

Demystifying Climate Change Reporting

Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

November 15 and 16, 2018

KILA is partnering with the Government of India-DFID project on Climate Change Innovation Programme (CCIP) and Kerala Union of Working Journalists to organise Media Training on “**Demystifying Climate Change Reporting**” on 15-16 November 2018 in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. This will be facilitated by the Climate Action Network South Asia (CANSA).

Objective

The objective is to improve media coverage of climate change issues by providing nuances on reporting to increase public engagement on the issue.

Duration of the Workshop

The 2 day workshop is proposed to be conducted on 15th and 16th November 2018 and the deliberations will begin from 10:00 AM on the first day and end by 4:00 PM on the second day.

Target audience

The training sessions will be designed for middle to senior level journalists of mainstream print, visual, radio and social media who have prior experience or inclination to cover climate change issues as well as students in the same field. . The training would serve as a learning ground for nuances on reporting climate issues and thus editors are also encouraged to participate in the event. The expected number of participants are 25.

Methodology

The workshop sessions will be designed to keep discussions interactive and participative. It is an opportunity for mutual learning through live case studies and group activities. Multimedia will be used to illustrate the best practices for covering climate change issues. Break out groups and group activities are planned to capture diverse views and to promote discussion.

Content of the Workshop

The workshop will cover the following aspects –

1. Climate Change Science
2. Climate Change Policy- Overview and current status of climate change negotiations.
3. Overview of sectoral CC Impacts in the state - (Agriculture, Water, Forest, Health, energy, gender, and social inclusion) of climate change
4. Attribution to climate change, and how /when specific events such as the Kerala floods can be attributed to climate change.
5. Reporting of Disaster Risk Reduction: the difference between CC and DRR
6. Importance of Narratives in Communicating Climate Change
7. State initiatives in dealing with CC (SAPCC, CCC, LSGIs and CC, Local Action Plans, Carbon Neutral LSGIs, Institutions, activities, plans & budget, climate finance)
8. Where to look for information, updates globally, nationally and regionally
9. Climate Scepticism and media: Ways to tackle it

Anticipated Outcomes

At the end of training workshop, the participants will have

- Basic understanding of science governing climate change and impacts
- Build an overview of key topics and issues in framing climate policies
- Greater understanding on linking the local impacts with scientific processes
- Be able to Contextualise to local issues with lens of climate change as added burden
- Informed on new and emerging research on communicating climate change to new audience
- Networked with experts, who can be approached by interested media personnel for queries and clarifications on subject matters related to climate change

Agenda

Day 1

(9:00 – 9:30) - Registration

| Session | Activity | Speaker |
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| | Welcome Inauguration | (KILA to decide with GoK/Public Relations Department -PRD) |
| 9:30 – 10:30 | Climate Change Science - Basic Climate Science - New IPCC 1.5 C report - Relevance and reality | Dr. Arivudai Nambi |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Discussion | |
| 11:00 – 11:20 | Tea/Coffee Break | |
| 11:20 – 12:00 | Climate Change Policy - Current status of climate change negotiations - Overview of expected outcomes in COP24 - India's role and responsibilities | Sanjay Vashist |
| 12:00 – 12:30 | Discussion | |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch Break | |
| 13:30 – 14:30 | Overview of sectoral Impacts in - Agriculture and allied sectors - Coastal Zone Management - Water - Forest - Health - Energy of climate change - Gender and social inclusion - Disaster Risk Reduction | Vidya Harjeet Singh K Srinivas Sanjay Vashist |
| 14:30 – 15:00 | Discussion | |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | Tea/Coffee Break | |

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| 15:30 – 16:30 | Importance of Narratives in Communicating Climate Change - Best practices of covering climate change issues and disaster reporting | Shailendra Yashwant/Senior Journalist/Media trainer from Kerala |
| 16:30 – 17:00 | Discussion | |
| 17:00 – 17:30 | Filling the feedback form | |

Day 2 –

| Session | Activity | Speaker |
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| 9:30 – 10:00 | Recap of Day 1 | Dr. Arivudai Nambi |
| 10:00 – 11:30 | Interactive Panel Journalists – 1. Mr. Sudhir Mishra, Editor, Navbharat Times in Lucknow 2. Mr. Hridayesh Joshi, Freelance Journalist & Independent Researcher 3. Mr. Jayanta Basu, Senior Journalist 4. Mr. Shailendra Yashwant, CANSA | Moderated by Sanjay or DFID or PRD |
| 11:30 – 12:00 | Tea Break | |
| 12:00 – 12:30 | Kerala State Action Plan on Climate Change | DoECC |
| 12:30 – 13:00 | What is new in the Local Self Governments of Kerala – 1. Chapter in District Plan 2. Working group on ‘Environment, Climate Change, Biodiversity and Disaster Management’ and what they do 3. Local Action Plan on Climate Change (LAPCC) | Kerala State Planning Board, KILA |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch Break | |
| 14:00 – 14:30 | Local Action Plan on Climate Change | KILA |
| 14:30 – 15:00 | Carbon Neutral LSGIs | Meenangadi Gram Panchayat |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | Closing Session with Certificate Distribution | (KILA to decide with GoK/Public Relations Department -PRD) |