

The Paris Agreement Transparency Framework: Civil society's contribution to increase trust and ensure climate finance delivers

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Paris Agreement: Call for Transparency

- The backbone of the Paris Agreement is the Transparency Mechanism laid out in [Article 13](#).
- Due to the principle of Common But Differentiated Responsibilities (CBDR), Parties' Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) contain a vast amount of variance, not only in ambition but also in format. This presents a nightmare for transparency and accounting.
- There is a call for increased transparency of actions and support, of reporting and review.

Role of Civil Society: Paryavaran Mitra

- To increase transparency there is a need to track both action and provision of support with flexibilities for developing countries
- Paryavaran Mitra has been both tracking action taken as a part of INDC and also ensure climate finance delivers at regional level.
- It has been advocating for better use of available fund and allocation of proper funds for schemes that can fulfill SDG goals.

Advocacy to make climate change department operational in Gujarat State

- Gujarat is the first and only state to form a separate Climate Change Department which was initiated in 2009.
- It is the only 4th State/Province in the World to have a Department for Climate Change. The Climate Change Department recently created the department website.
- In 2015, Paryavaran Mitra filed a RTI and sent a complain Chief Information Commissioner to create a website for making all the information about climate change in Gujarat available to the public.
- On 21st September, 2015, an order delivered by CIC to the Government of Gujarat to ensure that the requirements of the proactive disclosure under the RTI act are fully operationalized within a period of 90 days.
- After the filed complaint, the website was created and recently updated in 2016.

Monitoring projects and Schemes mentioned in INDC

- India has many schemes like Right to Food, Right to Education, MNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) etc that support climate change adaptation. Our efforts are to make use of these schemes to fulfil objectives of NDC. Like increase of climate resilience crops like millets are included in Right to Food act and to increase production MNREGA scheme can be utilized which will reduce suicidal rate of farmers, decrease malnutrition and increased economical growth of farmers.
- We monitor the projects sanctioned under various programs that are mentioned in NDC to check if they are being implemented properly.
- NAPCC (National Action Plan on Climate Change) is one of the tools mentioned in NDC submitted by India which has 8 missions. Also states have State Climate change Action plan. We monitor NAPCC and SCCAP at state level to see if they meet their objective.

Advocacy for Finances

- We also make sure that the funds allocated to various schemes and plans are being allocated appropriately and do advocacy among politicians and raise questions in assembly after the budget.
- INDC indicate that there is fair share of available CSR funding that will be invested in climate change initiatives. Like in one village of SEZ in Dahej, Gujarat we have made common action plan with all the industries with the help of village representatives to make it a sustainable village.

Appropriate use of CSR funds

- In 2016, through CSR money we gave environment education to 500 primary teachers of 2 districts and trained them to teach students environment through activities. This project is now replicated in all 33 districts of State of Gujarat this year.
- This year with CSR funding we have initiated one project called Green Catalyst to train youth for environment awareness.

Organizing And Participation in Regional and National Level Consultations

Paryavaran Mitra is contributing to intervention at state level for implementation of SDG goals in state of Gujarat. Paryavaran Mitra has been part of many regional and national level consultations in nationalizing the sustainable development goal:

1. Nationalizing the Sustainable Development Goals- Economic, Social & Environmental Sustainability in western India

A western region consultation on “Nationalizing the Sustainable Development Goals- Economic, Social & Environmental Sustainability in western India” was organized by collective efforts of different 11 organizations Beyond Copenhagen, Cecondecon, FPA India, IPPF, Landesa, Pairvi, TWN, Vaagdhara, Vikalp, Wocan & Paryavaran Mitra on 6th& 7th July 2015. Around 50 participants from Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat participated in the consultation. (for full report click here:

<http://pairvi.org/Publications/Report%20of%20SDG%20western%20region%20consultation%206%20&%207%20July%202015%20%20at%20Ahmedabad.pdf>)

2. Contextualising Goal 16, Sharing Best Practices in promoting Peaceful and Inclusive Societies, Access to Justice and Accountable Institutions

Mahesh Pandya, Paryavaran Mitra was expert speaker at a panel discussion to deliver opening statement on environmental issues and access to justice on 13 March 2016 as part of a conference on SDG 16 in Ahmedabad which was jointly organized by Centre for Social Justice and Wada Na To Do Abhiyan. The conference which primarily aimed at human rights activists was intended to be a platform for learning and sharing of experiences, initiatives and best practices arising out of engagement with various dimensions of SDG 16. The conference was designed to be a combination of inputs from experts and participation from field activists.

3. "Advocating for Goal 13: Exploring Avenues for Environmental Protect

Mahesh Pandya was speaker at 'the Budget Analysis Workshop on SDGs' on 27 Nov 2016 for sharing his thoughts and insights on different aspects of implementation process of Sustainable Development Goals in India. His session was on "Advocating for Goal 13: Exploring Avenues for Environmental Protect." There were civil society participants who had arrived from over 9 states to attend this workshop.



4. National Pre COP Consultation

- Participated at National Pre COP 22 Consultation on organized by PAIRVI, CECOEDECON, and Beyond Copenhagen in collaboration with Oxfam India. The Consultation discussed important concerns and challenges before the Marrakech COP and what to expect from this COP.
- Participation at National Pre COP 23consultation on 23rd September 2017 organized by PAIRVI and Beyond Copenhagen also.

5. Initial Draft National Indicators framework on the SDGs

A State-Level consultation was organized by Paryavaran Mitra and other NGOs on 4th April, 2017 at Ahmedabad in which around 35 participants from various sectors of civil society organization from all over Gujarat participated. Based on the outcome of the consultation, we sent comments and suggestions on initial draft National indicator framework for sustainable development goals. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) had prepared initial draft national Indicator framework for monitoring of nationally defined Sustainable Development Goals. The consultation was aimed with particular focus on the present scenario of SDG in various states of India, discussion about the draft national indicators, and come up with the way forward to develop indicators that can be suggested for various goals.

6. Consultation on the National Indicators for the SDGs Implementation

In a follow up to the State-Level consultation on “Initial Draft National Indicators framework on the SDGs” that was organized on 4th April, 2017 in Ahmedabad, the “Consultation on the National Indicators for the SDGs Implementation” was organised by Beyond Copenhagen, SADED, BCPH), DST, Pune, CECOEDECONBJVJ, & PAIRVI at Delhi on 6th April, 2017. The seminar was held after the state consultations in various states and Mr. Mahesh Pandya from Paryavaran Mitra represented it from Gujarat. We also submitted comments and stated suggestions on initial draft national Indicators Framework on Goal 6.

Thank you

