



## 4<sup>th</sup> CSR Conference: Capacity Building in the CSR Ecosystem

### Inaugural Session



**Ranjana Khanna** joined the American Chamber of Commerce in India as Director General CEO in November 2016. Focusing on enhancing the U.S. - India economic partnership across sectors, she is leading AMCHAM to organize bilateral engagements with industry leaders and political leadership with both the U.S. and Indian government and presenting them with industry challenges.

Previously, Ranjana had served as Secretary General, Indo American Chamber of Commerce (IACC) and Deputy Secretary General FICCI, heading FICCI USA. She was actively engaged in enhancing the U.S.-India economic partnership in diverse roles for over 16 years, synergizing industry, policy makers and lawmakers. Ranjana created connectivity with counterpart chambers in different U.S. states, working with both the state governments and local chambers. She enhanced member services through focused high-profile events, news and policy dissemination and presented industry views to policymakers.

**Harish Krishnan**, Managing Director, Public Affairs & Strategic Engagements, Cisco Systems, India & SAARC

As the Managing Director, Public Affairs & Strategic Engagements, Harish leads Cisco's strategic engagement with National and State Governments of India on a wide range of public policy issues that concern Cisco in India - as an investor, globalization hub, business unit and as a corporate citizen. Harish manages Cisco's India External Advisory Board which has oversight on transformational project and strategic issues on a 3-5 year horizon. Harish is based in New Delhi, India and has been with Cisco since May 2007.



An industry veteran of over 25 years, Harish actively participates in public policy forums in India and is a Member of CII National Committee on Communications and Information Technology and Chair of US India Strategic Partnership Forum digital task force, Vice President of the Manufacturing Association of Information Technology, Chairman of Corporate Social Responsibility committee of American Chamber of Commerce in India. Harish is also the Former President and Co-Founder of Public Affairs Forum of India.

From 2003 to 2007, Harish was an Executive in the Governmental Program function of IBM specially focused providing leadership to IBM's policy engagement with the Government of India on Innovation, Global Resourcing & HR issues. Prior to joining IBM, Harish worked for over 11 years with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) – India's Premier Industry organization in a variety of roles. In his last role as CII's Director for Information Technology, Harish worked with top CEOs of corporate India on issues affecting the IT & BPO industry.



**Ms. Vrunda Bansode**, Head - Marketing and India Data Insights, Sattva Consulting

Vrunda is responsible for brand and marketing management at Sattva Consulting. She led the development of Sattva's open data portal 'India Data Insights' two years ago and continues to direct product development, research and report production. Her prior experience includes working at Robert Bosch, followed by her own venture in the education sector. She has worked on conceptualising and launching two unique incubation programmes at IIM Bangalore - one for non-profits and another for women entrepreneurs. She has published two books for children on inventiveness and entrepreneurship with Penguin Random House and continues to be associated with initiatives in this space.



**Karen Klimowski**, Deputy Mission Director, USAID/India

Karen Klimowski, a career member of the U.S. Senior Foreign Service, has worked in development for over 30 years. She currently serves as the Deputy Mission Director for USAID/India where she advances the U.S. Government's foreign policy by using diplomacy and development assistance to evolve the U.S. - India strategic partnership.

Before assuming her current role, Ms. Klimowski, served as the USAID Indo-Pacific Coordinator for South Asia, where she provided strategic direction to advance USAID's Indo-Pacific programs and strategic partnerships across the region.

Previously, she served with USAID in the Philippines, Uganda, Kenya, and Indonesia. Prior to joining USAID, Ms. Klimowski worked for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Zimbabwe, and Malawi. Ms. Klimowski's development career began as a Peace Corps volunteer in Sierra Leone.

Originally from Santa Cruz, California, Ms. Klimowski received a Bachelor of Arts in Physiology from the University of California, San Diego and a Master's in Public Health from San Diego State University.



**Ankur Malhotra** heads Corporate Affairs & CSR for HPE in India and focuses on engagement strategies to support the growth of business, and to enhance the company's brand. He also represents HPE at government and non-government forums on public policy matters impacting the company.



Having done his graduation in Economics & Political Science and post-graduation in Business Administration, Ankur has more than 21 years of experience with c-suite companies like Accenture, Deloitte, PwC and Wipro, and has inculcated an in-depth understanding of India's government sector and the country's socio-economic complexities.

His professional expertise spans across areas like policy formulation, driving mutually-inclusive stakeholder relationships, and advising for high-impact governance reform initiatives.

At HPE, Ankur works extensively to position the Firm as a thought leader at a pan-India level via active involvement in various flagship projects like Smart Cities and Digital India. He also strives to enhance HPE's reputation through effective design and implementation of firm's CSR charter, which addresses key societal challenges like primary health, digital education and digital villages.

Ankur has worked extensively across India, especially the Eastern region, and has also undertaken number of strategic ICT projects in USA, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

He is a member of the Taskforce on Governance Policy for Essential Sectors which has been constituted by Government of Haryana in May 2020. He has previously served as an advisor to Government of Nagaland for Skilling & Entrepreneurship and as a member of Haryana Government Task Group on Norms, Procedures & Process Reengineering for Industrial Development from 2014 to 2019.