



**Welcoming Message from TRENDS Global Chairman and Founder, Dr. Volker Franke:**

Welcome to TRENDS Global! At TRENDS, we seek to tap into the promise of individuals who are often marginalized, disconnected, or in other ways prevented from developing and using their full potential to improve the lives and living conditions of those around them. Our projects and initiatives range from research and capacity building activities to information exchange, training, and community engagement. We want to make connections between those who are not connected. We want to bring together thought and community leaders with social innovators to affect how we envision and create our future and how we can live together purposefully. We want to make the best of our rapidly diversifying societies, our demographic and democratic evolution, our technological and scientific advances, and our unlimited ability to develop creative, meaningful and sustainable solutions for social and political problems.

We are interested in hearing from you and we always welcome your questions, feedback, and ideas. We want to grow our family of collaborators, supporters, and partners, so please let us know if and how you would like to become involved.

I look forward to hearing from you and to welcoming you to the TRENDS Global family!

Volker Franke  
Chairman & Founder