

## CESDI Become a Member of UNESCAP- SANS



United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) office for South and South West Asia (SSWA) based in New Delhi has included Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development India (CESDI), a member of South Asia Network on the Sustainable Development Goals (SANS) as a civil society member. SANS is network of government agencies, think tanks, and other organisations from South Asian countries namely Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. SANS has been developed to foster sub-regional cooperation by sharing good practices towards achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) amongst the government agencies, think-tanks, CSOs and other stakeholders in South Asia to build back better. This network is expected to accelerate action on SDGs implementation in the region.

CESDI, a national NGO for action, study and research on environment and sustainable development, established in July 1993 and is having Special Consultative Status with United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), New York since July 1999. CESDI is also enlisted with the General Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Nairobi, Kenya from July 2002 and accredited with UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP), since November 1995. CESDI has been working in the area of sustainable consumption and sustainable development, especially on MDGs and SDGs, for last more than three decades at national and international level.

**George Cheriyan, Director, CESDI** said, '*CESDI membership in SANS will further help to expand the work on sustainable consumption and climate change in the region, and to promote regional cooperation for inclusive and sustainable development in South and South-West Asia. Being an organization, having vast experience in working in the area of sustainable consumption and development, made CESDI eligible for this prestigious membership*', George further said.