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Namita Vikas spearheads Climate Action, Green Financing and Sustainable Development agenda at YES BANK, India's 5th largest private sector Bank. As part of the top management team, she is instrumental in delivering on YES BANK's vision of being the finest quality large Bank in India by 2020. Under her visionary guidance the Bank has assumed a leadership position in sustainability and green banking nationally and internationally. Her overall responsibility includes Sustainability Management, Climate related risks and research, Triple Bottom-line Accounting, building strategies towards Responsible Finance/Investing and Strategic Philanthropy.

Namita serves as a Board Member of "YES FOUNDATION", which was set up in 2012 and guides its overall strategy. She is the Worldwide Chair of U N Natural Capital Finance Alliance (NCFA). Besides this, she holds advisory board positions of Asia Venture Philanthropy Network, World Resource Institute - India GHG Program, Indian Centre for CSR (ICCSR) and SEED. Committed to sustainable development, she is involved with national and international sustainable policy influencing as a member of United Nations Global Compact, TERI, and is often invited to speak at influential platforms, as a global expert on CSR and sustainability.

Innovative and a design thinker, Namita with her 27 years of well-rounded experience has been associated with the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, International Finance Corporation and the United Nations to drive the climate finance agenda and towards green financing policies. In the past she has successfully held leadership positions with Marico, Microsoft Corporation and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

For her exemplary efforts at mainstreaming sustainability, towards the achievement of global SDGs, Namita was awarded the WBCSD Leading Women Award by The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD).