

# FUTURE CLIMATE CATASTROPHE IS A CHOICE

The 2015 inter-governmental Paris Agreement desires that we limit temperature rise to 1.5-2°C above the pre-industrial period. The pledges that countries, particularly the developed high emitters, are inadequate. As on date, temperature rise by 2100 is likely to be between 3-4°C. It is therefore imperative for people to get involved in tackling climate change.



Keep the climate, change the economy

**SAPACC**  
2019-2024





## **SAPACC National Conference**

**December 15-18 2022, at PMOC, Vellimadukunnu, Kozhikode, Kerala**

The common understanding is that climate change will happen in some far away land in the distant future. Recent events belie this belief. South Asia experienced unprecedented heat waves in March-April this year, and Europe hit record-breaking temperatures of 40°C. A third of Pakistan was flooded in July-August, killing >1,500 people, putting half a million people in relief camps and causing a property loss of \$40 billion.

The average global warming is now 1.1°C above pre-industrial times and is still rising. Climate change impacts have intensified—Himalayan glaciers are melting twice as fast as they did 25 years ago, sea level rise is 50% more than earlier, cyclone intensity has increased, monsoons have become more unpredictable, and extreme weather events have become more frequent.

The 1997 inter-governmental Kyoto Protocol failed and the 2015 Paris Agreement shows promise of emulating its predecessor. Based on current policies and actions, the temperature rise may cross the red line of 1.5C set by the Paris Agreement, by 2100, i.e., the average temperature in future may be nearly as high as current heat waves. Climate change has put the earth's environment and human society at risk of drastic and permanent damage. As the climate crisis is a global phenomenon, it can only be tackled by a global effort. Since inter-governmental initiatives have not succeeded, people of the world must now act.

South Asia is one of the most vulnerable areas in the world to climate change impacts. South Asian people must hence, take the initiative to control the climate crisis. SAPACC, a rainbow coalition of organizations and individuals from all walks of life, was formed in 2019, to work on self-help programmes and appeal to South Asian governments and to the UN to take appropriate actions to mitigate the climate crisis. SAPACC's objectives are to create a public platform for civil society action to mitigate the climate crisis, share information, raise public awareness, mobilize public action, and influence public policy on the climate crisis. SAPACC's core demands are directed towards making the world a sustainable and egalitarian society, restoring the degraded environment, ensuring climate justice, and making governance democratic, decentralized and transparent.

SAPACC India will hold its National Conference in Kozhikode, on 15-18 December. The focus is to have the voices of the vulnerable population be heard and to connect with people through songs, poetry and music. Youth, women, farmers, workers, fisherfolk, scientists, and the common man worried about climate change may register by filling out the attached form. The SAPACC Conference will be entirely crowdfunded.

### **Organizing Committee**

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## Programme at a Glance

- Dec 15-16 Climate Conference.** Participants—50 (by invitation). **Round Table Conferences and Panel Discussions:** Dialogue between climate scholars and climate activists (climatologists, economists, ecologists, social scientists, disaster management, energy and legal experts, and activists) on topics such as: *How wide is the gap between climate science and climate policy? Are Net Carbon Zero and Climate Justice daggers drawn against each other? Who are the primary change agents in the transition to a sustainable and equitable society? Is sustainability in one country or one region possible? Is India doing its fair share to tackle climate change? What should the Indian people do to help tackle climate change?*
- Dec 16-18 National Conference.** Participants—300 (by registration). **SAPACC General Body Meeting:** Policy issues; Voices of impacted people; Parallel Sessions on various topics such as *Climate and agriculture, Climate and working people, Climate and Adivasi, Dalit and other vulnerable populations, Climate and gender equity, Climate and youth, Climate and coastal Kerala, Climate and the Western Ghats*; Kerala focussed issues; SAPACC's core demands; Programmatic issues; Organisation matters
- Dec 17 Climate Café:** Interaction between the media and climate scholars.
- Dec 18 Climate School:** Participants—300 UG/PG students and youth (by registration). Interaction between youth and climate scholars
- Dec 18 Policy talks:** Dialogue between political leaders and climate scholars on climate science, climate policy and politics
- Dec 18 Public rally:** Students, farmers, workers, activists, academics and concerned people will march for climate justice
- Dec 18 Public meeting @ Kozhikode beach:** Farmer and trade union leaders, environmentalists, scholars and activists will address the meeting

The detailed programme will be available soon. Further enquiries: 8547698740, [sapacc2019@gmail.com](mailto:sapacc2019@gmail.com)

**Conference Venue:** Pastoral Ministerial Orientation Centre (PMOC), Vellimadukunnu, Kozhikode, Kerala.  
**How to Reach the Venue:** Nearest Railway station is **KOZHICODE** (Calicut- Station Code CLT). PMOC is 10km away from the railway station. You will get transport buses in front of the railway station to VELLIMADUKUNNU JUNCTION. From there PMOC is a 2 min walk. You can also hire an auto or Taxi from the station.

**Nearest Airport:** Calicut International Airport (CCJ) is 28 km away from the conference venue.

## Registration

### Registration for the SAPACC National Conference, 16-18 Dec

You may request registration for the SAPACC National Conference to be held 16 (afternoon) to 18 (evening) December 2022 in any of the 3 ways given below. A request for registration does not imply registration as the number of persons we can accommodate for the National Conference is 300. You may consider yourself registered for the conference only after you get an advice from the SAPACC secretariat, which will happen within a few days of our receiving your registration request. **Your forms must reach us no later than 30th November 2022.** If you are unable to provide information regarding your arrival and departure in the form, please do so immediately upon receipt of our confirmation. All travel expenses to the venue must be borne by the participant.

1. **Google form:** You can also use the google form to register online using the link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfAvtzPOwKdGPe\\_32eNtMo\\_FCMjaEXOtxK8GD\\_EM2MRFrWIAIQ/viewform?usp=pp\\_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfAvtzPOwKdGPe_32eNtMo_FCMjaEXOtxK8GD_EM2MRFrWIAIQ/viewform?usp=pp_url)

2. **Email:** Please fill out the form below and email it to [sapacc2019@gmail.com](mailto:sapacc2019@gmail.com). If you are sending your filled registration form as an email attachment, the attached file name should be given as your last name. If Gupta is your last name, the file name should be titled gupta.doc or gupta.txt.

Prospective participants from Kerala may send their registration request forms to Sahadevan-k.sahadevan@gmail.com, 85476 98740; Maharashtra to Gangotri-gangotri.chanda@gmail.com, 91306 24588; Rajasthan, Punjab & J&K to Sajjan Kumar-sajjankumarnhcpm@gmail.com, 90018 26467; with a cc to sapacc2019@gmail.com. Prospective participants from all other states may send their registration request forms to [sapacc2019@gmail.com](mailto:sapacc2019@gmail.com).

3. **Snail mail:** Mail a hard copy to SAPACC, c/o. Transition Studies, Room No 101, Municipal Market Building, Kokkale, Thrissur-21, Kerala. All participants should bear their travel expenditure. Accommodation facilities at the venue are also restricted to outstation participants.

### Registration for the Climate Conference, 15-16 Dec, and the Climate School, 18 Dec (students)

Registration for these two events by invitation only. If you are interested in attending either of these events, you may tick the appropriate boxes in the registration form and we will consider your request

**Registration fee:** The registration fee may be paid in Indian currency at the meeting venue on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of September. The registration fee for delegates will be: Students/unemployed youth: 500, Ordinary: 1000, Those who can afford to subsidize students/unemployed youth: 2000

### Registration form for email and snail mail registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email id: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ WA #: \_\_\_\_\_

How and through whom did you learn about this meeting:

Please provide the name, mobile # and email id of a referee who knows you at least for the last 1 year.

Referee name: \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation & location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email id: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not a Kozhikode resident, please provide information regarding your arrival & departure

Arriving from \_\_\_\_\_ Arr dt: \_\_\_\_\_ Arr mode: Air/ Train/ Bus\*  
Arr flt/train name & #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected arr time at venue\*\*:  
Dep dt: \_\_\_\_\_ Dep mode: Air/ Train/ Bus\* Expected dep time from venue\*\*:

Are you a vegetarian/Non-Vegetarian\* Any other dietary requirements?

Are you interested in also attending the Climate conference on 15-16 Dec? Y/N. Are you a climate scholar/activist? Y/N Brief description of your work:

Are you interested in also attending the Climate School, 18 Dec? Y/N Your age: Name of your college:

*\* Strike off what is not applicable \*\* For arr time at the venue, add 1 hr to arr time at the station/bus stand, and 2 hrs to arr time at the airport*