



Sharing the Ideas4LiFE: A meeting of C20 LiFE 2023 working group with Hon Minister MOEFCC, GOI

Continuing the endeavour of C20 LiFE 2023, the working group C20 LiFE under the leadership of Dr. Gajanan Dange met with Shree Bhupendra Yadav ji, Hon. Minister MoEFCC at Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi on 7th August 2024. All the sub-theme coordinators attended the meeting. While Hon. Minister chaired the meeting, the MoEFCC officials were also present. C20 LiFE group shared the learnings and recommendations that have resulted from the deliberations that took place in C20 LiFE. Hon. Minister discussed the recommendations in details with the attendees and has had very encouraging words for the working group. Hon. Minister also assured that many of the recommendations are already being considered and worked upon by the ministry which included the waste management and education for LiFE. The meeting concluded by Dr. Gajanan Dange ji presenting a C20 LiFE policy brief to the Hon. Minister.



As we are aware, during the G20 presidency year of Bharat, the Civil20 created 15 working groups covering various aspects that civil societies work on. Amongst which, LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) has been a significant working group along with Health, culture, Women-led development etc. YOJAK Centre for Research and Strategic Planning for Sustainable Development, has been a part of this working group, LiFE, lifestyle for Environment during the Civil 20 2023, under the G20 presidency of Bharat. Dr. Gajanan Dange, President, YOJAK, led C20 LiFE in Bharat.



The idea of LiFE was introduced by the Hon. Prime Minister during the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow. The idea promoted an environmentally conscious lifestyle that focuses on

‘mindful and deliberate utilization’ instead of ‘mindless and wasteful consumption’.

C20-LiFE WG worked on following themes related to Lifestyle for Environment: Food, Grassroots Innovation, Indic wisdom, Education, Habitat, Fashion, Nature Based solutions and Waste and has partnered with different domain specific organizations. C20 LiFE has been engaging with various stakeholders in the mentioned subthemes and deliberating on diverse aspects. C20 LiFE had a participation from all over



Bharat. The experts from Colombia, Mexico, USA, France, Germany, Morocco, Switzerland, Philippines, South Africa, Nepal, Singapore, United Kingdom and Canada participated in various virtual events of C20 LiFE. With 70+ events, network of 75+ civil society organizations, many



choupals and samajshala where people participated in the deliberations, documentation of more than 100 living examples of individuals and organizations leading a pro-planet lifestyle created an impetus to the movement of LiFE. This participatory formulation of policy draft became a perfect example of bottom-up approach of policy making, which is rather a significant and effective way to sustainable future, where policies are devised for the people, by the people.

This collective churning brought up certain LiFE principles which are fundamental to LiFE Society. C20 LiFE deliberations show that world is discussing & has started acting towards bringing in some positive readjustments to make human activities environmentally benign, as much possible. The larger consensus is now building that it's the people who can make the change though their small but sincere & consistent initiatives towards climate actions. It's the communities and society who will have to step in without waiting for any external impetus.

Government of Bharat, recently launched a portal calling for the "Ideas4LiFE". The portal is meant for the people to share their ideas for making the lifestyles environmentally aligned. The C20 LiFE 2023 has started its efforts to both "internalize" the life values by various advocacy efforts, programs and projects with Bharat. This meeting with Hon. Shree Bupendra Yadav ji was a part of this effort. With the internalization efforts, group is also trying to "internationalize" the learnings and values of LIFE through various international forums and other collaborative efforts with international CSO partners.

