

Minutes of the 11th meeting of the State Level Steering Committee for preparation of U.T. of Puducherry Action Plan on Climate Change convened under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Puducherry for the review and approval of the draft revised State Action Plan on Climate Change held on 13.04.2023 at 11:00 A.M. in the Chamber of the Chief Secretary, Secretariat, Puducherry.

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At the outset, the Secretary (Science, Technology and Environment) welcomed the members of the SLSCCC and briefed the Chief Secretary on the process of revision of SAPCC undertaken by DSTE.

Dr. Suruchi Bhadwal, Director, Climate Change Division, TERI, New Delhi and her Team made a detailed presentation on the draft revised SAPCC 2.0. They explained the common framework for the revision of SAPCC prescribed by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) and gave a detailed overview on each of the chapters of the revised SAPCC. They briefed on the Climate trends and projections for the U.T. of Puducherry, Climate Vulnerability of the U.T. of Puducherry and the mitigation and adaptation strategies proposed. The team explained the finance mechanisms, institutional arrangements and Monitoring and Evaluation Framework proposed in the revised SAPCC.

After the presentation, the Chief Secretary observed that the proposed total budget outlay of Rs. 2801 crores for adaptation and mitigation activities in the SAPCC 2.0 seems to be on the lower side for a decade of climate action. He also mentioned that most of the activities under the SAPCC were Business as Usual activities. Dr. Suruchi Bhadwal stated that TERI had given a suggested list of activities for all sectors to the line Departments and the final list was compiled as decided by the line Departments. The Chief Secretary stated that the Secretaries to the Government should evaluate the draft SAPCC at their level and further refine it. New activities that are required to achieve the NDC and SDG targets for 2030 shall be thought of and incorporated in the report.

After detail deliberations, the following decisions were made:

1. DSTE and TERI shall prepare the Department wise list of mitigation & adaptation activities enlisted in present draft SAPCC and the list of newer and forward-looking strategies that would help the U.T. in becoming climate resilient in the coming decades. The Green Budget and



Vision 2047 document of U.T. of Puducherry shall be referred to. The list shall be furnished to the concerned Secretaries to Government within one week.

2. The Secretaries to Government shall review the draft SAPCC at their level and further refine the list of adaptation and mitigation activities and the budget requirement and sources.
3. The activities in the revised SAPCC that correspond to each line Department shall be proposed by the respective line Departments in the RE for current Financial Year and in the Budget Estimate (BE) from the next financial year onwards.
4. TERI shall map the adaptation and mitigation activities to the available CS / CSS funds, in the revised SAPCC.

The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

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List of Participants

Chaired by:

Shri. Rajeev Verma, I.A.S., Chief Secretary, Government of Puducherry.

Members:

1. Shri. P. Jawahar, I.A.S., Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt. (Industries & Commerce, Education), Puducherry.
2. Smt. P. Muthumma, I.A.S., Secretary to Govt. (S,T&E, Transport, Power), Puducherry.
3. Shri. C. Udaya Kumar, I.A.S., Secretary to Govt. (Health), Puducherry.
4. Dr. D. Manikandan, I.A.S., Secretary to Govt. (Public Works), Puducherry.
5. Shri. K. Balamurugan, AGM, NABARD, Puducherry.
6. Shri. Yasam Lakshmi Narayana Reddy, Director, Department of Science, Technology & Environment, Puducherry. -- *Convenor*

Government Officials:

1. Shri. G. Sathiyamurthy, I.F.S., Project Director, DRDA, Puducherry.
2. Smt. Vanjulavalli Sridhar, I.F.S., Conservator of Forests, Department of Forests and Wildlife, Puducherry.
3. Shri. B. Ramakichenin @ Balagandhi, Director, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Puducherry.
4. Shri. T. Chanemougame, Superintending Engineer – cum – HOD, Electricity Department, Puducherry.
5. Shri. D. Balaji, Director, Directorate of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, Puducherry.
6. Dr. R. Sagaya Alfred, Senior Scientific Officer, DSTE, Puducherry.
7. Shri. M. M. Vinayaraj, Deputy Collector, Department of Revenue and Disaster Management, Puducherry.
8. Shri. K. Kalamegam, Environmental Engineer, DSTE, Puducherry.

TERI Officials:

1. Dr. Suruchi Bhadwal, Director, Climate Change Division, TERI, New Delhi.
2. Dr. M. Santosh Kumar, Area Convenor, TERI, New Delhi.
3. Smt. Neha Bharti, Fellow, TERI, New Delhi.
4. Smt. Veena CP, Research Associate, TERI, New Delhi.