

One Day National Conference

Sustainable Development Goals - The 2030 Agenda Role of Youth in Transforming India

Centre for lifelong learning, Tata Institute of Social Sciences is proud to host a National Consultation on Sustainable Development Goals - The 2030 Agenda, Role of Youth in Transforming India on 12th of January, 2018 to commemorate the National Youth Day.

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) based on three dimensions of development, namely, economic, social and environmental are viewed as extensions of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) with sustainability parameter added to each MDG to be implemented in the post-2015 era along with a set of all new goals which were ignored in the MDGs. These is a new, universal set of goals, targets and indicators that United Nations (UN) member States is expected to use to frame their agendas and political policies over the next 15 years.

The SDGs are a set of 17 specific goals offering special focus on important areas related to sustainable development that require urgent and extensive attention at present and in the near future. The SDG framework undertakes to provide systematic solutions to the obstacles identified in case of the MDGs like inequality, sustainability, institutional resourcefulness, implementation efficacy, environmental deterioration, etc., (UN 2014a).



17 Sustainable Development Goals as stated by UN

(source: <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/news/communications-material/>)

According to the UN agency in India, India's economic progress over the last decade has been remarkable. India's progress globally has been accompanied by rapid internal change. The Government of India played a key role in shaping the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The challenge now is to translate the SDGs into concrete action. Several of the ambitious programmes launched by the government directly contribute to a number of SDGs: The Clean India campaign; The End Open Defecation by 2019 Campaign; Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana or the Prime

Minister's Housing Scheme; The Make in India Campaign; the 100 Smart Cities initiative; Health Assurance for All; and the Prime Minister's Financial Inclusion Scheme, among others. Emphasis has been placed on Skill development and Entrepreneurship to ensure a direct focus on youth.

In response to today's development challenges and in support of government priorities, UN agencies, in collaboration with the government, has identified a number of key issue and themes and have prioritised the following eight areas:

POVERTY AND URBANIZATION

Tackling poverty, inequality and rapid urbanisation is key to ensuring equitable and inclusive development

NUTRITION AND FOOD SECURITY

Eliminating hunger and ensuring food security contributes to peace, stability and poverty reduction.

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYABILITY

Enhancing access to quality learning can empower everyone to participate fully through education, training and jobs.

HEALTH, WATER AND SANITATION

Availability of safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene are key to ensuring equal access to health and sanitation.

SKILLING, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND JOB CREATION

Encouraging entrepreneurship stimulates innovation and domestic demand, generating employment and creating new opportunities.

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Adequate and clean energy, addressing climate change and resilience at all levels is key to a sustainable future for all.

GENDER EQUALITY AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Improving the status of women, girls and youth can be a game-changer for the country.

NORTH-EAST

Improving infrastructure, reducing geographical isolation, and ensuring adequate utilisation of mineral resources, hydropower and biodiversity in the North-East.

(source: <http://in.one.un.org/un-priority-areas-in-india/>, United Nations in India site)

Youth are at the epicenter of the United Nations' newly adopted 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – both as future leaders of the agenda.

It is imperative for the young people of our country to be in forefront to discuss and formulate designs & action plans to promote change through constructive interaction with other citizens, as India is a young country with highest statistics of youth population. They need not be mere recipients of knowledge and values but should act as catalyst in educating all and transforming India in all terms. On the other hand, there is a great need to train young people to empower them for this development task.

The conference aims at knowledge creation of the work and best practices by different stakeholders to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. It is also aimed at providing opportunity to exchange ideas, sharing our challenges, creation and strengthening of partnerships and learning.

The specific objectives of the conference are;

- 1. To examine role of youth in achieving the goals of SGD's.**
- 2. To create an avenue for knowledge sharing on current trends to support the achievement of goals.**
- 3. Provide a space for NGO's, Academicians, Practitioners, Youth Volunteers, Researchers and Government officials to come together to enable peer learning by showcasing best practices.**

The conference will bring together relevant Ministries, Educational Institutions, Non Governmental Organizations, Skilling Centres, Youth Volunteers, Independent Researchers, Professionals to deliberate, discuss and present papers in the conference. The conference papers will consist of rich and diverse groupings of sessions, plenary sessions, innovations showcase and talks by experts. The conference will be an occasion to engage with various stakeholders towards achieving SDGs. The conference entails full day presentations on best practices by Youth based organizations in alignment to the goals of SDG's.

Broad thematic areas for paper presentations are as below;

SKILLING, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND JOB CREATION

GENDER EQUALITY AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYABILITY

HEALTH, WATER AND SANITATION

Date : 6th February, 2018

**Venue: TISS, Old Conference Hall
Mumbai Campus,
N. V. Purav Marg,
Mumbai – 400 088**

** Please note that no accommodation will be given to outside participants.*

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