

International Conclave on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation: Issues, Challenges and Solutions to UN SDG-13

CONCEPT NOTE:

Climate change is affecting every country on every continent. It is disrupting national economies and affecting lives. Weather patterns are changing, sea levels are rising, and weather events are becoming more extreme.

Although greenhouse gas emissions are projected to drop about 6 per cent in 2020 due to travel bans and economic slowdowns resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, this improvement is only temporary. Climate change is not on pause. Once the global economy begins to recover from the pandemic, emissions are expected to return to higher levels. Saving lives and livelihoods requires urgent action to address both the pandemic and the climate emergency.

The Paris Agreement, adopted in 2015, aims to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change by keeping a global temperature rise this century well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. The agreement also aims to strengthen the ability of countries to deal with the impacts of climate change, through appropriate financial flows, a new technology framework and an enhanced capacity building framework.

To address this issue and to provide the sustainable solutions, an international conclave on “Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation: Issues, Challenges and Solutions to UN SDG-13” is being organized by Chandigarh University in collaboration with Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) on 4th September 2021 through virtual mode.

A strong backup is being provided by Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) accredited with following credible inter-governmental institutions of national and global importance:

1. United Nations Special Consultative Status under Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) since 2019;
2. Affiliated with Department of Global Communications (DGC) of the United Nations since 2019;
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4. Affiliation under National Institution of Transforming India (Niti Ayog- former Planning Commission of India) since 2015.

The conclave is based on UN SDG-13 with the following objectives:

1. To develop a continuous support for leading a discussion, identifying alternatives and implementing the solutions to the Climate Change and Sustainable Development;
2. Sensitizing youth, professionals, social workers, community, and people from all walks of life about SDGs and climate change as the need of the hour; and
3. To understand various issues and solutions for building a Sustainable future together.

The panellist of this International Conclave would be experts from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), E[co]Work, Switzerland; The Climate Reality Project-India.

The following would be present during this International Conclave:

1. Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed Memon, Regional Coordinator for Resource Efficiency, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Asia Pacific Regional Office and Project Manager, SWITCH-Asia Regional Policy Advocacy Component;
2. Dr. Dai-Yeun Jeong, Director, Asia Climate Change Education Centre (ACCEC) and Emeritus Professor of Environmental Sociology, Jeju National University, South Korea;
3. Mr. Aditya Pundir, Director India and South Asia, The Climate Reality Project India;
4. Ms. Dea Andrea Wherli, Co-Founder and President of Association, Social Impact Startup E[Co]work, Switzerland & India and Project Manager E[Co]work/ Bridge Fellow, Empa, St. Gallen, Switzerland;
5. Dr. Anshu Kumar, Cold Chain Specialist, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), Bhutan and Ex-Technical Advisor, Montreal Protocol Unit/ Chemicals, Natural Capital and Environment, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, United Nations Development Programme, Bangkok Regional Hub.

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