

iCED as Global Training Facility: Summary of 5th International Training Programme on Introduction to Environmental Auditing held in iCED

5th International Training Programme on “Introduction to Environmental Auditing” held from 20th November to 02nd December, 2017 at iCED was attended by 24 participants from 15 countries across the world viz. Albania, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Botswana, European court of Auditors, Fiji, India, Nepal, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sudan,



Tanzania, Thailand, Vietnam and Zambia. SAs of Canada, Estonia, Indonesia, India and European Court of Auditors contributed trainers for various modules. This was the fifth consecutive training programme conducted at iCED as Global Training Facility of INTOSAI WGEA. Course schedule was updated and for the first time important topics such as “Greening SAs”; “Market Based Instruments”; “Audit of SDGs”; “Environmental Assessments & its Audit”; and “Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency” were included. Mr. Jahangir Inamdar, Director (T&R), iCED welcomed all the participants and guests at iCED. Mr. Sunil Dadhe, Director General, iCED inaugurated training programme on 20th December.

Trainers for the training programme were as detailed below:

S.No.	Module	Trainer/s
1.	Environmental Governance and Greening SAs (20 th November, 2017)	Mr. Jahangir Inamdar (INDIA)
2.	Market Based Instruments in Environmental Governance 20 th November, 2017)	Ms. Viire Viss (ESTONIA) through Video Conference
3.	Sustainable Development (21 st & 22 nd November, 2017)	Ms. Swati Pandey (INDIA)
4.	Environmental audit (22 nd November, 2017)	Mr. Sunil Dadhe & Mr. Jahangir Inamdar (INDIA)

5.	Water (23 rd & 24 th November, 2017)	Mr. Bramantyo & Mr. Muhammad Hairil Anwar (INDONESIA)
6.	Climate Change (24 th & 25 th November, 2017)	Mr. Robert Markus (CANADA)
7.	Biodiversity (25 th to 28 th November, 2017)	Ms. Marie Duchaine (CANADA) and Mr. Jahangir Inamdar (INDIA)
8.	Environmental Assessments (29 th November, 2017)	Ms. Marie Duchaine (CANADA)
9.	Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (29 th & 30 th November, 2017)	Ms. Gurveen Sidhu (INDIA)
10.	Waste (30 th November & 01 st December, 2017)	Mr. Raj G. Viswanathan (INDIA)

Course included a field visit to Tarun Bharat Sangh (TBS), a non-governmental organization located at Kishori-Bhikampura in Alwar district of Rajasthan so as to illustrate practice of



Participants with Dr. Rajendra Singh at TBS

sustainable development. Dr. Rajendra Singh founder of Tarun Bharat Sangh and winner of “Ramon Magsaysay Award for community leadership in 2001” and “Stockholm Water Prize, also known as the Nobel Prize for water in 2015” briefed the participants about community

based water conservation measures undertaken by TBS and their socio-economic impact including improvement of agriculture, economy in rural areas; reversal of out-migration of youth for employment opportunities;

improvement in condition of woman and woman empowerment; etc. As part of biodiversity module, a biodiversity trip to Keoladeo National Park, Bharatpur was organized. The participants were overwhelmed by the biodiversity of bird species i.e. waterfowl, ducks, Storks,



Participants on Cycle Rickshaw Tour inside KNP

Cranes, etc. at Keoladeo National Park. They had a first-hand experience of measures for

conservation of migratory and local birds, their habitat as well as world heritage wetland which is also a Ramsar site. At the end of the park visit Mr. Ajit Uchol, Dy. Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Bharatpur briefed participants about biodiversity and habitat conservation measures undertaken by forest department as well as challenges being faced due to socio-political conflict for resources. Participants were overwhelmed by the biodiversity of bird species viz., waterfowl, ducks, Storks, and Cranes, etc. Teaching methods during the training programme included both formal lectures as well as various individual and group exercises, etc. Each topic was divided into theory and practical part consisting of case studies. Participants also visited Taj Mahal at Agra and were amazed to see the beauty of



Participants at TAJ MAHAL

craftsmanship. Use of “Pietra Dura” technique and human emotion & imagination in a sophisticated and elegant manner has carved one of the wonders of world out of stone. Feedback from the participants was highly motivating and showed that the participants learnt a lot from the sessions and training has improved

their understanding of various topics. Commenting on the quality and usefulness of the training programme, Ms. Ma. Josefina Susan Lorenza Delotavo from SAI, Philippines said that *“Before coming for the training programme I didn’t knew that environmental audit has such diverse and interesting topics to be discovered and now I am going back to Philippines with new ideas and we came to know that environmental audit has to be conducted in relation to attainment of Sustainable Development Goals”*. Mr. Emmanuel Tembo from SAI, Zambia commented that *“We would certainly seek opportunity to conduct environmental audits in our office to apply and contribute knowledge gained during the training programme.....strategy paper prepared by us during the training programme provided us the overall picture & get essence of all the aspects of environmental audit”*. The course concluded with a valedictory session chaired by Mr. R.K. Ghose, Dy. Comptroller and Auditor General.

Mr. R.K. Ghose, Dy. Comptroller & Auditor General speaking at the Valediction ceremony highlighted the importance accorded to environment and its close bond with existence of mankind and other life forms of earth since time immemorial in our historical texts and scriptures. He stated that *“In response to the increasing number of natural*



Participants with Mr. R.K. Ghose, Dy. C&AG (RC & LB)

calamities worldwide due to climate change and global warming, every agency of governments across the globe including public auditors have responsibilities to frame policies to mitigate adverse impacts of development and initiate the process to reverse the damage done”.