

Development Challenges in the 21st Century- A Trainers Program in India. In collaboration with Commonwealth Asia Centre (Proposed

Introduction

News from several quarters' state that India has progressed much faster despite several bottlenecks and impending challenges. With current economic slow down and Global Market meltdown, challenges have increased multi-fold for the country. The country continues to review and reflect on its new Millennium Goals witnessing several surprises both on the front of its achievements and issues need to be addressed further in the coming days. The most important challenge faced by the poorest of the poor in India in relation to their day-to-day livelihoods and certain basic survival needs in rural and urban slum pockets. A huge action agenda pending before it related to shortage of food, drinking water, electricity, medicine and health care and several other connectivity issues remain unattended.

Despite all these and beyond, we, in India have to aim at a higher growth rate and to revolutionize rural sustainability. With this backdrop, we have to focus on "Communitydriven development Agenda" much to its core with strong visioning, building infrastructural foundation, Decentralized Governance, developing products for Future, adopting transformational technologies, harnessing growth engine for inclusive development and building a knowledge society to replicate much of our success and dreams in all sectors.

Objectives

To provide a synoptic view of 21st Century Development Challenges to the Participants; To sensitise them to the review of the New Millennium Goals and Visioning Beyond to revolutionise a knowledge society; To cross-fertilise their ideas to explore high-impact growth engines and replicate much of our past success; To encourage them to consolidate and carve out an appropriate action agenda for follow up at individual and organizational level at back home situation.

Coverage

Revisiting the New Millennium Development Goals; the unfinished Agenda; Life in the 21st Century Reflections and Recollection; Breaking ICE of POVERTY and its Spiral; The Knowledge society & Decentralised Governance; Building Community-driven Development agenda; Focus on Products of future Society and beyond; Reduction of Global Warming and Natural calamities; A-ONE Agriculture Vrs new sound green farming; Time to Forge Alliances, convergence and Partnerships; PPP-the answer to many; Navigating to future Global Village and beyond; Dreams, problems and prospects; Individual follow up action plans.

Methodology

The Approach to training will follow a dozen of cross participatory-academic methods. However, there will be a few conceptual sessions coupled with case study presentation, with interactive learning. It will also include multi-media use with display of best practices across the country and the Globe.

Expected Outcomes

- Participants developed critical and comprehensive understanding of different Development Challenges beyond the New Millennium Goals.
- Participants became more informed citizens/high impact leaders and strategised for developing appropriate future products.
- They prepared an appropriate action agenda to follow up at back home situation.

Expected Participants

Senior and middle level Managers/Officers/Executives/Practitioners/workers involved in the noble task of Development work processes representing Govt., NGO, CBO, Panchayati Raj and Corporate houses.

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Duration

5 days: November 9-13, 2009

Venue

Bhubaneswar