Ms Sunita Narain
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Ms Sunita Narain, Director of the Centre for Science and Environment; Director of the Society for Environmental Communications; and publisher of the fortnightly magazine Down to Earth, has been with the Centre from 1982 and has worked hard at analysing and studying the relationship between environment and development, and at creating public consciousness about the need for sustainable development.

Her research interests are wide-ranging – from global democracy, with a special focus on climate change, to the need for local democracy, within which she has worked both on forest-related resource management and water-related issues. Ms Narain began her career by writing and researching for the State of India’s Environment reports and then went on to study issues related to forest management. For this project she travelled across the country to understand people’s management of natural resources, and in 1989 co-authored the publication Towards Green Villages advocating local participatory democracy as the key to sustainable development. In the early 1990s she became involved with global environmental issues and continues to work on these as researcher and advocate.

Ms Narain remains an active participant, both nationally and internationally, in civil society. She serves on the boards of various organisations and on governmental committees and has spoken at many fora across the world on issues of her concern and expertise. In 2005 she and her institute were awarded the coveted Stockholm Water Prize. In 2005 she was also awarded the Padma Shri, one of the highest civilian awards in India. Narain is currently a senior adviser to the Government of India on climate change issues.