

## YUVA MEET 2014

## Introduction

TERI (The Energy and Resources Institute) in partnership with Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India has been organizing YUVA Meet - 'Youth Unite for Voluntary Action' since 2009. It is a special event of the Delhi Sustainable Development Summit (DSDS), an annual international summit organized as a flagship event of TERI since 2001. DSDS is a global forum that seeks to provide long-term solutions for sustainable development. It has witnessed participation by global stakeholders including heads of state/government, ministers and dignitaries comprising Nobel laureates, development practitioners, scientists, academicians, and corporate leaders from across the world. As every year, select group of participants from YUVA will be invited to participate in DSDS 2014 and thus providing them an opportunity to represent the voice of the youth at this global platform.

Young people are important stakeholders in any initiative to combat environmental degradation. They can be actively engaged at local, national and global levels in awareness-raising, advocating for policy level changes and strengthening public participation for environmental protection. At a time when unsustainable use of natural resources and environmental degradation have emerged as the greatest challenge that the society faces at the global, regional and local level, it is time to understand and use the existing knowledge to frame innovative solutions and action plans.

Against this background, the Educating Youth for Sustainable Development Division at TERI, once again brings together young people from various parts of the world for the **YUVA Meet 2014**, to be held at India International Centre, 40 Max Mueller Marg, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi-110003 from 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> February 2014. The overarching theme for YUVA 2014 is "Innovations for a Sustainable Future: Transforming Learning into Action". We have witnessed international participation from twenty five countries and this year we look forward to increasing our global outreach further by attracting youth from organizations in different parts of the world. In the last five years YUVA has received support from Government of India, Delhi Government, British Council, RCE Network, United Nations University IAS, Tetra Pak India Pvt. Ltd. and Dell Global Giving.

## **Profile of Participants**

Participants will be:

- National and International Students who are enrolled in an undergraduate/post graduate course
- Young researchers and social entrepreneurs
- Young enthusiastic individuals willing to voice their opinions and contribute towards a sustainable future.

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