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**PLENARY SESSION**

**Dr. Wieczorek A J**

*Sustainability Transitions: A New Direction in Environmental Science*

Active Member, Sustainability Transition Studies Group, Institute of Environmental Studies –  
Instituut voor Milieuvraagstukken (IVM), VU University, Amsterdam, De Boelelaan 1087,  
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**Joanne Miller Pearson,**

*Involvement by Home Economists in Sustainability and Human Development Issues of the United Nations*

Vice President, International Federation of Home Economics, Region of Americas

**Dr. B. Sesikera**

*Changing Environments, Lifestyles and prevalence of Obesity in India*

Former Director, National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad, India

**Prof Abdullah**

*Ecological and Economic Attributes of Jute and Natural Fiber for Sustainable Eco-Management*

Professor, Dept. of Textile Engineering, Primeasia University, Bangladesh

**Mr. J.P. Agarwal**

*Sustainable Urban Development & Green Building*

Partner, Architect Agarwal & Agarwal, Kolkata, India

**Mr. Stephen Joss Brooks**

*Remembering the Future Garden Peace*

Director, Pitchandikulam Bioresource Centre / Pitchandikulam Forest Consultants, Auroville,  
Tamil Nadu, India

**Dr. Vinod Kumar Jain**

Professor of Physics, School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New  
Delhi, India

**Mr. Nirmal Basu**

*It Is Wealth Management, Not Waste Management*

Founder Exnora International, Chennai, India

**Mrs. Karuna A Singh**

*Environment and Youth*

Country Director India, Earth Day Network, Kolkata, India

**Prof. (Dr.) Sarmila Banerjee**

*Economy and Ecology: Emergence and Decay of East Kolkata Wetlands*

Rajiv Gandhi Chair Professor, Eco-systems and Sustainable Development, University of  
Calcutta, Kolkata, India