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Mr. Harsh Jaitli is the Chief Executive Officer of Voluntary Action Network India (VANI). He has done M.Phil in International Studies from Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi and has been working in the development sector for almost three decades. Before VANI he was working as Director in Society for Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA), looking after assignments of capacity building, research, advocacy and networking. He has worked on the themes like environment, health, local governance, Right to Information, organizational development etc. He has also worked on institutional strengthening in the field of information resource management, financial management and project cycle management. Mr. Jaitli has done extensive work on occupational and environmental health related issues of industrial workers and neighborhood communities. He was also involved in policy analysis and developing comprehensive planning of industrial belts.

In 2009, Mr. Jaitli joined VANI as its Chief Executive. Being a national platform, VANI works towards strengthening Civil Society Organizations in India. This includes enabling regulatory environment and internal capacity enhancement of CSOs. With the membership of 600 organizations, VANI has outreach to 15,000 organizations located in almost all parts of India. Majority of these organizations work on issues related to socio-economic development and better quality of life. As civil society is passing through very challenging phase worldwide, VANI along with other national platforms is working to protect and promote organizations that play very significant role in nation building. VANI is also working towards mobilizing Indian CSOs on SDGs to promote their participation in monitoring and implementation. VANI focuses more on SDG 16 and 17, as it focuses on cooperation, participation and collaboration between government, private sector and civil society.

Mr. Harsh Jaitli has written on the subjects mentioned above and also represents sector in various committees and forums. He was member of expert committee formed by Government of India to develop National Voluntary Guidelines for ethical business behavior, He was Vice-Chair of Forus (formerly known as International Forum of National Platforms (IFP)), Co-convenor of Asian Development Alliance, council member of Asian Democracy Network (AND) and Member of Policy Development Forum of European Commission. He is member of NGO Cell created by NITI Ayog and member of Sub-committee on Enabling Environment. He is also member of committee formed to design CSO portal for Ministry of Corporate Affairs. Mr. Jaitli is also member of International Advisory Committee for Civil-20. He is also board member of Forum for Indian Development Cooperation (FIDC).