

## National Youth Climate Conclave (Conference of Parties -28)

### Paris Agreement

#### Facilitation Group

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#### Background

National Youth Climate Conclave was conducted at BMS Law College, Bengaluru on 03<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 on Paris Agreement (Conference of Parties 28). Overall, 6 negotiation teams participated and who represented six countries of the world categorized as developed (USA, Australia), developing (India, Brazil) and least developed (Bangladesh, Senegal). The negotiations teams were represented by different colleges such as IMT Hyderabad, Savitri Bhai Phule Pune University, BJB Autonomous College, Bhubaneswar, SSMRV College, Bengaluru, Christ University, Bengaluru and BMS Law College, Bengaluru. Around 35 students from various disciplines (science, social science, engineering and law) had participated and negotiated on the progress of the Paris Agreement. Overall, 65 students, staff and experts had participated physically and the event has been streamed online through YouTube.

As per the schedule, each negotiation team made their presentations on progress and stand of Paris Agreement in front of the facilitator group which was followed by discussion. Each presentation was evaluated by the Chair, Co-Chair and Experts; accordingly, the score was given to each team. The score was given based on the understanding of the subject, arguments building on Conference of Parties, and credibility reporting /Negotiation skills, timely submission of position paper and presentation of valid points.

#### Adoption of Agenda and negotiations

##### Fastrack energy

**Senegal:** Enhanced ambition to achieve net zero emission by the 2037

**Bangladesh:** EV technology transfer from developed countries to developing countries

**Australia:** Fastrack gravity energy storage system

**USA:** Technology transfer to reduce the GHG emission (Methane to market)

**Brazil:** Developing and transfer of innovation technology for agriculture and disaster management and sustainable aviation fuel

### **Climate financing and adaptation**

**Bangladesh:** Smooth approach for the climate fund under GCF

**Australia:** Create a global green bank for climate change reduction

**India:** Guidance to GCF for smoothening of climate finance and adaption

**USA:** More accountability and transparency of fund demand by other countries (amendments in GCF)

**Brazil:** International cooperation (financial) to reduce the deforestation of amazon forest (Research & Development)

### **Youth & Skill**

**Senegal:** Investment in educational infrastructure to knowledge and create jobs

**India:** Recognition and promotion of green skills and green jobs at global level

### **Statement and Acceptance**

#### **Bangladesh**

- Fastrack energy: Developed countries like the Commonwealth of Australia and the United States of America will provide technology transfer to Developing countries (like Republic of India, Federative Republic of Brazil) and least developed countries ( People’s Republic of Bangladesh, Republic of Senegal) for Electric vehicle Infrastructure Building.
- Discussion on smooth and fast disposal of funds with considerations from international stakeholders such as the Standing committee on Finance which will help to streamline the process. This would be guidance to GCF and its mechanisms
- Creation of green jobs and enhancing skills for LDCs through knowledge and resource sharing wherein for the creation of jobs member states can reduce the barriers to entry which include tax subsidies, tax benefits etc.

#### **USA**

- Climate financing of adaptation: Under the guidance to GCF all countries in agreement to meet
  - Transparency and procurement also use of funds
  - Smooth transfer of funds to countries for their effective use

#### **Australia**

- Subsidization of renewable energy technologies such as wind, solar, hydro, thermal and tidal

### **India**

- Smooth and swift transfer climate funds to required counties (enabling the UPI payment system)

### **Brazil**

- Adaptation of sustainable aviation fuel to curb the global emissions
- Investment in R&D of amazon forest to reduce deforestation.

### **Senegal**

- Maintain equity in climate finance corporation
- Speeding the process of transfer of technologies
- Review of monitoring mechanism for enhancing the sustainability/equity

### **Proposals accepted by panel**

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- Discussion on smooth and fast disposal of funds with considerations from international stakeholders are being taken into consideration such as the Standing committee on Finance which will help to streamline the process. This would be guidance to GCF and its mechanisms
- Creation of green jobs and enhancing skills for LDCs through knowledge and resource sharing wherein for the creation of jobs member states can reduce the barriers to entry which include tax subsidies, tax benefits etc.

*(proposed by Bangladesh)*

### **Proposals need revision**

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- Transparency and procurement also use of funds
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- Smooth and swift transfer climate funds to required counties (enabling the UPI payment system)

### Successful negotiators (winners) at Hyderabad, Telangana

The following countries from different colleges were able to understand the subject to satisfactory levels and also negotiated with valid points and appropriate data in front of the facilitation group/UN Chair and other participants. Based on the secured score, the Chair announced the winners - first, second and third.

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Negotiation team</b>
First	Australia	BJB Autonomous College, Bhubaneswar
Second	Brazil	SSMRV College, Bengaluru
Third	India and Bangladesh	Savitri Bhai Phule Pune University, Pune And IMT Hyderabad