Relations, University of Bristol (UK)

12:00 - 12:30pm	<p><b>Sustainable and equitable partnerships in an Australia-India context</b></p> <p>Sharing of experiences from AUSTRADE and Macquarie University (Australia)</p>	<p>Dr Monica Kennedy, Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner, Mumbai, AUSTRADE</p> <p>Abizer Merchant, Director (India &amp; Sri Lanka), Macquarie University</p>
12:30 - 1:00pm	<p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p>Participants are invited to reflect on how we can achieve our shared goals through equitable and sustainable partnerships in HE</p>	<p>Professor Madhushree Sekher, Chairperson, Office for International Affairs, TISS</p>
1:00 - 1:05pm	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p>	
1:05pm onwards	<p><b>Lunch and Conversations</b></p>	