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### India's G20 Presidency

#### 4th Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group Meeting

(Chennai– July 26 - 27, 2023)

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*“Nature provides for us. We must also provide for nature. Protecting and caring for Mother Earth is our fundamental responsibility. Today, it has taken the shape of “Climate Action” because this duty was ignored by many for a very long time.”*

[- Prime Minister Narendra Modi](#)

The 4<sup>th</sup> Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group (ECSWG) meeting was held in Chennai from July 26 - 27, 2023. The two-day meeting witnessed around 300 delegates from G20 member countries, invitee countries, and several International Organisations, with a focus on finalising the Ministerial Outcome and the Presidency Documents.

Over the last 3 ECSWG meetings i.e. [1<sup>st</sup> Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group \(ECSWG\) Meeting](#) (Bengaluru – February 09-11, 2023), [2<sup>nd</sup> Environment Climate Sustainability Working Group \(ECSWG\) meeting](#) (Gandhinagar, Gujarat - March 27 - 29, 2023) and [3<sup>rd</sup> Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group \(ECSWG\) Meeting](#) (Mumbai, Maharashtra – May 21 - 23, 2023) collaborative and inclusive discussions have taken place on the three broad thematic areas identified by the India Presidency. The deliberations revolved around the thematic priorities of:

- Arresting land degradation,
- Enriching biodiversity and accelerating ecosystem restoration;
- Promoting a sustainable and climate-resilient blue economy; and resource efficiency and circular economy.

These discussions centered on identifying the root cause, and global solutions that could help tackle the multidimensional challenge of climate and environmental degradation. During the 4<sup>th</sup> ECSWG, further discussion on the outcome documents took place in parallel, under the two broad tracks of Environment and Climate.

## Day 1: July 26, 2023

During the first day of the meeting, delegates engaged in comprehensive discussions aimed at finalizing the Ministerial Outcome and the Presidency Documents. These documents serve as a key reference point for the G20's efforts to address pressing global challenges concerning the environment and climate change.



The Environment Track witnessed in-depth discussions on two crucial topics: **Land Degradation and Biodiversity**. Recognizing the critical importance of these issues, delegates engaged in thoughtful deliberations to develop comprehensive strategies that could effectively address the challenges posed by both priorities.

Simultaneously, G20 India delegates dedicated considerable attention to the Climate Track. Discussions in this track focused on the most pertinent aspects of climate change and the measures needed to tackle its multidimensional challenges.





## Day 2: June 27, 2023

The second day of the meeting commenced with the continuation of deliberations under the Climate Track. Delegates actively engaged in finding effective solutions to combat the pressing climate threats that endanger the planet and the well-being of future generations.



The delegates also continued their dedicated focus on the Draft Ministerial Communiqué.

A session was also held under the Environment track which brought attention to the crucial topic of **Water Resource Management**. The

discussions aimed to foster efficient water usage, conservation, and protection of water resources to meet the needs of present and future generations.

Deliberations were also dedicated to in-depth discussions aimed at enhancing cooperation and coordination to build a sustainable and climate-resilient blue economy. Recognizing the significance of oceans and marine resources for global prosperity, delegates explored strategies to ensure the sustainable use and protection of the blue economy. The discussions focused on measures to address the impacts of climate change on oceans, marine life, and coastal communities.



At a side event, Union Minister Shri Bhupender Yadav, the Minister of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change launched the **Resource Efficiency Circular Economy Industry Coalition (RECEIC)**. Envisioned to be a self-sustaining entity, it has three guiding principles: **Partnerships for Impact; Technology Cooperation; and Finance for Scale**.

The official launch of RECEIC was through the signing of the foundational charter and the unveiling of the logo. Addressing the gathering, the Minister emphasised that RECEIC would

play a pivotal role in promoting alliances, encouraging technological cooperation and knowledge transfer, fostering innovation, and facilitating the exchange of insights to enhance access to finance.

The mission of this coalition is to facilitate and foster greater company-to-company collaboration, build advanced capabilities across sectors and value chains, bring learnings from diverse and global experiences of the coalition members, and unlock on-ground private sector action to enhance resource efficiency and accelerate the Circular Economy transition. RECEIC will also act as an overarching platform enabling industries to address information gaps and coordination challenges across the G20 members.



### Experiencing the vibrant traditions of India!

Post deliberations, delegates witnessed the diverse and exquisite classical dance forms of India.





## **References:**

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[Industry led coalition on resource efficiency and circular economy has the potential to transform aspirations into concrete actions: Union Minister Bhupender Yadav](#)

## **Twitter Links:**

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## **Video Links:**

[Press Briefing on 4th Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group Meeting in Chennai](#)

[Launch Of Resource Efficiency And Circular Economy Industry Coalition \(RECEIC\)](#)

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