



Pre-Conference Webinars: 29th June – 1st July 2020

Day 1 – 29th June 2020: Youth and Climate Adaptation: Accelerating Action for a Resilient Future

16:30 – 18:30 IST | 21:00 – 23:00 AEST | 13:00 – 15:00 CET | 07:00 – 09:00 EST | 11:00 – 13:00 GMT

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Youth now hold the place of being significant stakeholders in the global climate discourse, it is seen as critical to constructively channelize their energy to stimulate and enhance climate action. This can be seen in examples ranging from YOUNGO being recognised as the official youth constituency of the UNFCCC to the rise of Fridays for Future and Greta Thunberg that is empowering young people all over to the Global Commission for Adaptation's Young Leaders Program, and multiple other youth-led and youth-focused projects, organisations and opportunities that are advocating the need to react and adapt to climate change, as well as empowering them to do so. However, there still exist disconnects, such as between the youth-led actions and policy change, or the understanding of roles and capacities within these new frameworks.

The webinar intends to engage with youth who are working in various fields like climate research, policy research, environmental law, youth activists, etc. to understand their role in the following ways:

1. How can youth design creative solutions to bridge the science -policy gap?
2. What role can formal education play in informing the youth about policy making processes and further influence them to actively participate in formulating climate policy?
3. How can they as individuals make a difference in the fight against climate change (with specific reference to adaptation)?
4. In what ways can the youth bring together several movements, and organisations at the national and international levels to achieve the goal of climate adaptation?

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<p>16:30 – 17:00 IST</p>	<p>Setting the Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Pankhuri Sekhon, <i>The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)</i> <p>Welcome Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Ajay Mathur, <i>Director General, TERI; Co-Chair, Steering Committee, Adaptation Futures 2020</i> Dr. Jian Liu, <i>Chief Scientist, UNEP; Co-Chair, Steering Committee, Adaptation Futures 2020</i> Dr. Anand Patwardhan, <i>Professor, School of Public Policy, University of Maryland, and Chair – Science Committee, Adaptation Futures 2020</i> Ms. Anna French, <i>Deputy Country Director, DFID India</i> Ms. Francesca Datola, <i>First Secretary, Economic & Innovation Department, Embassy of Italy in Dew Delhi, India</i>
<p>17:00 – 18:10 IST</p>	<p>Panel Discussion: Climate Adaptation and Youth</p> <p>Facilitator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Mekhala Sastry, <i>The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)</i> <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. John Paul Jose, <i>Indian focal point to Fridays for Future</i> Ms. Juhi Bansal, <i>The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)</i> Mr. Joshua Amponsem, <i>Global Center on Adaptation, Green Africa Youth Org</i> Mr. Raka Sangma, <i>IYCN Network Coordinator</i> Ms. Christianne Zakour, <i>UNMGCY Representative, Trinidad and Tobago</i> Mr. Nabir Mammun, <i>Centre for People and Environment (CPE) & Young Earth System Scientists (YESS) Community Outreach Working Group</i>
<p>18:10 – 18:30 IST</p>	<p>Q&A and Closing Remarks</p>

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Day 2 – 30th June 2020: India-EU Experience Sharing on Adaptation Planning and Implementation

14:00 – 15:15 IST | 18:30 – 19:45 AEST | 10:30 – 11:45 CET | 04:30 – 05:45 EST | 08:30 – 09:45 GMT

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Extreme weather events like floods, droughts and cyclones have become more frequent as aggravated by the global climate change. Climate Change is having an increasingly severe impact on our planet's eco-systems and biodiversity, in addition to our health and food systems and it's impacting the most vulnerable communities in India. Adaptation to climate change and increasing climate resilience can and should be a powerful ally of sustainable development and disaster risk reduction efforts.

The Government of India has made significant progress with respect to formulation of multi-pronged, long term and integrated strategy for climate change. Following the release of the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) in 2008 with eight missions addressing mitigation and adaptation issues all States/Union Territories have prepared the State Action Plan on Climate Change (SAPCC) to address state specific issues on climate change. In 2019, the Indian Ministry of Environment Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) developed guidelines for revising State Action Plans on Climate Change (SAPCCs) for all the Indian states. It offers a strategic approach to revisiting SAPCCs considering new climate science and projections, as well as the country's commitments under its Nationally Determined

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Contribution (NDC).¹ SAPCC will become the guiding policy document to implement adaptation planning at the sub-national level. Apart from integrating climate science and data, it aims at adopting a ‘people-centric’ approach by addressing socio-economic vulnerabilities and by incorporating gender-sensitive planning strategies at the community level.

In the European Union (EU) there is a similar process. In 2013, the European Commission adopted an EU strategy on adaptation to climate change. The strategy aims to make Europe more climate-resilient. By taking a coherent approach and providing for improved coordination, it aims to enhance the preparedness and capacity of all governance levels to respond to the impacts of climate change. Under this strategy EU Member States are encouraged to prepare Member States' national adaptation strategies. In 2018, the European Commission reviewed all the assessments of each of the Member States' national adaptation strategies and made a horizontal assessment, which will result in a proposal for a new EU strategy on adaptation to climate change².

In the context of the Adaptation Futures conference, it was foreseen to organise a meeting between the Government of India, the Indian States and Union Territories and officials from the EU and EU Member States on the important issue of adaptation to climate change. Because of the postponement of the conference, a webinar is being organized with a focus on exchanging best practices, lesson learnt as well as exchanges on opportunities and challenges. The webinar is an activity under the EU-Strategic Partnership for Implementation of the Paris Agreement (SPIPA) project, which contributes to cooperation between the EU and India on climate action. It is funded from the EU Partnership Instrument and the German Federal Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India, is the nodal partner ministry. The project is being implemented by the EU Delegation to India, with GIZ India as the implementing agency.

Following this, the tentative agenda for this webinar is as below:

Day 2 – 30 th June 2020	
14:00-14:05 IST	Moderation and Setting the Context <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Ashish Chaturvedi, <i>Director-Climate Change, GIZ-India</i>

¹ <http://napglobalnetwork.org/2020/06/mainstreaming-as-a-means-for-localizing-and-implementing-adaptation-actions/>

² <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/23517/eu-india-joint-declaration-climate-and-energy.pdf>

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14:05-14:10 IST	Welcome Address and Introductory Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ajay Mathur, <i>Director General, The Energy & Resources Institute (TERI)</i>
14:10-14:15 IST	Introduction to the SPIPA Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Edwin Koekkoek, <i>Counsellor, Energy and Climate Action, Delegation of the European Union to India</i>
14:15-14:25 IST	Adaptation Planning and Implementation in India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Richa Sharma, <i>Joint Secretary and Head- Climate Change Division, MoEFCC</i>
14:25-14:35 IST	Adaptation Planning and Implementation in EU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Liviu Stirbat, <i>Deputy Head of unit, Directorate-General for Climate Action (DG CLIMA), European Commission</i>
14:35-14:45 IST	New Developments in Using Climate Models for Adaptation Planning in EU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Luc Feyen, <i>Joint Research Centre, European Commission</i>
14:45-15:15 IST	Q&A and Closing Remarks

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Day 3 – 1st July 2020: Moving towards a climate resilient development pathway

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In the evolving climate policy narrative of the Global South, there is a pressing requirement for embracing transformative adaptive pathways that are adept at decision making under increasingly uncertain and interrelated climate and social challenges arising across scales. The sustainability and efficacy of developmental processes is intrinsically linked to integrating climate change adaptation in the long term development strategy at all levels of development planning in a country. It is imperative that policies, plans and vision at the national level should recognise the economic, social, environmental and health risks arising from climatic events. The move towards a climate resilient development pathway would therefore need to envisage a long term adaptation strategy, in synergy with development plans, which is cognizant of the evolving socio-economic and climatic scenario of a country. The panel will seek to guide the discussions while dwelling on few key questions;

- How do we make adaptation intrinsic to development planning decision?
- Going forward, what are the key elements to be included in an LTS while keeping in mind the evolving context and the need for adaptation in Global South?
- How do we effectively integrate the synergies borne off NAP with that of the LTS in a way that both the strategies complement each other?

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16:30-16:35 IST	Context Setting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Swati Pillai, <i>Research Associate, TERI</i>
16:35-16:45 IST	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Ajay Mathur, <i>Director General, TERI; Co-Chair, Steering Committee, Adaptation Futures 2020</i>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Anand Patwardhan, <i>Professor, School of Public Policy, University of Maryland, and Chair, Science Committee, Adaptation Futures 2020</i> • Dr. Paul V. Desanker, <i>Manager, National Adaptation Plans and Policy, Adaptation Programme, United Nations</i>
16:45-16:55 IST	<p>Guidelines for Framing India’s Long Term Strategy for Adaptation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Kavya Michael, <i>Associate Fellow, TERI; Co-Chair, Organising Committee and Member, Science Committee, Adaptation Futures 2020</i>
16:55-18:20 IST	<p>Panel Discussion: Moving towards a Climate Resilient Development Pathway</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. RR Rashmi, <i>Distinguished Fellow, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)</i> <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Choi Yeeting, <i>National Climate Change Coordinator & Senior Policy Advisor on Climate Change, Government of Kiribati</i> • Ms. Rohini Kohli, <i>Lead Technical Specialist, National Adaptation Plans, Resilience and Sustainable Development team, UNDP</i> • Dr. Saskia Werners, <i>Department of Environmental Sciences, Wageningen University & Research; Head of Vulnerability Assessment, Risk Management & Adaptive Planning (VARMAP), United Nations University - Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS)</i> • Dr. Arivudai Nambi Appadurai, <i>Director & Strategy Head (Climate Resilience Practice), World Resources Institute (WRI), India; Member, Organising Committee, Adaptation Futures 2020</i> • Mr. Saurabh Bhardwaj, <i>Fellow and Area Convener TERI; Member, Organising Committee, Adaptation Futures 2020</i> • Dr. Chandni Singh, <i>Research Consultant – Practice, Indian Institute for Human Settlements, Bengaluru</i> • Mr. Siddharth Pathak, <i>Director of Partnerships, 2050 Pathways Platform</i>
18:20-18:45 IST	Q&A and Closing Remarks

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