International Youth Conference on Lifestyle Changes to Mitigate Climate Change

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Why Are We Here?

- Learn and Share
- Get support for our innovative **IDEAs**
- Take forward the lessons from All
- Lay the FOUNDATIONS and Network for our IDEA

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The Geography Department of Kamala Nehru College, South Campus, Delhi University, India *Challenging the Emerging High Consumption-Lifestyle Approach* August 3-7, 2009.

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The youth delegates representing Sri Lanka, United Kingdom, Germany, Nepal, Pakistan and India will join hands to address and prepare road map and position papers on the topic:

"Challenging the Emerging High Consumption-Lifestyle"

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These position papers will then be presented to policy makers and officials of the Government of India, State Governments, United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in how the youth can play an important and strategic role pro-actively in making sustainable practices a reality.

Purpose

The purpose of the Conference is to learn, share knowledge, exchange experiences, between youth from different countries. All the participants would then take to institutionalize the program in their respective countries to regularly create the awareness,

sensitivity and doable actions.

Expected Delegates

- 2-3 participants from 5-6 overseas countries.
- 2-3 participants from **Delhi University** colleges.
- Participants from Indian Universities like IIT's, BITS, NLS, Bangalore; NIFT, Thapar University etc.
- Participants from Corporate Sector as "Volunteers".
- Total Participants: 250-300

The Conference Agenda

- Understanding the Needs
- Where are we and what are the Gaps
- Exploring realistic viable Solutions
- **Scaling up** : Framework and Finance
- The Way Forward: Who will deliver and how?

Methodology

Discuss issues through interactive presentations, debates and group discussions by participants. Lead Discussants from citizen forums, Non Governmental Organizations, National and International Donors.

Expected Results

The Conference is expected to yield an "Active Youth Forum" performing Doable Actions resulting in building necessary skills at different levels in Schools and Colleges.

Strategies Model for the Lifestyle Challenges Tomorrow's Society (Drivers of Change)



- Public Policy
- Areas of Action
- Regulatory Mechanism
- Assess where are we today.
- Institutional Mechanisms

Strategies Model For The Lifestyle Challenges-2 Tomorrow's Society (Drivers of Change)



- Financial Mechanisms
- Search for Sustainable Solutions
- Document and Knowledge Systems
- Understanding the needs

Action Plan

What: Create and Spread Awareness and Action to check high Consumption lifestyles.

- Why: To Reduce "Carbon Footprint" and Mitigate Climate Change
- How: Through series of Conferences, Interactions, Informal Learning, Google Group, Media Outreach, other communications methods for Network Partnerships.

Where: Urban Environment

Who: Youth, both Women and Men

THANK YOU !!! For further information please contact: zoya_sodhi@yahoo.co.in