

Summary

National Training Programme on “Audit of Climate Change with special reference to Green Finance and Energy Security” from 11th to 15th September, 2023

International Centre for Environment Audit & Sustainable Development (iCED) organized a 05 days' National Training Programme on “Audit of Climate Change with special reference to Green Finance and Energy Security” from 11th to 15th September, 2023 at its own campus. A total of 19 participants from 07 field offices including 06 group officers, participated in the training programme.



Group Photo during National Training Programme on “Audit of Climate Change with special reference to Green Finance and Energy Security”

Dr. Nanda Dulal Das, Director (Training & Research), iCED welcomed all the participants on behalf of the Addl. Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General and Director General, iCED. He emphasized the importance of the National Training Programme on “Audit of Climate Change with special reference to Green Finance and Energy Security” and its role in raising awareness



Dr. Nanda Dulal Das, Director (T & R), iCED addressing participants during Inauguration

and providing knowledge about the Climate Change, particularly its significance to the Green Finance and Energy Security.

Dr. Das informed the participants about iCED's significant role as a Centre of Excellence on Audit of Blue Economy, established by the Hon'ble C&AG of India. He highlighted the publication of two significant research papers on floating solar photovoltaic cells and gender perspectives in Blue Economy auditing, recognized as Occasional Research Papers (ORPs) and approved by ADAI and DG, iCED. Furthermore, iCED

had released eight additional ORPs addressing diverse environmental audit and sustainable development themes like urbanization, waste management, and sustainable tourism. Participants were urged to explore and contribute to these resources to enrich their knowledge in environmental auditing.

Dr. Das also mentioned about iCED's quarterly journal, "Green Files," which featured contributions from different IA&AD Offices and even global SAI members. He extended an invitation to participants to contribute to "Green Files" by submitting articles related to their auditing areas with a focus on environmental issues. He further requested Director (Administration) to give a brief about the logistics and facilities at iCED.



Shri Mehul Grover, Director (Administration), iCED addressing participants during Inauguration

Shri Mehul Grover, Director (Administration), welcomed participants to the iCED and highlighted its scenic, green surroundings, emphasizing the dedicated efforts of the staff to ensure a comfortable stay. He encouraged participants to provide feedback not only on the training programme but also on the facilities to help identify areas for improvement.

Further, he also briefed about outdoor activities like Shopping excursion to Bapu Bazar, the traditional market of Jaipur and Sports and other facilities at iCED Campus etc. Shri Grover concluded by wishing all participants a productive and engaging training programme and a comfortable stay on the iCED campus.

During this five days' training programme, 09 experts from IA&AD and many other reputed organizations like The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI); The World Resources Institute (WRI), India; World Bank; Climate Action Network South Asia (CANSAs), New Delhi; Observer Research Foundation; Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), New Delhi and National Power Training Institute, Faridabad etc.

Teaching methods during the training programme included both formal lectures as well as various individual and group exercises, etc. Details of the trainers and the sessions delivered during this programme are as follows.

Sl. No.	Sessions	Trainer/s
1.	Climate Change: Assessment, Projections & Impacts – An Overview	Ms Suruchi Bhadwal, Senior Fellow & Director at TERI

2.	Towards Carbon Neutrality: Strategies and Solutions for Mitigating Climate Change	Ms Ulka Kelkar, Director, Climate, World Resources Institute (WRI), India
3.	Climate Change and Green Finance (Online)	Mr. Tapas Paul, Lead Environmental Specialist, World Bank
4.	Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI)	Shri Nakul Sharma, Program Coordinator, Climate Action Network South Asia (CANSA), New Delhi
5.	Auditing Climate Change Strategies with reference to Green Finance and Taxation	Dr. Nanda Dulal Das, Director (T&R), iCED Jaipur
6.	Introduction to Audit of Renewable Energy & Experience sharing on Audit of Renewable Energy	Shri Atul Nayar, Sr.AO, Director General of Audit, Environment and Scientific Departments, New Delhi
7.	Audit of Climate Change with special reference to Green Finance and Energy Security	Shri Rumi Aijaz, Senior Fellow, ORF
8.	Green Energy Technologies with special reference to Green Hydrogen	Shri Prasad Chaphekar, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), New Delhi
9.	New Avenues for Ensuring Energy Security: Indian Perspective & Energy Efficiency and Audit	Shri S.N. Pandey, Deputy Director, National Power Training Institute, Faridabad

Further, a shopping tour to Bapu Bazar, a traditional artisanal market of Jaipur, was also organized. Bapu Bazaar is a shopping destination located on MI Road in the heart of Jaipur. It is one of the oldest markets in Jaipur. The market is known for its exotic Rajasthani craft products which include handlooms, handicrafts, brass work, and precious stones.

Team Wise Exercise-Team Wise Exercise was also given to the participants. All participants were divided into four groups of four-five participants in each group.

Director (Administration) and Director (T&R) evaluated the presentations given by all the groups of the participants during pre-valedictory session.



Shri Mehul Grover, Director (Admn.) and Dr. Nanda Dulal Das, Director (T&R), iCED with participants during Group Presentation

Feedback:- Feedback on course designing, the time required, content, knowledge and its delivery by the resource persons and facilities available at iCED was also collected from the participants through SAI Portal. The average feedback of the participants was 9.25 out of 10, which is very encouraging. Sessions on

“Auditing Climate Change Strategies with reference to Green Finance and Taxation” was rated as the best.

Summing-up and valediction:

Shri Mehul Grover, Director (Administration) and Dr. Nanda Dulal Das, Director (Training & Research), iCED graced the valedictory session of the National Training Programme.

Shri Mehul Grover, Director (Administration) extended heartfelt wishes to all participants and encouraged them to apply their acquired knowledge and skills effectively in their respective fields. He also requested feedback on both the training programme and the provided facilities and amenities, emphasizing its crucial role in refining and enhancing the overall iCED experience for future participants.

Dr. Nanda Dulal Das, Director (Training & Research) emphasized the importance of sharing experiences and perspectives during the training programme, believing that it would enable participants to apply their newfound knowledge effectively in environmental audits.

He further expressed gratitude to all the resource persons for their valuable contributions and participants for their active involvement in making this event a success.