



### **Creating a dialogue between practice and research at ‘A Conversation around Research and Convergence’ seminar**

**G**itika Goswami, Senior Programme Director, Development Alternatives participated in a seminar “A conversation around Research and Convergence”, organised by Global India at the India International Centre, New Delhi on 2 March 2020. Global India is an EU funded research training consortium hosting fifteen doctoral students in six EU universities, the interdisciplinary research teams together make for a vibrant and timely deliberation on pressing matters concerning both India and the European Union.

With the hope of creating a dialogue between practice and research, Global India organised a half day seminar, comprising two panel discussions. Gitika Goswami was invited as a panelist in the session on ‘Cooperation for Sustainable Future: Policy and Practice’, which was chaired by Dr. Markus Pauli, a lecturer in Public Policy and Sustainability in the School of Law and Government, Dublin City University. Gitika addressed international doctoral students on the participation of gender and climate change adaptation action. She emphasised the vulnerabilities faced by the women in resource access and use, as well as the underlying economic, social and cultural factors underpinning these.

She also brought attention to the role of women and their local, practical knowledge in achieving environmental and climate sustainability. From her vast experience of working in the remote areas of

India, she urged that climate change adaptation needs of women are more nuanced and therefore, any kind of climate change adaptation planning requires active participation of local women themselves.

She concluded with policy recommendations on the importance of gender sensitive approaches to environmental strategies envisaging a future where women are at the forefront of decisions, innovations and practices to enhance resilience.