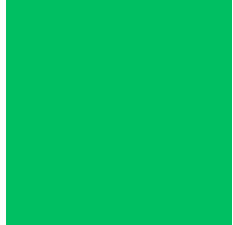
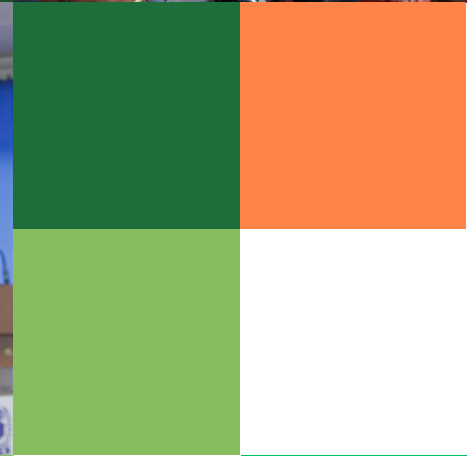
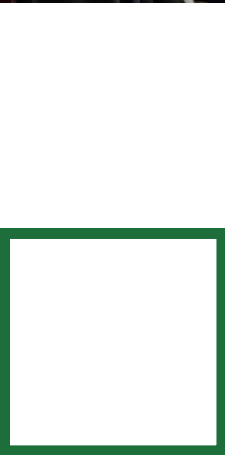


2023 STATEMENT



BY THE
OF THE
FOR THE **YOUTH**



OUR INSIGHTS ON NATIONAL EFFORTS

1

ENERGY SYSTEMS & INDUSTRY

Need for National Clean Energy Capacity Building Program to support community-based clean energy transition and ensure their livelihood security. Skill-based certification of local communities could enhance the efforts.

Promote the proactive hiring of skilled youth in clean energy agencies and institutions such as BEE to foster green employment and take a significant stride towards energy transition.

5

RURAL LIVELIHOODS & INFORMAL ECONOMIES

Farmers' resilience is paramount in this state of climate crisis.

Widescale capacity building on agro-tourism, eco-tourism, horticulture, rural enterprises etc **could help in income diversification, especially young farmers.**

For protection of farmers' income and to reduce state's burden, a **comprehensive coverage and expansion of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana**, using multi-stakeholder approaches as championed by some states, could be fruitful.

2

CITIES & SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

The progress in satisfaction with public transport (SDG11), as highlighted in the Sustainable Development Report 2023 compared to 2022, could be **enhanced by focusing on improving seamless first and last-mile connectivity to public transport services.**

Walking is a healthy, economical and ideal choice for citizens adopting 'sustainable LiFEstyles for Environment'. Thus, the promotion and **prioritization of pedestrian-friendly cities could provide an enabling environment for the same.**

6

CLIMATE FINANCE

Extend support to states with high assessed vulnerability indices (like flood, disaster, heat stress prone) through financial mechanisms such as the National Adaptation Fund.

This initiative could serve as a milestone in achieving national targets by supporting SAPCCs.

7

CLIMATE JUSTICE & HUMAN RIGHTS

Climate-induced displacement is a devastating reality, especially the rise of slow onset climate events. Enabling policy mechanisms to address the challenges including rehabilitation & access to essential needs & services, could safeguard the most affected communities.

3

CLIMATE EDUCATION, SKILLING & GREEN JOBS

NEP 2020 holds immense potential to bring positive changes in Environmental Education, however, **local contextualization of resources and emphasis on teacher training programs** could provide teachers with exponential motivation and create a cascading effect.

Green Jobs for Youth Pact, launched at COP27, is being designed and implemented by the ILO, UNEP and UNICEF, active involvement of stakeholders in India could achieve a great impact.

4

LAND, OCEAN, FOOD & WATER

Establishing a Ecosystem Restoration Fund to offer support to local actors and incentivize community leaders for restoration could be a highly beneficial initiative.

Enabling the youth to remain and pursue their livelihoods along the coasts **necessitates the promotion of a blue economy, grounded in comprehensive community-based studies.** This approach holds the potential to reduce migration, offering the necessary support for continuity and creating a conducive environment for sustained livelihoods.

8

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

To ensure comprehensive inclusion, it is imperative to **prioritize the engagement of communities and youth in stakeholder consultations** during the revision of State Action Plans on Climate Change.

The vulnerability assessment under NAPCC may potentially overlook specific local issues that could disproportionately affect communities. To address this, the **establishment of District Environmental Committees could facilitate the development of Local Action Plans on Climate Change** at the grassroots level, placing emphasis on active youth engagement and involvement across all stages.

Young people as Prominent Stakeholders and Pro-Planet Partners for Mission LiFE

1

Facilitate funding to **youth-led pro-planet startups**, enabling a strong **green entrepreneurship ecosystem** for and in rural urban community areas

Encourage investments in **Youth-Led Sustainable Projects under the Green Credit Program Notification** of the LiFE Initiative

2

3

Support **formulation of a National Youth Consortium** to co-develop youth-focused climate strategies that complement national efforts

Garner contribution from youth, youth-led, youth-based national organizations, regional networks, and committees represented on international platforms to co-advocate for CBDR-RC principles

4

OUR COMMITMENTS

1

We are committed to **leverage, expand the outreach of existing skilling platforms and councils** to reaching the last mile youth and up-to-date, job market-focused curricula

We are keen to assist the establishment of **Youth & Frontline Community Councils**, ensuring active engagement, enhancing accountability & transparency

2

3

We are committed to support and institute local **Youth Advisory Boards for periodic evaluations**

We are eager to support addition of an **online component** to the Clean Energy Capacity Building under the PMKVY to reach more and more young people

4

5

We **pledge to facilitate consultations and organize workshops** to engage with diverse stakeholders to feedback into local processes

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

THEMES

NAMES

ENERGY SYSTEMS AND INDUSTRY

Anurag Gupta, Muskan Lodhi, Ratna Singh

CITIES AND SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

Berjis Driver, Shreya Bansal

LAND, OCEAN, FOOD AND WATER

Saadan Hussein, Pranav Gaba

RURAL LIVELIHOODS & INFORMAL ECONOMIES

Ayadi Mishra, Snowy Christophel

CLIMATE FINANCE

Punyasloka Panda, Shruti Joshi, Vikas yadav

CLIMATE EDUCATION, SKILLING AND GREEN JOBS

Akhilesh Anil Kumar, Niraanjna Awasthy, Vikrant
Srivastava

CLIMATE JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Akhilesh Anil Kumar, Md Sohel Khan, Hemavathi S
Shekhar

CLIMATE ACTION PLANS

Abhipsha Ghosh, Aishwarya Balasubramanian

Gratefully recognizing the valuable contributions from many, this statement is crafted by the
LCOY India 2023 Team, Facilitators and Delegates.

Design Credits - Supreeth Balaji

