

International Conference on Sustainability Education (ICSE) 2019

Thematic track: Youth Conclave on SDGs

Date: 9 - 10 September 2019, | Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Place: India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) is organizing a thematic track, 'Youth Conclave on SDGs' on 9 September 2019 at India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi. This is being held under the aegis of ICSE (International Conference on Sustainability Education, <https://www.icse2019.org/>). ICSE conference will bring together experts and practitioners working on issues of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) to discuss innovative ideas, activities and policy frameworks. The conference aspires to provide an opportunity for youth to enhance their understanding on issues concerning innovation, youth engagement and sustainable development; network with like-minded people; exchange ideas; and form a common network to work towards achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Background

With more than 170 million unemployed people, and the global unemployment rate remaining static for the period, 2019 – 2020, the future seems bleak for the rising numbers of youth workforce. The number of people unemployed is projected to increase by 1 million per year to reach 174 million by 2020 as a result of the expanding labour force.¹

In India, youth represents the most dynamic and vibrant segment of its population. By 2010, India accounted for 17.8% of the world population, recording an increase of 2.7% in its share since 1970. The growth in population share is projected to continue and by 2030, Indians would account for about 18.0% of global population.² It is therefore, pertinent to touch upon lives of this untapped resource, with the right know how and responsibility, so that their aspirational values meet a convergence.

Some of the foundational SDGs specifically revolve around youth issues, such as quality education, empowering women and girls, or ensuring decent work for all. It is pivotal that as the immediate stakeholders, young people educate themselves about such issues and further raise awareness.³

Against this background, TERI proposes a thematic track 'Youth Conclave on SDGs' to educate and sensitize the youth on the SDGs and orient them on enablers to achieve these goals. Around 60- 80 youth (18- 25 years) from colleges/ Universities; National Service Scheme (NSS) and Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) will participate in the programme.

1 ILO Publication: World Employment and Social Outlook: Trends 2019

2 Youth In India, 2017

3 UN and SDGs: A Handbook for Youth

Objectives of the Youth Conclave

- To sensitize youth on SDGs and make them aware of the convergence of local solutions to global goals.
- To educate and create awareness on skill development and entrepreneurship opportunities available for youth in the social and environmental sector.

Sessions and Highlights

Youth Conclave on SDGs will focus on sharing innovative ideas and understanding on sustainability in order to work towards the achievement of SDGs and creating a sustainable future for all. Ample opportunities will be given to students to deliberate and put forth their views and aspirations, linking these with economy and sustainability.

- **Expert session:** This will include session which will touch upon the A to Z of SDGs, opportunities for youth in sustainability domain and future of green jobs in the country.
- **Participation at ICSE 2019:** Youth who are a part of the Conclave will also get a chance to participate in ICSE 2019 for two days
- **Discussion forums:** A platform for youth to voice their opinion on the issues related to SDGs, skill development and youth participation vis-a-vis entrepreneurship.

Expected outcomes

- To create a pool of SDG-literate and-empowered youth who can cater to the development of the conference
- To have an all-round development of youth, creating a ripple effect that can lead to potential improvements in their academic, moral and life skills thus leading to fulfilling aspirations.
- To create an opportunity for young people to set and manage their own agenda, contributing to development

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