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# EDITOR'S NOTE



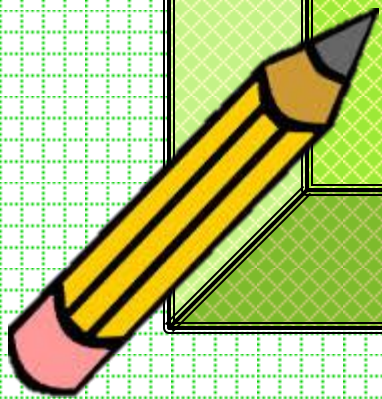
The environment took centre stage in the global arena in end June during the inaugural United Nations Environment Assembly , which was held at UNEP Nairobi . Preceded by the Global Youth Gathering and the Global Major Groups and Stakeholder Forum , this historic event brought together thousands of members of civil society , stakeholders , environment ministers and dignitaries, notable amongst them HSH Prince Albert II, Sovereign Prince of Monaco and the UN Secretary General Mr. Ban Ki-Moon.

It was a huge honour to attend these historic events , representing the major group for children and youth and put across our constituency's views and aspirations . Our concerns revolved mainly around the rights of future generations , the proper implementation of the environmental rule of law and the urgent need to stop the illegal trade in wildlife which was decimating our fragile wildlife at a pace which has reached frightening proportions.

Civil society , especially children and youth need to play a larger and more decisive role in shaping the sustainable development agenda and the onus is on us to demand greater inclusivity .

*Editor : Kehkashan Basu*

# MEMBER ARTICLES



# THE LIVING PLANET

Environment is everything around us whether it be exquisite creatures that we see around us or the lush green growth that we admire and praise the most. It is around nature that man has spent most of his time. It is because of nature a gift from God that we are breathing today and cherishing the moments of our life with our families. Nature is a noble thing that calms us, heals us and gives us the power of ethics. In this approaching era of technology we are destroying the serenity around us, one such issue that has traumatized mother earth is Global Warming. Global warming is a major environmental concern in this era; it has become a major cause of many problems as the shocking climatic change unveils in front of us. With every passing minute greenhouse effect, air pollution, melting glaciers, depletion of ozone layers adds on to global warming. Awareness of this global threat reinforced public concern about the environment problems and thereby provided environmental activist, scientist with new momentum in their efforts to promote environmental protection. Its time all of us to take a stand to fight against this cause and save the planet earth. Certain human activities have a huge impact on global warming which can result in catastrophic consequences. It's our responsibility to reduce such activities. Air pollution which contributes majorly to global warming can be reduced by car pooling and traveling by public transport or by using eco friendly vehicles. These examples are just the tip of the ice berg, we can do a lot of such things which can reduce the impact of global warming largely and ensure the future generation their right to live in a greener environment. I do my bit for a greener future, Are you doing yours?

KOMAL MUTHYALU

# **REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE**

**Reduce, Reuse , Recycle**

**Do you hear these often?**

**Do you think we do not matter**

**Just because we are children?**

**Roll up your socks, put on your green cap**

**Spread the word among your friends**

**Do your bit to save the planet**

**Before you realize it is too late.**

**Reduce the use of plastic**

**It's not at all fantastic**

**Reuse cans and paper**

**For a clean, green future.**

**Recycle bottles, batteries and toners**

**And prove to all, our worth**

**Come my dear friends, let's take the oath**

**For a better, green, clean Earth.**

**SPARSHA SHETTY**

**Age : 7**

# IS DEVELOPMENT POSSIBLE WITHOUT POLLUTION?

In the words of Alex Steffen, "In tough times, some of us see protecting the climate as a luxury, but that's an outdated 20th-century worldview from a time when we thought industrialization was the end goal, waste was growth, and wealth meant a thick haze of pollution."

Modern life has become synonymous with requiring more, consuming more, and destroying more. In its race to develop, man has started what cannot be undone. The monster of pollution is wreaking havoc on the life of the urban man. We cannot escape from the fact that natural resources are being exploited in the name of economic development.

It is fact that 20% of the total burden of disease in the developing world is due to Environmental Pollution. If the planet develops to U.S. levels of consumption, the environmental stresses, as well as economic and social disruption, are likely to be overwhelming for everyone. But as always, there is an alternative to this. Development in itself is not necessarily to be deplored. The real conflict is not between environment and development but between the environment and reckless exploitation by man in the name of efficiency. Therefore, if one nagging variable is removed, i.e., man's greed, the entire equation is set right. In this view, development can be continued harmoniously with the environment.

For this to happen, a very important concept must be taken into consideration, "Sustainable Development". It is a concept of good and sound economic growth that can be maintained indefinitely without damage to the environment. It is said that a good environment generally begets good economics. Last but not the least, though pollution may seem like an impenetrable obstacle, it is not altogether impossible to weave around it. However, in spite of the concerted efforts of the government and non-governmental agencies, little progress is possible unless awareness is generated at the level of the masses.

Each individual must take up that responsibility. You must be the one to make the change.

ADHISH V.S.

# RECYCLING SHOULD BE MANDATORY

Everyday, piles and piles of garbage are being collected worldwide. Most of this garbage is non-biodegradable or man-made items that do not decay even for many, many years. Because of this, pollution and other environmental concerns are being raised and the best solution that people came up with is recycling.

Recycling is making use of an old item, either in its original or changed form, and creating it into a new one. It has many benefits not just for the environment but also for an individual and the community as well, which is why the question of making it mandatory is considered. Below are the various advantages of recycling.

For one, there is money in the things that are recycled. Instead of throwing away old items (like clothes, toys, or furniture) one can actually make use of it in another way or sell it at a rummage sale. Collecting aluminum cans, scrap metals like copper or steel can also be sold in various community drop-off centers to earn extra cash. The use of recycled products to produce a new one cost less as compared to creating it from its original materials and, it also saves energy in production which is another advantage of recycling.

Recycling also helps in the conservation of natural resources and is eco- friendly. The best example for this is paper; recycling paper protects numerous trees from being cut-down which in turn help in the slowing down of global warming. With recycling, it lessens the amount of plastics, glasses and papers that usually ends up in the garbage and eventually the landfills, saving up space.

Recycling also promotes environmental awareness among the people. It encourages discipline and concern for the surroundings, and other people as well. It even provides job and helps in building a strong economy.

## Advantages of Recycling :

It stops recyclable products from winding up in landfills. If recyclable products are removed from the mix, there is more space for things that can't be recycled. According to Sprint Recycling, close to half of the waste in landfills is made up of paper - paper that could be recycled.

Using these items from which to create new products stops production of "virgin" products. It costs more money to create new items than to make products out of recyclables. Most people feel better knowing that fewer trees made the paper they were using, simply because the same tree recycled makes paper over and over.

It takes less energy to create a product out of recycled materials than virgin materials. To turn a tree into the pulp it takes to make paper uses more time and creates more pollution than recycling paper to make new paper. Obviously, it also takes less manpower.

# **WHY DROP IT IN THE FIRST PLACE?**

**Standing in the middle of the beach, as I stand in line, waiting to receive a bio-degradable plastic bag and a pair of gloves. Me and 15 other members of Green Hope have to scour the Jumeirah Beach looking for any trash lying about the ground. On going around the beach there was so much trash that I filled my bag within 5 - 10 minutes. In the morning summer time heat of Dubai tourists and residents are either getting a tan on or chilling with their friends or taking pictures of us while we pick up their trash. I am truly sorry to disappoint, but unlike Lady Gaga, I ain't here for the 'applause'. Instead of saying that what we are doing is good they could go ahead, take a bag and a pair of gloves and help us out. The main reason I writes this though is because the whole idea of "Clean Up" campaigns arises when people don't throw their trash in the designated bins. So I come to my question 'Why drop it in the first place?', I mean, there are those sweet, unmoving, helpful, colorful bunnies and people who actually say "USE ME" so that you can put your trash in them. So do take time out of your busy schedule of trashing beaches, malls and your own home and taking pictures of others cleaning up after you and save the world by cleaning up your mess and not dropping it in the first place. I dream of living in a planet where there will be NO MORE 'CLEAN UP' CAMPAIGNS.**

**ALKA SATHYAN**

# **SAVE THE EARTH BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE**

**“To cherish the Earth and foster it, renewal is the only legitimate hope of survival of mankind.” World Environment Day was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1972. World Environment Day is hosted every year by a different country. The UN simulates awareness of the environment and enhances political attention and public action. Since we have Environment Day, we must focus on our natural resources and use them well.**

**Pollution is the enemy of man as it leads to several issues. Increase in automobiles causes pollution because they release harmful gases. This leads to air pollution/contamination. Air pollution can also cause water and land pollution, as harmful gases form clouds that lead to acid rain. As a result, forests and water bodies are destroyed. The appliances in our homes like fridges, air fresheners etc. make holes in the ozone layer. As a result, the ultra violet rays of the sun enter the earth, leading to global warming. The nuclear bombs cause harmful radiation and affects the lives of many people.**

**It is truly said “Man is a complex being; he makes the deserts bloom and lakes die”. We can protect the environment by reducing the number of automobiles. Instead we can use public transport like trains, buses, etc. We should also encourage people to use cycles or walk, as it will also help them keep fit and healthy. Thus we can say “Let our future generation also see this beautiful Earth.”**

**VIKRAM SATISH**



# **OUR ACTIVITIES**



**KHDA -  
WHAT  
WORKED**



# EARTH DAY ACADEMY



**EARTH DAY  
TREE  
PLANTING**



# EARTH DAY BEE'AH WALKATHON



# WORLD GREEN ECONOMY SUMMIT & WETEX



# **NEIGHBOURHOOD AWARENESS CAMPAIGN - DEWA**



**ART WORKSHOP  
FOR THE DAY OF  
THE AFRICAN  
CHILD**



# **ART WORKSHOP FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**



# **SPREADING AWARENESS ON SCP @ THE CHANGE INITIATIVE**



# **DM & DULSCO's NEIGHBOURHOOD AWARENESS CAMPAIGN – WASTE MANAGEMENT**



**WORLD  
ENVIRONMENT  
DAY  
ACADEMIES @  
RIS & DIS**



**VISIT TO AN  
ORGANIC  
FARM**



**BEACH CLEANUP  
FOR WORLD  
OCEANS DAY with  
DUBAI  
MUNICIPALITY**



Sustainable Development

GREEN  
HOPE  
UAE



The role of civil society

**PARTNERING  
WITH CUMMINS  
– DRIVE FOR  
SCP**



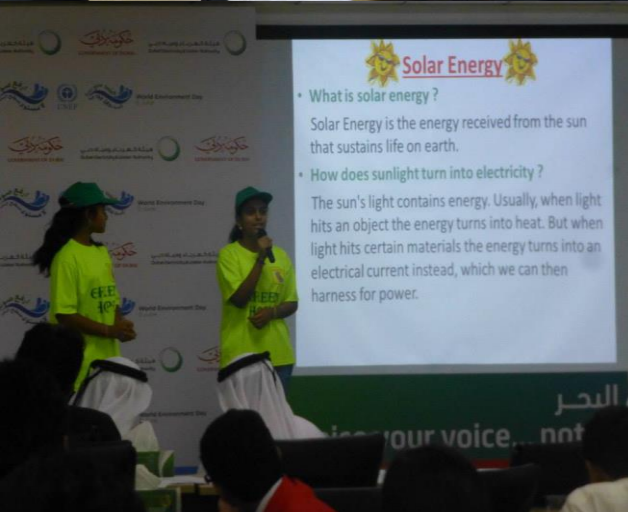
**TREE PLANTING @  
WANGARI MAATHAI'S  
GREEN BELT MOVEMENT  
– WORLD DAY TO  
COMBAT  
DESERTIFICATION**



**LABOUR CAMP  
HANDOUT  
DURING THE  
HOLY MONTH OF  
RAMADAN**

# WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

## SEMINAR with DEWA





# WORLD CONFERENCE ON YOUTH 2014



# AWARDS

**WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT 7 OF OUR MEMBERS HAVE WON THE COVETED HH SHEIKH HAMDAN AWARD. THEY ARE :**

1. **M. N. VIVEKANANDHAN**
2. **SHASHWIK SHETTY**
3. **PRAPTI JAYAND**
4. **BUVANESWARI JAYASANKAR**
5. **DIYA MAZUMDAR**
6. **AVELYN KISHORE**
7. **MOHAMMAD FAWWAAZ**

**ALSO, 1 OF OUR MEMBERS HAS WON THE PRESTIGIOUS SHARJAH AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE.**

1. **NIKITA MENON**



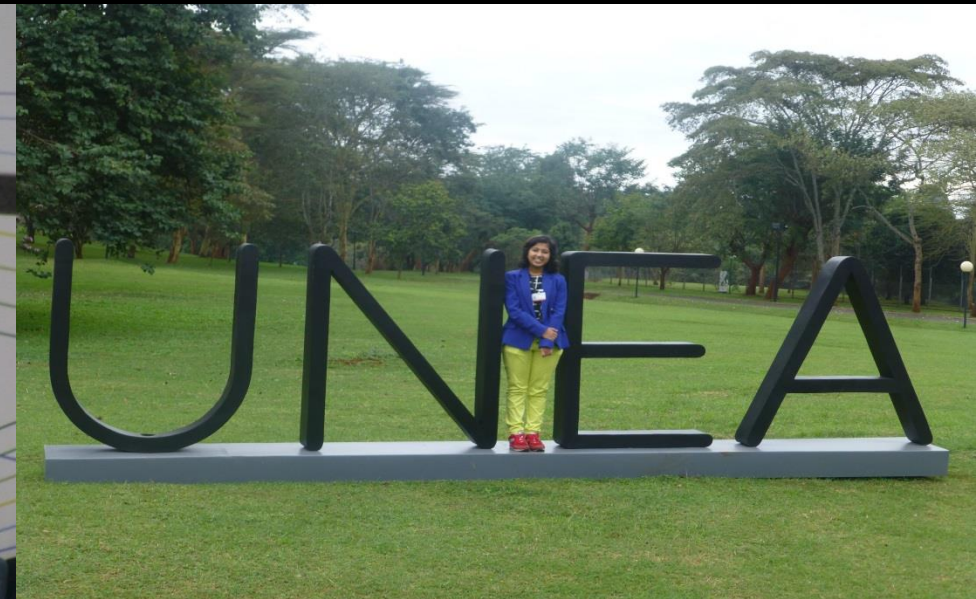
# INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE



**@ THE GLOBAL YOUTH GATHERING**



**@ THE GLOBAL MAJOR GROUPS & STAKEHOLDERS FORUM**



**@ THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY**

# CONFERENCES

## ABU DHABI ECO CLUB SUMMIT



## SHARJAH ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS AWARDS



# IN THE NEWS

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Piv7aR8s\\_E](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Piv7aR8s_E)



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19 June 2014, By Komal Muthyalu, Youth Environmental Activist

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## Children organise Iftar at labour camp with pocket money

By Mohan Vadayar

July 09, 2014

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DUBAI: Children from the Green Hope UAE saluted labourers, the "people who toil day and night to



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Masterclass: Youth in the Post-2015 Development Agenda  
WCY2014 will take place from 10 to 100 May 2014 in Colombo, Sri Lanka

A one-on-one with the Global Coordinator for Children and Youth at UNEP, Kehkashan Basu.



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## Children chip in to help

CHILDREN as young as seven involved with Green Hope UAE, a non-profit youth organisation working for sustainable development, collected their pocket money and used it to buy a special iftar for people staying at a labour camp in Al Quoz, Dubai. The biryani iftar handout met the needs of more than 250 workers, with the event supported by ICONS Coffee Couture, who contributed by handing out cupcakes and juices.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



Month						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat

- **FREE  
PLANTING EVENT**
- **OUR 15<sup>TH</sup> ACADEMY**



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