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**PRESS RELEASE
Voice of Global South Summit**

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India hosted the "Voice of Global South Summit" on 12-13 January 2023, under the theme "Unity of Voice, Unity of Purpose" to bring together countries of Global South.

The initiative is inspired by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas, and underpinned by India's philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, which is reflected in India's theme for its G-20 Presidency, 'One Earth. One Family. One Future.'

The Summit was inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and is spread over Ten Sessions including inaugural and concluding sessions along with 8 Ministerial sessions. Over 120 countries are participating in the Summit being held in virtual format.

Shri. Hardeep Singh Puri, Hon'ble Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India chaired the Energy Ministers' session under the theme "Energy Security and Development- Roadmap to Prosperity" on 13 January 2023. Minister Puri welcomed the Oil and Environment Ministers of the 15 countries participating in the session. Minister proposed to create a Global Biofuel Alliance under G20, and reiterated India's commitment to achieving net zero carbon emission

by 2070 and invited Global South to join India's initiatives such as International Solar Alliance, One Sun One World One Grid and the 1st India Energy Week, scheduled to be held in Bengaluru.

H.E. Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak bin Daina, Minister of Oil & Environment and Special Envoy for Climate Affairs, Kingdom of Bahrain represented Bahrain in the Energy Ministers' Session. H.E. Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak bin Daina praised the increasing cooperation between India and Bahrain in the field of Conventional Energy, Renewables and in tackling climate change. The Minister also said that he looked forward to increased collaboration within the framework of International Solar Alliance, which Bahrain joined in March 2022.

As President of the G-20, India would work with other members of the G- 20 to ensure that the valuable inputs generated through the 'Voice of the South Summit' are given due cognizance globally, including in the G-20 deliberations.





