



Building A Multi-Country, Civil Society Partnership to Increase the Resilience of Coastal Populations in South Asia

Date & Time: 19th September 2023 ; 14:00-15:30 PM

Session Type: Parallel

Venue: Silver Oak 1, India Habitat Centre

Background:

The aim of the event is to focus on the coastal communities, who are struggling for their livelihood generation and for that unintentionally harming the local eco-system. Considering the factors such as geographical & climatic condition, income generation sources and availability of resources such as manpower, land, natural resources, etc., the implementation of the relevant project through community involvement for livelihood generation is feasible. Some of the activities under the project will include afforestation on the degraded land (Distribution of different mangrove species to the local communities will generate revenue by maintaining the nursery of the mangrove species as well as increase green cover), Use of Solar energy as an alternative for the traditional energy (solar lamp, solar cooker, solar power devices for fishing in mangroves area), Providing skill training and establishing small units of local product making, which will be operated and maintained by the community. Such activities with the involvement of the local community will facilitate income generation and aid in sustainable living.

About the Session: The session will cover the current issues of the coastal communities, their struggle for their livelihood generation. Various topics related to the climatic conditions, available resources, income generation sources, etc. will be addressed. The importance of afforestation, use of renewable energy and the skill improvement training for the local communities will be highlighted during the session. Practical solutions will be discussed by the panel on the unintentional harm caused to the local ecosystem.

Session Objectives:

- Highlight the current issues faced by the coastal communities with respect to the livelihood generation.
- Addressing the need for cumulative conservation plan.
- Discussion on the practical solutions

Outcomes: If we can create awareness about the importance of the environment and show them the way we can lead a sustainable living, the community can readily change their lifestyle for the protection of the environment. As well as this people are staying very close to the Environment which need to be protected. Also promoting local products will reduce pollution in various ways.

Programme Schedule including speaker and facilitator details (Tabular format):

Name	Organization's Name	Designation
Mr. Thies Geertz (*will join virtually)	Global Nature Fund, Germany	Program Manager
Ms Antonella Vasallo	International Ocean Institute, University of Malta	Managing Director
Mr. Kanna K. Siripurapu	SaciWaters	Senior Fellow
Mr. Sunil Murlidhar Shastri	Ocean and Environmental Governance	Consultant, Educator, & Speaker
Mr Praveen Garg (Chair)	Mobius Foundation	President
Dr. Vinita Apte (Facilitator)	TERRE Policy Centre	Founder Director

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