

## American India Foundation Hosts Roundtable Discussion on Leveraging CSR for Social Impact



October 14, 2019, Washington, D.C. — The American India Foundation (AIF) and the U.S. India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) today hosted a roundtable discussion on the impact of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in India. The panel discussion was entitled “Leveraging CSR for Social Impact” and it took place in the Squire Patton Boggs Building in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

This panel featured industry leaders in the CSR space that engage with India. Speakers included Tara Holeman, Co-founder and Managing Partner at Ethos Matters; Ambassador Amit Kumar, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Indian Embassy in the U.S.; Nishant Pandey, CEO at AIF; and **Vaibhav Parikh, Partner at Nishith Desai Associates**. The discussion was moderated by Kate Beale, Associate Vice President at PhRMA.

The event was also attended by representatives from various corporations including Amazon, Ford, Pfizer, Gilead, Infosys and Boeing.

Together, they shared their insights on the intersection between corporate and nonprofit relationships, social impact and the surrounding ecosystem.

**“We think this dialogue across companies, government and non-profits will help make CSR in India more effective, efficient and impactful. It will also help to reduce confusion and uncertainty and help us appreciate each other’s perspectives and learn from each other.”**

**The American India Foundation strives to contribute to the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals by mobilizing partners and implementing impactful programs in education, public health and livelihoods across India.**

#### **About the American India Foundation**

**The American India Foundation is committed to catalyzing social and economic change in India and building a lasting bridge between the United States and India through high-impact interventions in education, livelihoods, public health, and leadership development, with a particular emphasis on empowering girls and women to achieve gender equity. Working closely with local communities, AIF partners with NGOs and government to develop and test innovative solutions and with governments to create and scale sustainable impact. Founded in 2001 at the initiative of President Bill Clinton following a request from Prime Minister Vajpayee, AIF has impacted the lives of 5.6 million of India’s poor in 24 states.**

#### **About the U.S. India Strategic Partnership Forum**

**The US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) is a non-profit organization, with the primary objective of strengthening the U.S.-India bilateral and strategic partnership. Dedicated to strengthening economic and commercial ties, USISPF plays a significant role in fostering a robust and dynamic relationship between the two countries through policy advocacy that will lead to driving economic growth, entrepreneurship, employment-creation, and innovation to create a more inclusive society. To achieve these goals, USISPF works closely together with businesses and government leaders, both at the local as well as federal levels.**