



6th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION (ICSE)

19-20 September, 2024

Venue: India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, India

Theme – Greening Education for a Sustainable Future

CONCEPT NOTE

Background

In the face of pressing global sustainability challenges such as climate change, biodiversity loss, and environmental degradation, there is an urgent need to transform our education systems to foster stewardship and commitment to saving the planet Earth from these crises. Education plays a pivotal role in shaping the mindset and behaviours of current and future generations, making it a crucial lever for building a sustainable future.

Recognizing the transformative power of education, CoP 28, held at Dubai UAE in December 2023, placed "greening education" at the heart of its deliberations. This concept signifies a paradigm shift, calling for the holistic integration of sustainability principles into all aspects of learning. It's not just about teaching "about" the environment; it's about nurturing a generation that lives and breathes sustainability, equipped to build a more just and equitable future.

Why is greening education so crucial? It's about empowering individuals with the knowledge, skills, and values to:

- **Understand the complexities of sustainability:** This includes the interconnectedness of environmental, social, and economic issues, allowing for informed decision-making.
- **Think critically and creatively:** Green education fosters problem-solving skills and encourages innovative approaches to address sustainability challenges.
- **Embrace social responsibility:** It instills a sense of stewardship towards the planet and its inhabitants, promoting inclusivity and justice in sustainability solutions.
- **Take action:** Green education equips individuals with the tools and confidence to participate in meaningful change, both within their communities and on a global scale.

The theme for 6th International Conference on Sustainability Education (ICSE) 2024, "**Greening Education for a Sustainable Future**," acknowledges the imperative to reorient educational practices and systems towards environmental consciousness and long-term

sustainability. It calls for integrating ecological awareness and fostering a generation of environmentally literate individuals equipped to address global challenges and contribute to the creation of a resilient and sustainable future for our planet.

Objectives

- To provide a platform for sharing best practices, initiatives and fostering a shared understanding for greening education and Education for Sustainable Development (ESD).
- To facilitate and bring together diverse expertise and experiences of sustainability education from across India; region & globally.
- To provide the unique opportunity of learning together; fostering collaborations, building partnership and supportive network of stakeholders to drive green education forward, at all levels.
- To develop a roadmap for the future through recommendations and actionable steps for scaling up greening of education.

Participants and format of the Conference - ICSE 2024

The 6th ICSE will be organized on September 19 and 20, 2024 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, India by Mobius Foundation in partnership with some of the key national and international environmental organizations.

The conference is expected to bring together around 300 participants physically and will be joined by thousands virtually from across the globe representing multi-disciplinary and diverse group of stakeholders including: policy makers, teachers and educators, young professionals, representative of schools and education networks, youth, scientists and technical experts, as well as individuals from the private sector and civil society.

The event will be graced by eminent speakers and distinguished dignitaries and will feature special plenaries, thematic panels, master class and workshops, sustainability thought leaders and educators' conclaves apart from special sessions on '*Population Sustainability*' and '*Youth for Earth*'. The specially curated '*Youth for Earth*' campaign will be a unique opportunity for young sustainability leaders to showcase their contributions towards environment and sustainability through innovative projects and ideas. The conference will also provide opportunities for young researchers and scholars to present their work through posters and oral presentations. There will be ample opportunities for interactions, networking, developing linkages and partnerships throughout the conference.

Outcome

- Transformative experience, deepening participants' understanding of education's pivotal role in addressing sustainability challenges.
- Present innovative solutions, best practices, and successful case studies in sustainability education.
- Platform for facilitated network for collaborations transcending boundaries, contributing to a global community of practice.

Call for Partnerships/ Sponsorships

Partnerships and sponsorships are invited from interested institutions, organizations, agencies, corporate and government entities involved in sustainability activities and projects to showcase and share their programmes and sponsor/support conference.

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