

ICSE FORUM







World Environment Day 2020 Webinar; Principal's Conclave on Sustainability Education in COVID Era

June 4 & 5, 2020, 17:30 to 19:30 hrs IST (GMT + 5:30)

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The International Conference on Sustainability Education (ICSE) 2019 organized by Mobius Foundation, Climate Reality Project India, UNESCO, TERI and 30+ eminent partners, brought together experts and practitioners of Environment Education (EE), Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), and Climate Change Education (CCE) to discuss innovative ideas, practices and pedagogies to incorporate sustainable practises in education. The conference was attended by around 750 delegates from around 30 countries, highlighted the key role of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) as an element of quality education through 5 Plenaries, 15 special sessions with as many 20 keynote speeches on various themes of sustainability education.

One of the key outcomes of the ICSE was to create a FORUM for continuous exchange of ideas, experiences and efforts throughout the network, in order to carry forward the initiative. The First such FORUM is planned through a Webinar and Principals Conclave on the theme "Sustainability Education in COVID Era" on 4-5 June 2020.

Talking of the current times, specially the COVID 19, the inter-linkages of the Pandemic and biodiversity and habitat loss have been well established and sustainability education can be a strategic asset to address both the environment and pandemic challenge. Sustainability is the way to shape new ways of seeing the world, new practices and behaviours that makes biodiversity conservation possible.

This two day ICSE Forum scheduled on resonates well with the theme of this years **World Environment Day** "Celebrating Biodiversity" and deliberation of the event will focus the context of biodiversity and COVID 19. The webinar intends to sensitize teachers, principals and educators as they are the medium through which students will learn about sustainability concerns. This webinar shall also give an opportunity for a partnership between schools and research networks in ESD which provide a model for the powerful interaction of a school system and resource.









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The panellists and speakers will share their views on the specific themes of ESD and role of educating the educators on those aspects. The broader themes proposed are:

1: How can sustainability issues such as Biodiversity, climate change, environment protection be mainstreamed into the curriculum and on ground practical actions in schools/campuses?

2: How can the new normal of COVID 19 be used to address environmental challenges and in making campuses green which educates to protect environment and imparts health benefits?

3: The scenario of E-learning has different trends in the metro and non-metro as well as urban and rural areas. The availability of internet, devices and e-resources is not uniform. How can the educators bridge this digital divide?

4: Suggest a way forward for environmental sustainability education during and beyond COVID 19?

On the eve of World Environment Day 2020, i.e. 4th June, 2020, the event will have eminent speakers who are working in the ESD domain for a long time now, thus setting the tone of webinar. This will be followed by break out rooms (smaller groups) where principals will be deliberating on presented theme (mentioned above) followed by interactions and learning's among each other.

These findings from the smaller group will be consolidated and presented on World Environment Day i.e. 5th June 2020 to a panel of experts. These, along with other recommendations from stakeholders would be taken up for suitable practical action.









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<u>AGENDA</u>

Day 1: WED Eve: June 4, 2020: 17:30 – 19:30 hrs IST (GMT + 5:30)

Time	Speaker	
17:30 – 17:35	Dr. Ram Boojh CEO, Mobius Foundation	Setting the tone
17:35 – 17:45	Mr. Atul Bagai Director, UNEP India office	Inaugural address
17:45 – 17:55	Mr. Kartikeya V Sarabhai Founder and Director, Centre for Environment Education (CEE)	Key note address
17:55 – 18:05	Mr. Pramod Kumar Sharma Senior Director of Education, Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE)	How FEE responded to COVID 19 challenge.
18:05 – 18:15	Ms. Seema Bali Vice Principal, St. Mary's School, Dwarka, New Delhi	Green Campus Program
18:15 - 18:25	Mr. Ben Green , Geography Teacher and Head of Outdoor Education Whitgift School	Global Citizenship and Sustainable Education at Whitgift School
18:25 – 18:35	Ms. Sumedha Jayaweera Principal, St. Paul's Girls' School, Milagiriya, Colombo-05, Sri Lanka	Challenges and another New on Sustainability Education
18:35 – 18:45	Mr. Aditya Pundir Country Manager, Climate Reality India	Agenda for the working groups
18:45 – 19:25	Principals' Conclave- Break Out sessions	
19:25 – 19:30	Wrap up for Day 1	











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Day 2: WED Experts Speak: June 5, 2020: 17:30 - 19:00 hrs IST (GMT + 5:30)

Time	Speaker	
17:30 - 17:35	Dr. Ram Boojh CEO, Mobius Foundation	Moderator
17:35 – 17:55	Mr. Ashok Pandey Chairperson Council for Global Citizenship Education	Presentation of the findings of the working groups
17:55 – 18:05	Ms. Huma Masood National Programme Officer Gender and Education, UNESCO	Opening Remarks
18:05 – 18:15	Ms. Donna Goodman Founder and ED Earth Child Institute (ECI)	Envisioning of post COVID teaching learning for Sustainability
18:15 – 18:40	Interaction and Q&A	
18:40 -18:50	Ms. Gayatri Raghwa Environment Education Consultant, UNEP	Special Address
18:50– 18:55	Mr. Pradip Burman Chairman, Mobius Foundation	Concluding Remarks
18:55 – 19:00	Mr. Aditya Pundir Country Manager, Climate Reality India	Vote of Thanks







