

ITEC Programme on Sustainable Development Goals

In September 2015, the world leaders of 193 countries adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with a set of 17 goals and 169 associated targets with the global indicator framework. These goals and targets are integrated and indivisible and balance the three dimensions of sustainable development: the economic, social and environment. Focus of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is to end poverty and hunger, and to provide good health and well being, quality education, clean water and sanitation, affordable energy, decent work and economic growth, build sustainable infrastructure, fight inequality and injustice, tackle climate change and so on. Built on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the SDGs, and the broader sustainability agenda, would go much further than the MDGs, in addressing the root causes of poverty and the universal need for development that works for all people. The official global indicator has been developed to facilitate the implementation, though the indicators are classified by the IAEG-SDGs into three tiers on the basis of their level of methodological development and the availability of data at the global level. As of 11th May, 2018 a total of 93 indicators has been developed as Tier 1 indicators, 72 as Tier 2 and 62 indicators as tier 3. The countries have the flexibility to evolve their own indicators at national level, some of the targets have a pre-2030 timeline, so country has to give more priority to those targets. Therefore, now it is a responsibility of all stakeholders to take it forward to meet the global agenda and through various development strategies.

With the aim of creating knowledge, awareness and simultaneously exploring the implementation strategies at the national and international level, RIS is organising a two-week training programme on SDGs under Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC), from 06th to 17th August, 2018 in G. Parthasarthy Conference Hall, New Delhi.

The ITEC training programme on Sustainable Development Goals offer a comprehensive core curriculum on issues integral to the sustainability of our planet – including health, education, climate change, agriculture and food systems, industrial growth, innovation, infrastructure, water and sanitation, sustainable investment and other related fields. The course aims to provide a strategic vision and practical knowledge to participants on how to find effective sustainable solutions for their community, be it a country, city, village or neighbourhood. It would help to absorb the priorities and inter-linkages of sustainable development in their development plan in a holistic manner. The training programme seeks to expose the participants to the nuances of the sustainability debate. Programme would focus

on local challenges and opportunities for implementation of SDGs in their sub-national strategies, regional context and their integration globally.

Coverage of the Course Content

- Agenda 2030: rationale, concepts and contours
- Analysis of inter-sectoral linkages among the goals
- Means of Implementation of SDGs: challenges and opportunities and their integration at national, regional and global level.
- Follow-up and review of SDGs and the Voluntary National Review Process
- Indicator framework and strategic planning on each Goals
- Designing the strategies for localization of goals
- Sharing the national strategy and accomplishment on SDGs
- Evaluation of local challenges, formulation of plans, creation of knowledge and information base and tools for assessment on each goals
- Role of states, businesses, civil society and academia in the implementation of SDGs
- Sharing of best practices from accomplishments of various countries

Module

1. SDGs and National Strategy;
2. SDGs and Social Sector Issues;
3. SDGs and Economic Development;
4. Environmental Sustainability;
5. Cross-cutting Issues and Means of Implementation; and
6. Global Partnership for SDGs and Localisation Efforts.

Expected Learning Outcome

- The training programme would aim at sensitizing participants on national challenges and opportunities for SDG implementation with conceptual and practical knowledge on the SDGs.
- This programme would also be a platform to generate knowledge and responses on resource mobilisation, capacity building and community partnerships for implementation of the SDGs at all levels.

- The participants may expect to benefit from the technical content of the course that would be based on strong conceptual framework covering actions, incentives and motivations of actors; economic activities and their linkages with the environment and the society; and methodological frameworks on information and monitoring.
- This course is intended to equip participants with necessary information on the need and methodology of strategic planning at national and global levels in coordination with multiple stakeholders.
- The participants would also be encouraged to join in group discussions to lead advice and assist in designing, implementing and evaluating SDG implementation at national levels.
- All participants would be divided into thematic groups. Each group write an article of 3,000- 5000 words and at the end of the programme each group would present their articles for sharing and the certification purposes.