



# SOUTH-ASIAN YOUTH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT VIRTUAL DIALOGUE -2021

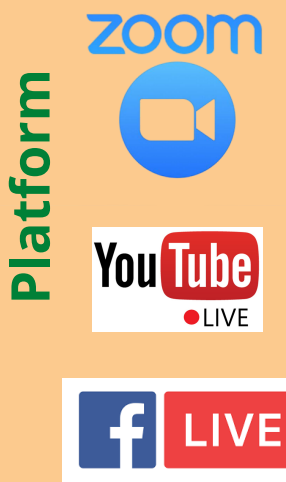
## WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2021

5TH JUNE 2021, (SATURDAY) | 11.30 AM - 02.00 PM (IST)

### "UN DECADE ON ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION 2021 - 2030"

Understanding & Exploring Indigenous Knowledge on Bio-diversity Conservation and Climate Change

*A Dialogue that aims to address the issues of Conserving Biodiversity, Restoring Ecosystems and Climate Change*



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Youth Speakers



**Elsie Gabriel**  
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Moderator  
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*Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP), India  
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#BiodiversityRestoration

#ClimateChange



## BACKGROUND OF WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

World Environment Day (WED) is celebrated annually on 5 June and is the United Nations' principal vehicle for encouraging awareness and action for the protection of the environment. First held in 1974, it has been a platform for raising awareness on environmental issue such as marine pollution, human overpopulation, global warming, sustainable consumption and wildlife crime. World Environment Day is a global platform for public outreach, with participation from over 143 countries annually. Each year, the program has provided a theme and forum for businesses, non government organizations, communities, governments and celebrities to advocate environmental causes.

### HISTORY

World Environment Day was established in 1972 by the United Nations at the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment, that had resulted from discussions on the integration of human interactions and the environment. Two years later, in 1974 the first WED was held with the theme "Only One Earth". Even though WED celebration have been held annually since 1974, in 1987 the idea for rotating the centre of these activities through selecting different host countries began.

### WORLD Environment Day Anthem

An Earth Anthem penned by poet **Abhay K**, Indian Diplomat was sung to celebrate World Environment Day by the Government of India in past:

Our cosmic oasis, cosmic blue pearl  
the most beautiful planet in the universe  
all the continents and all the oceans  
united we stand as flora and fauna  
united we stand as species of one earth  
different cultures, beliefs and ways  
we are humans, the earth is our home  
all the people and the nations of the world  
all for one and one for all  
united we unfurl the blue marble flag.

Source:[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World\\_Environment\\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Environment_Day)

## WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2021

The theme for World Environment Day 2021 is **"Ecosystem Restoration"** and will see the launch of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration. Ecosystem restoration can take many forms: Growing trees, greening cities, rewilding gardens, changing diets or cleaning up rivers and coasts. This is the generation that can make peace with nature.

**Ecosystem restoration** means assisting in the recovery of ecosystems that have been degraded or destroyed, as well as conserving the ecosystems that are still intact. Healthier ecosystems, with richer biodiversity, yield greater benefits such as more fertile soils, bigger yields of timber and fish, and larger stores of greenhouse gases.

Restoration can happen in many ways – for example through actively planting or by removing pressures so that nature can recover on its own. It is not always possible – or desirable – to return an ecosystem to its original state. We still need farmland and infrastructure on land that was once forest, for instance, and ecosystems, like societies, need to adapt to a changing climate.



Between now and 2030, the restoration of 350 million hectares of degraded terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems could generate US\$9 trillion in ecosystem services. Restoration could also remove 13 to 26 gigatons of greenhouse gases from the atmosphere. The economic benefits of such interventions exceed nine times the cost of investment, whereas inaction is at least three times more costly than ecosystem restoration.

All kinds of ecosystems can be restored, including forests, farmlands, cities, wetlands and oceans. Restoration initiatives can be launched by almost anyone, from governments and development agencies to businesses, communities and individuals. That is because the causes of degradation are many and varied, and can have an impact at different scales.

Source: <https://www.genevaenvironmentnetwork.org/world-environment-day>

## ABOUT APSWDP

Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) is a registered not for profit professional membership-based organization of professional social workers and development practitioners working in various social welfare domain across the country. APSWDP has been conferred Special Consultative Status with Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and affiliation with the Department of Global Communication (DGC) of United Nations since 2019. Social issues like poverty, livelihood, health, environment, education, water & sanitation, unemployment, disease control program, urbanization, youth issues of de-addiction, and others have covered the whole gamut of government, development agencies, and academic institutions.

Since the influx of specialization and expertise has increased over the current decade in the country among implementation agencies, then the requirement of trained social work professionals and practitioners is indeed a factual requirement. The association focuses on creating a countrywide and global network of dedicated social work professionals and development practitioners from remote geographical rural areas, to discuss, debate, and develop a key framework on evidence & practice-based interventions, methods.

The focus will be to enable social workers and development practitioners all around the globe to share their ideas and work on various development issues. APSWDP also offers a platform to youth leaders, scholars/researchers with striving passion to participate in bringing reformation through correctional measures in existing policies.



Source: [www.apswdp.org](http://www.apswdp.org)

## CELEBRATING WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2021 AT CHANDIGARH

Aligned to the United Nation themes of the year on World Environment Day, the Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners has been commemorating the day since 2015 in collaborating with The Climate Reality Project India at Chandigarh by way of organizing various advocacy events, campaigns, capacity building programmes and virtual dialogues etc. This year, VCoE-SWA under the aegis of APSWDP has conceived a **South Asian Youth Sustainable Development Virtual Dialogue -2021** in partnership with **Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA), TCP-India, and econScious Society, Royal Thimpu College, Bhutan** with an aim to address the issues of Conserving Biodiversity, Restoring Ecosystems and Climate Change on **5th June, 2021 (Saturday)**. In addition, this dialogue is intended to develop understanding & exploring indigenous knowledge on Bio-diversity conservation and Climate Change Adaptation.



## Programme Structure (Key Session)

Time	Inaugural and Opening Session	Moderator
11.30 am	Formal Welcome and Programme Background	<b>Mr. Vivek Trivedi</b> , Founder and Hon. Principal Adviser, APSWDP cum Hon. National Coordinator (Disasters, Poverty Livelihood), TCP India.
11:40 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opening Remarks by Chief Guest, <b>Mr. Aditya Pundir</b>, Head India and South Asia, The Climate Reality Project.</li> <li>Special Address by Special Guest <b>Ms. Geethanjali M.</b> Indian Forest Service (IFS)-cum- Research Fellow, Finland</li> <li>Special Address by Guest of Honor <b>Ms. Dea Andrea Wehrli</b>, Co-Founder E[co]work, Switzerland.</li> <li>Special Address by Guest of Honor <b>Dr. Thu-Ba Huynh</b>, Senior Advisor Environment and Climate Change, FHI 360, Australia</li> <li>Key Note Address by Key Note Speaker <b>Dr. T Kemala Intan</b>, Graha Kirana Foundation, Indonesia.</li> </ul>	<b>Mr. Hitesh Kumar Gulati</b> , Hon. Director General, APSWDP, India.
Time	Panel Discussion	Moderator
12.40 pm	Understanding & Exploring Indigenous Knowledge on Bio-diversity Conservation and Climate Change: Case Studies and Experiences from South Asian Nations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ms. Elsie Gabriel</b>, Founder Young Environmentalists Programme Trust, Hon. National Coordinator Oceans, TCP India.</li> <li><b>Ms. Bich Pham</b>, Project Coordinator, Vietnam Municipal SWM Project.</li> <li><b>Mr. Kinley Dorji</b>, Programme Leader, Environmental Management, Royal Thimpu College, Bhutan.</li> <li><b>Sanjaya Devkota</b>, Programme Development Officer, WSSFDB, Nepal.</li> <li><b>Mr. R Clarrio Dimassetya Jaya</b>, Project Leader - Urban And Regional Planning Division, Indonesia.</li> </ul>	<b>Mr. Hitesh Kumar Gulati</b> , Hon. Director General, APSWDP, India.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

- Social Development Professionals
- Government Officials and Community Volunteers
- Academicians, and Researchers
- Local CSO Representatives
- Activists, and Social Change Makers

## MODE OF COMMUNICATION

The mode of communication for WED 2021 is English. However, participants are encouraged to put their questions in Chat Room, APSWDP will revert back for clarification by our volunteers.

## REGISTRATION

For participation, please register in advance at the following web link:-

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEqce2uqjopE9YUwcVVc5VRRbhb6RudhERB>

## FOR ANY QUERIES, CONTACT



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