

# INDIA COMMITTED TO WORK WITH G20 COUNTRIES IN MOUNTING AN EFFECTIVE RESPONSE TO SECURE THE HEALTH OF THE PLANET AND ITS PEOPLE: SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV

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The Minister also mentioned about the initiatives taken by India on Resource Efficiency (RE) & Circular Economy (CE), and that the G20 Resource Efficiency Dialogue should also strengthen exchange of ideas, knowledge and best practices on RE & CE and support the transition to sustainable and equitable resource use for a better future

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