



Summit 2025

Agenda

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CLIMAFIX is India's largest climate startup summit. Organized by the Energy Consortium - IIT Madras, EAI & TiE - Chennai, the event will have over 400 climate startups, 150 investors, and over 250 senior corporate professionals.

Dates: Sep 11 & 12, 2025

The venue for CLIMAFIX 2025 is IIT Madras Research Park, Chennai.

Overview of CLIMAFIX 2025

The 2025 edition of CLIMAFIX is a serious effort at bringing together three key stakeholders in the climate innovation ecosystem - startups, investors, and industry stakeholders.

With the above objective, and considering the aspirations of each of these stakeholder segments, the summit has the following highlights:

The summit is divided into four half-day sessions, with the following themes for each:

- Day 1, first half - Bio-solutions
- Day 1, second half - Energy efficiency & AI
- Day 2, first half - Deep tech
- Day 2, second half - Translational research

Each of the half day sessions comprises the following components:

- **Startup Stories** - narration of startup journeys by founders of successful and high impact climate startups
- **Expert Talks** - climate innovation insights from specialists and experts from relevant industries
- **I3 - Industry Investor Insights** - comprising professionals from industry & investing community who share their insights on how to scale climate innovations
- **AI 4 Climate** - with the growing importance of AI in all domains of climate solutions, we will include one expert talk in each of the sessions on the contributions of AI to that theme.
- **Impact Pitches** - 5-7 pitches from curated climate startups

In addition, for the delegates to become aware of many other startups as well as experts and achievers who are in attendance, we have the following sessions interwoven in the programme:

- **Special Mentions** - we introduce about 30 subject experts and/or climate tech veterans who are attending the summit
- **Startup Showcase** - at the end of each of the half-day sessions, we provide a quick introduction to about 15 startups, thereby providing visibility to these startups as well to investors and corporates

Program at a Glance

Day	Core themes	Types of sessions
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First half - Bio-solutions Second half - Energy efficiency + Digital/IT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keynote Startup stories Expert talks Industry Investor Insights Startup pitches Special Mentions
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First half - Deep tech Second half - Translational research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Startup stories Expert talks Industry Investor Insights Startup pitches Special Mentions Panel discussion

Detailed Program Schedule

Day 1 - Sep 11, 2025		
Time	Theme	People
9.30 am -10.00 am	Inauguration & Partner Introduction	
10.00 am -10.15 am	Keynote	Ashok Jhunjunwala, IITMRP
Bio-economy for Climate		
10.15 am-10.35 am	Startup Journey - Building a Sustainable Biomass Supply Chain	Suhas Baxi - Biofuel Circle
10.35 am-10.55 am	Startup Journey - Cracking the Green Chemicals Code	Sivaram Pillai, Proklean Technologies With Mirik Gogri, Spectrum Impact
10.55 am-11.15 am	Expert Talk - From fossil to forest - Bio-based plastics & the path to Net Zero	Sunder Balakrishnan, Natur Tec With Gayathri Reddy, NOW Ventures
11.15 am-11.30 am	Expert talk - Investing in climate, an international perspective	Johnny Karlbetzer, Twynam Investments

11.30 am-12.00 pm	I3 - Industry Investor Insights	<p><i>Moderator:</i> Toine van Megan, Auroville Consulting</p> <p>Participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abhijit Ray, Unitus Capital • Sameer Mehta - Atlas Family Office • Col Monish Ahuja, PRESPL
12.00 pm - 12.30 pm	Special Mentions	<p>Mentioned are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archana Stalin - myHarvestFarms • Mallesh Tigali - CultyVate • Kern Agarwal - Carbon Loops • Sankaranarayanan, SWMS • Sankalp Pathak, GPS Renewables • Prabha Nagarajan, Open Water • Shweta Dalmia, Bharat Climate • Vaibhav Anant, Bambrew • Ashwati Ramesh, Value Network Ventures • Desika Prabhakar, DPurpose • Sowmalya Mukherjee, Tan90 • Ganesh Shankar, SusMafia
12.30 am -1.30 pm	IMPACT PITCHES - Bio-economy startup pitches from 7 curated high-impact startups	<p>Jury</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karthik Chandrasekar, Sangam Venture • Chandran Krishnan, Campus Angels • Ashita Gupta, Merak Ventures • Sweta Shah, Silver Compass

1.30 - 2	Startup showcase	12-15 startups related to the bioeconomy will be briefly introduced
2 pm - 2.45 pm	LUNCH	
Energy Efficiency & Digital/AI		
2.45 pm - 3 pm	Digital & AI 4 Energy efficiency	Hemalatha Dave - Technip Energies
3 pm - 3.20 pm	Startup journey - From emissions to efficiency: The circular path to decarbonization	Ashwin KP, Promethean Energy <i>with</i> Siddharth Mehta, SE Ventures
3.20 pm - 3.40 pm	Startup journey - Cooling as a service: Transforming thermal efficiency through innovations	Madhusudhan Rapole, Oorja Energy <i>with</i> Satyanarayanan Bansal, Blue Ashva Capital
3.40 pm - 4.00 pm	Expert talk - Energy efficiency as a service-status and trends	Ajit Shah, Yantra Harvest
4 pm - 4.45 pm	I3 - Industry Investor Insights	Moderator: Tina Philip - Accenture Industry experts from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanjay Kumar - Orbi2aNext • Head Digital Products & AI - Technip Energy • Radhika Chowdhary, Freyr Energy • Arul Shanmugasundaram Ayana Renewables • Anson Sando, IITMRP
4.45 pm - 5.45 pm	IMPACT PITCHES - Energy efficiency and digitization startup pitches from 7 curated high-impact startups	Jury <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rohit Jhunjunwala In44 Capital • Alexander Hogeveen Rutter Third Derivative • Vinod Shankar Java Capital • Aswani Chaitanya Capital A

5.45 pm - 6.15 pm	Startup showcase	12-15 startups in energy efficiency & digital will be quickly introduced
6.15 pm -7.00 pm BTDT Session	Insights from folks who had Been There Done That	On stage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arun Nagpal, Mrida • Satish Rajagopalan • Venkat Rajaraman, Cygni • Priya Selvaraj, Siemens Gamesa • Pashu Gopalan, Fenice • Raghuttama Rao, GDC, IIT Madras • Julian Thomas, Informa Markets • Arun Natarajan, Venture Intelligence • Ramesh M, Business Line
DINNER 7-9 PM		

DAY 2 - Sep 12

Day 2 - Sep 12, 2025		
Time	Theme	People
10.00 am-10.20 am	Introduction & context setting	Narasimhan Santhanam, EAI
Deep Tech for Climate		
10.20 am-10.35 am	AI 4 Deep Tech	TBD
10.35 am-10.55 am	Startup Journey - Synergies to accelerate Hydrogen Infrastructure in India	Shaji John, Ohmium <i>with</i> Vishesh Rajaram Speciale Invest
10.55 am-11.15 am	Expert talk - Deeptech innovations for clean energy transition	Janani Mittal, Technip <i>with</i> Shelly Mittal Chrysalix Venture Capital

11.15 am -12.00 noon	I3 - Industry Investor Insights	<p><i>Moderator:</i> Kushant Uppal - IndusDC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nat Malupillai* - IITMRP • Hardik Bhanushali - SCALE • Tejas Rao, Saint Gobain • Aastha Paliwal, Avaana Capital • Pawan Mehndiratta, Thermax • Ashish Sethi, TRIGeN Decarbonization
12.00 am - 12.30 pm	Special Mentions	<p>On stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prasanta Sarkar, NewTrace • Maxson Lewis, Magenta Mobility • Soundararajan GS, Alldelite • Vikash Chandra, BPL-FTA • KN Rao, formerly with ACC • Jacob Thekkekara, Sugrah Mobility • Kunal Gour, Bolt.earth • Visakh Sasikumar, Fyn Mobility • Dinesh Arjun, Raptee • Deepak Rajmohan, GreenPod Labs • Ayshwarya Rajagopal, Climate Collective
12.30 pm - 1.15 pm	Deep tech startup pitches from 7 curated high-impact startups	<p>Jury</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roopan Aulakh, Pi Ventures • Vishal Katariya, Ankur Capital • Vasu Guruswamy, Lavni Ventures • Partha Talukder, NOW Venture Studio
1.15 pm - 1.45 pm	Startup showcase	About 15 startups in

		deeptech will be provided quick introduction
1.45 pm - 2.30 pm	LUNCH	
Translational Research for Decarbonization & Net Zero		
2.30 pm - 2:45 pm	Decarbonization Research in Universities: A Reality Check	Energy Consortium - IIT Madras
2:45-3:15	Industry Showcase of Decarbonization Efforts	
	Decarbonizing building materials	Shailee Goswami, Saint-Gobain R&D
	Decarbonizing steel through use of steel scrap	Sumit Bhatia, ARS Steel
3.15 pm - 4.00 pm	Panel discussion - What should be the constituents of a platform that can efficiently translate academic research into high-impact implementations?	Moderator: Satya Seshadri <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mirik Gogri - Spectrum ImpactVignesh Nandakumar - Enfinity GlobalAjeya Bandyopadhyay, IFCIndumati Nambi - IITMRaghuttama Rao, GDC, IIT MadrasNishani Manohar, IITMAA
4:00 pm - 4:15 pm	Special Mentions	Mentioned are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">TS Giridharan, SSN iFoundAkshay Joshi, NSRCELChintan Antani, IIMA Ventures
4.15 pm - 4.30 pm	IITM showcase of translational research	IIT Madras Energy Consortium
4.30 pm - 5.00 pm	Awards, Summary & Summit Conclusion	CLIMAFIX Organizers