

AGENDA 2 Green Protocol Compliance Report

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ABOUT THE EVENT

Name of the Event: AGENDA 2.0: Youth Responsiveness to Climate Action Type of the Event: National Youth Workshop Venue: Marian College Kuttikkanam (Autonomous) Date of the Event: 29.11.19 and 30.11.19

FINAL ASSESSMENT REPORT

The following criteria have been assessed for checking the compliance of Green protocol in this event.

1. Green Publicity

Advertising has become a large source of waste generation for conducting events. Use of plastic coated materials for poster, brochures, pamphlets, etc. make them a non-biodegradable form of waste after consumption.

Standard:

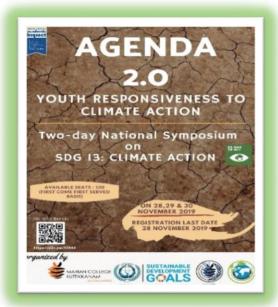
In order to make the invitation cards a green protocol compliance one, the following guidelines are to be adopted:

- Use of recycled paper for the posters, brochures, and flyers.
- Maximum use of social media platforms like WhatsApp, Instagram, Facebook etc. for publicity.
- Special mention of green event and minimalistic principles in the posters, brochures, and flyers.

Assessment:

• Soft copy of the invitation had been used to invite other Colleges for the event via websites, WhatsApp and other email communications.











Soft copy of Brochure



2. Green Decoration

For many college events held by students, decoration is essential to add class and create an atmosphere where the audience feels immersed in the aura of the event. To synthesize such an effect, highly expensive and non-ecological decoration methods are being used widely which involves the usage of plastics and other non-biodegradables. This has resulted in the large emission of wastes which are either burnt or dumped in landfills and can add to our carbon footprint.

Standards:

In order to make the decoration of the hall a green protocol compliance one, the following guidelines are to be adopted:

- Complete avoidance of single use non-biodegradable materials such as plastic, Styrofoam, Thermocol, etc. for decoration purposes.
- Use of biodegradable materials for decoration.
- Use of reusable decoration items such as wooden showpieces.
- Proper waste management of the biodegradable materials used in the decoration.

Assessment:

The following were the biodegradable items used in the decoration:

- No non-biodegradable single use materials were used in decorations.
- Sack cloth and paper were used for making the event banner.
- Other decoration was done by using reusable items such as:
 - Biodegradable paper seed pens which can later be grown into plants after usage.
 - Reusable cardboard files.
 - Decorative paper materials used in previous events.
- All the items used in the decorations were taken back for later use. .
- Has also been very profound resulting in the generation of more non- bio degradable wastes. Majority of these wastes come from the use of plastic coated plates and glasses.



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Paper material used in previous events





Eco-friendly cardboard files and ID cards

Event banner made of sack cloth

Standard:

- Use of reusable cutleries preferably steel utensils or ceramic ones.
- Complete avoidance of disposable cups and plates such as one made of Styrofoam, plastic, paper with plastic coating etc.
- Avoiding the use of tissue paper. Using towels instead.
- Avoiding mineral water bottles for distributing drinking water.
- Avoiding souvenirs/ best wishes card/ catering business cards with candies/chocolates.
- Avoiding distribution of candies/chocolates with plastic wrappers.



Assessment:

- Reusable, stainless steel or ceramic plates, glasses, cutleries etc. were only used in this event.
- Disposable cups and plates as ones made up of Styrofoam, plastics, paper with plastic coating etc. were fully avoided.
- Water, coffee and tea were served only in stainless steel, glass containers, jugs, etc.
- Since the catering was handled by the organizers themselves, there was no need for souvenirs.



Steel glasses used for drinks



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Glass bottle and glasses for serving water



Ceramic plates for serving food



3. Green Gifts:

Gifts have become an item of prestige rather than an act of kindness. In order to make it more attractive, plastic wrappers and carry bags are used to hand over it to the guests at the event. This is resulting in generation large amount of non-biodegradable wastes. Most of the wrappers end up getting burned up after the event.

Standards:

- Giving away gifts that do not use non-degradable materials for packaging.
- Giving away gifts that are made from local produces and biodegradable materials.
- Promoting the idea of giving away gifts that comply with the green protocol among the participants of the event.

Assessment:

- The gifts that were given away were fresh spices which were locally grown by farmers of the region.
- The gifts were packaged in pouches of vetivier leaves (*ramacham*) made by women self-help group.
- Green protocol was promoted throughout the Conduct of AGENDA 2. 0 in every aspect, including the gifts.



Handing over the gift packaged in pouch of recycled vetiveir to the guest speaker



4. Solar Panelled Room

On the second day, the rooms in which the session was held had solar panels installed.



5. **On the second day, the factory/museum visit, classes etc** were organised at a place about 3km far. The participants were encourage to walk to the location, enabling them to enjoy the natural beauty of the tea and spices gardens. As no vehicles for transportation were used, emissions due to fossil fuels could be avoided for this purpose.



6. Carbon Footprint Reduction

Calculation of carbon footprint has been followed by different experts in different ways. Here we are trying to make the concept simpler and approximate in order to assign a numerical value to the efforts made in complying Green Protocol. Hence this figure is not a scientific value but only an indicative value.

