



## **4th International Conference on Sustainability Education (ICSE- 2022)**

### **DAY 1: Parallel Session**

September 09, 2022 (Friday); Time 16:00-17:30 hrs (GMT +5:30)

On

### **Green Jobs for Youth**

Venue: SCOPE Convention Centre, Tagore Hall

#### **Background and Introduction**

“Green jobs’ refer to a class of jobs that directly have a positive impact on the planet, and contribute to the overall environmental welfare”, as mentioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the World Environment Day, June 5, 2022.

The Skill Council for Green Jobs was launched by the Union government on October 1, 2015. The council aims to help manufacturers and other service providers in India’s green business’ sector to implement industry-led, collaborative skills to push the country on the path to truly realising the real potential and significance of green jobs.

According to the ILO, India moving to a green economy by the next decade would alone create about 3 million jobs in the renewable energy sector. The renewable energy sector created about 47,000 new jobs in 2017 accounting for a 12% increase in just the span of a year, they said. For India ‘Green jobs’ can prove immensely useful to the country with sectors like renewable energy, waste management, green transport and urban farming all having great potential to employ a trained workforce. An integrated, systematic approach, experts believe, is crucial to ensuring this.

Globally the Youth, Education and Advocacy Unit at UNEP has been engaged in supporting the green jobs agenda. In 2022 at COP27, ILO, UNICEF’s Generation Unlimited, and UNEP will launch the **Green Jobs for Youth Pact**. The aim is to work together with youth, employers’ and workers organizations, educators, private sector companies, and governments to create a new inclusive, sustainable and resilient recovery with young people’s interests, dreams and future at its heart. Building on existing efforts and joint lessons learned, the Pact is a unique new partnership for action to close the skills gap in developing countries, targeting climate vulnerable sectors, contributing to a systemic change harvesting benefits for climate, nature and society in a way that fosters more and better jobs for young people. It combines the comparative strengths of each of the three UN agencies to bring the skills and jobs, environment, and youth mandates under one integrated umbrella.



With India's commitment towards green economy and a sustainable future, the proposed session on green jobs for youth, targets youth and higher education mentors aims to highlight the prospects and employability for youth in the Green Jobs sector, show case efforts taken by various stakeholders and motivate youth to aspire and work towards building a sustainable and resilient world.

### **Detailed Breakdown of the session**

Total Time allocated for session – 90 Minutes

Introductions - MC

#### **1. Green Jobs & Environmental careers - How aware and interested are our Youth?**

- *Time* – 25mins, 5 minutes PPT / 15mins panel discussion + 5mins Q&A
- Green Jobs and Green Economy – **PPT (ILO)**
- *Panel* discussion on **How interested are our Youth in green careers and Jobs?** - Career advisors, professors and youth to define what are green jobs and what do youth want? – Dr Sanjna Vij (Prof Amity University Gurgaon) / Ms Rao Career Guidance Counsellor /
- *Mode* – Live
- *Speakers and Facilitators* – Facilitated by Youth / Speakers: ILO

#### **2. Green Jobs in India – What are the opportunities and gaps?**

- *Time* – 25mins, 20mins panel + 5mins Q&A
- *Panel* – Industries / Government / Academia.
- *Mode* – Live
- *Speakers and Facilitators* – Facilitated by Divya Dutt UNEP

#### **3. The Green Jobs for Youth Pact - How is the UN supporting this agenda?**

- *Time* – 20mins, 2mins intro + 10mins panel + 3mins conclusion + 5mins Q&A
- *Intro* - UNEP on the Pact, video and PPT – [Noemie Metais, Youth, Education and Advocacy Officer, UNEP](#)
- *Panel discussion* - Existing efforts to motivate, explore and share green jobs opportunities for youth in India by ILO/UNICEF (YUWAAH) and PAGE
- *Conclusion* - How the Pact will leverage the UN existing work and create broader collaboration and impact and share next steps with COP27 – Sam Barratt
- *Mode* – Hybrid
- *Speakers and Facilitators* – Facilitated by Sam Barratt, Chief of the Youth, Education, Advocacy Unit / Speakers: UNEP; ILO; UNICEF-GenU / PAGE

#### **4. Green entrepreneurship - What are the best practices and scope of work in India?**

- *Time* – 20 mins, 15mins panel + 5mins Q&A
- *Panel* - Green entrepreneurs and start-ups from different sectors
- *Mode* – Hybrid
- *Speakers and Facilitators* - Facilitated by Archana Dutta UNEP



### **Expected Outcomes**

1. Connect and network with different actors working towards the creation of green jobs – government/youth/private sector/academia
2. Better knowledge of sectors and actors to support for the creation of green jobs in India
3. Receive expressions of interest around joining and building out the Green Jobs for Youth Pact in India