

SOUTH ASIA YOUTH ENVIRONMENT NETWORK (SAYEN)

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South Asia Youth Environment Network

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- ❑ Set up in July 2002 in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- ❑ Supported by the UNEP Regional Office, Asia and the Pacific; SAYEN is linked to TUNZA, UNEP's strategy for engaging young people in environmental activities and in the work of UNEP.
- ❑ Has membership from all the SAARC countries. A organization in each of the SAARC country has been identified as the National Focal Point (NFP) for the network. NFPs facilitate SAYEN activities in their respective countries
- ❑ The number of SAYEN members in each country ranges from 20 to 100 with over 1500 youth organizations, individual, national and international agencies including Government in the region associated with SAYEN.
- ❑ CEE hosts the Secretariat for SAYEN.

Member Countries

Afghanistan



Bangladesh

NFP: NFOYOB

Bhutan

NFP: RSPN



India

NFP: CEE

Maldives

NFP: Blue Peace



Nepal

NFP: ECCA

Pakistan

NFP: PACADE



Sri Lanka

NFP: SLEES

Vision

- Sustainable Development in South Asia

Mission

- Mobilize Youth for Sustainable Development in the South Asian region.
- Youth participation for advocacy on Sustainable Development in South Asia.
- Youth participation to influence decision-making processes at National and Regional levels

Objectives

- ❑ Establishing Network with active participation of Youth from all South Asian countries.
- ❑ Enhance Youth Capacity to deal with issues hampering SD.
- ❑ Increase the public awareness and understanding on SD issues.
- ❑ Have Youth representation in various policy fora such as National Council for SD, Environment Impact Assessment Committee, etc
- ❑ Sharing of Knowledge and Expertise within South Asia
- ❑ Promote Environmental Ethics amongst Youth
- ❑ Work in close Partnership with Stakeholders.
- ❑ Help Regional Integration towards Sustainable Development.

Activities

- ❑ Networking and Information Servicing
- ❑ Capacity Building – Youth
- ❑ Documentation
- ❑ Awareness Programmes
- ❑ Resource Material Development



Networking and Information Servicing

- ❑ Website
- ❑ Quarterly e-newsletter
- ❑ Discussion Forum
 - sayen@googlegroups.com
- ❑ E- mail List Serves
 - sayenindia@sayen.org
 - sayennfps@sayen.org
 - internsalumni@sayen.org
 - Youth&esdalliance@sayen.org

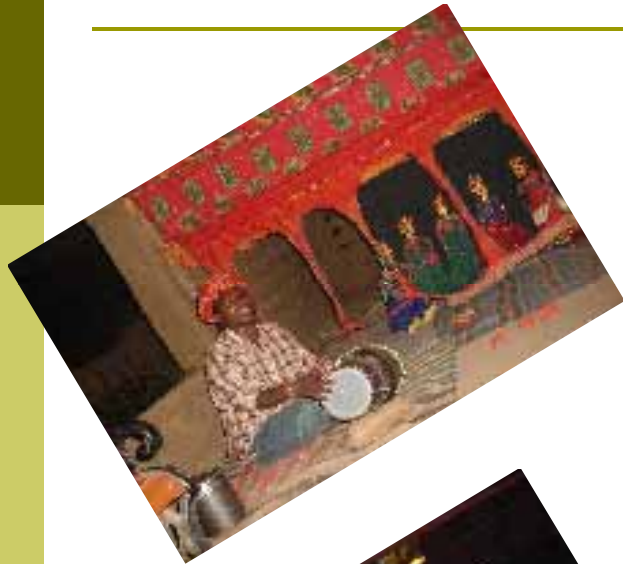


Capacity Building Youth

- ❑ Training Programmes
- ❑ Workshops and Consultations
- ❑ Internships
- ❑ Regional Meets
- ❑ National Youth Meets



Documentation



- **Environment Education in School Curricula**
 - Environment Knowledge Hub ; in Nepal and Maldives

- **Process**
 - TUNZA Youth Conference
 - Youth and MDGs – Background Document

- **Case Studies and Traditional Practices**
 - Youth and MDGs – Case Studies Document

- **Best Practices**
 - SARI/Energy – Water & Energy Conservation; India and Sri Lanka
 - Learnings from Tsunami (LFT); Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Maldives and India

Awareness Programmes

- ❑ Prakriti Environment Education Bus
- ❑ Clean Up the World Campaign
- ❑ Hands for Change – Teach India Campaign
- ❑ Youth and Climate Change Campaign
- ❑ Youth to Schools
 - Environment
 - School awareness programmes



Malé Declaration on Control and Prevention of Air Pollution and Its Likely Transboundary Effects for South Asia

Flagship Projects (at South Asia Level)

- ❑ Sub-regional Sustainable Development Strategy (SSDS) for South Asia – A Youth Perspective

- Publication
- Film

- ❑ Youth for Clean Air

- Document
- Interactive CD



SAYEN Membership

- Members
 - Organisations
 - Certification only to the members
- Associates
 - Individuals
- Partner Organisations
- Government and other agencies

Membership Details

- ❑ Fill up the SAYEN Membership form and send to the country NFP
- ❑ The org should be willing to undertake activities as finalised by NFP
- ❑ Should not have religious or political affiliation
- ❑ Withdrawal – 3 months notice letter to the NFP. NFP should communicate the same to the SAYEN Secretariat and UNEP
- ❑ Rights and Responsibilities
- ❑ Database with the NFP

