



Introduction

The Association for Promoting Sustainability in Campuses & Communities (APSCC) is pleased to announce the Sustainable Campus Challenge – 2013 for high schools, colleges and Universities of India. As part of this challenge, student teams will collaborate with a faculty/ staff advisor to develop a qualitative project narrative describing their effort for improving their campus sustainability quotient. Today, more than ever before, institutions are embracing new development methodologies into their day-to-day activities in order to sustainably manage their resources and provide a better environment for the future stakeholders.

The sustainable campus status is attained by means of a fundamental transformation of the way in which the institution conducts their regular activities encompassing the academical, ecological, environmental, economical, social and cultural dimensions. This challenge encourages the teams to showcase their sustainable campus initiatives that plans, formulates, designs and implements a package of solutions by the campus community to reduce the environmental impact, enhance the campus sustainability and to protect the health and well-being of the surrounding community & ecosystem. This challenge is one such initiative which serves as a platform to not only showcase your institution's work on addressing the pressing issues of sustainability but also acts as a knowledge transfer medium to share, learn, develop and implement solutions with a cooperative approach.

As urbanisation and rapid development transforms our campuses, a variety of new challenges surface are expected to grow if not addressed properly. In view of this, our nation and our planet need innovative thinkers to create sustainable and affordable solutions to the various problems. This challenge encourages the student and faculty members to become a part of these solutions.

Aims

The aims of the “Sustainable Campus Challenge – 2013” (SCC-2013) are as follows:

- i. to engage students in assessing the economic and technical potential of sustainable solutions in their campuses;
- ii. to provide a platform for students, faculties and staffs to showcase their work on campus greening initiatives;
- iii. to provide opportunity to showcase innovative ideas on improving the sustainability of the campus;
- iv. to provide the winning entries, an opportunity to make a poster presentation at the International Green Campus Summit and network with participants from across the world;

A further aim of the event will be to document and disseminate the wealth of experiences available today by publishing all selected entries online in APSCC's website for the benefit of every institution.



Eligibility

To compete in the Challenge, the participating teams should qualify **all** of the below criteria:

- i. the article can be a case study of existing project, ongoing/ proposed project or an innovative idea.
- ii. team should be of students / faculties/ administrative staffs of High Schools, Colleges and Universities in India;
- iii. the team size can be 1-8 including atleast 1 faculty/ administrative staff and can be interdisciplinary. More team members can be added upon request.
- iv. there should be only one submission per campus/ institution describing all the sustainability related projects in separate sections (as mentioned under the section - Scope). If there are more than one project under one theme, then it can be mentioned as sub-sections under the main theme;
- v. for the winning entry under the High Schools category, the poster presenter will have to be a faculty/ administrative staff;

Scope

The scope of the project has to fall under atleast one of the categories listed below,

- i. Environmental Education
- ii. Sustainability Assessment
- iii. Waste Management (Solid/ Liquid/ Toxic/ Biomedical)
- iv. Water Resource Management
- v. Energy Efficiency and Conservation
- vi. Energy Generation
- vii. Food Services
- viii. Land Use, Biodiversity Conservation & Habitat Restoration
- ix. Sustainable Transportation
- x. Outreach Activities

Important Dates

The schedule for SCC-2013 is as follows:

Registration: *January 1, 2013 – March 10, 2013*

Deadline for Submission of Report: *March 10, 2013*

Winners Announcement: *March 15, 2013*



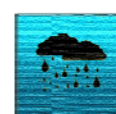
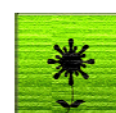
Registration and Conditions

- Registrations and submission are now open and are possible until the 10th Mar 2013. Regrettably, registrations after the deadline will not be possible.
- Those who intend to participate will have to first submit the filled in registration form (see the last page of this document) followed by submitting their final report by the deadline mentioned.
- All submission will be reviewed and notified of selection after preliminary evaluation within one week of submission.
- Further to the preliminary selection, the team's work will be judged by the committee members and the winners will be announced via email.
- Following this one representative of the winning team (preferably faculty/staff) will be sponsored to participate in the International Green Campus Summit – 2013 to be held at Puducherry, India and make a poster presentation to the delegates. Accompanying persons, if any, can share the accommodation. However they should bear all other costs including registration for the summit.
- The winning teams will receive their awards and certificates at the Green Campus Summit.
- All selected teams will receive participant certificate by post and their work will be disseminated by publishing online after the challenge officially closes.
- The winning team representative will be provided with free registration for GCS-2013, travel (2nd class Train/Bus) and accommodation (3 nights) costs related to their trip to Puducherry. Other incidental costs should be borne by themselves.
- All the participating teams, who wants to display their work in the GCS-2013 summit are most welcome and should follow the registration rules of the conference at their own costs.

Submission Requirements

Participating teams should submit one document narrating all sustainability related projects undertaken in the campus with supporting pictures, tables and figures wherever applicable. Each project undertaken should be mentioned under separate sections (as mentioned under the section – Scope) and will be judged separately. If there is more than one project undertaken for the same category, then it should be mentioned as a sub-section under the main theme. For ex. Solid waste segregation, composting, waste water management should all be mentioned as sub sections under “Waste Management” section.

There is no limit to the number of pages of the document and the format of the document should be single spaced, standard 12- point Times New Roman font and should be submitted as a word or pdf file to info@apscindia.org with subject of the email as “SCC-2013”. The teams are encouraged to get it reviewed for the structure, comprehension and grammar prior to submitting. The document should have a Title page with the name of the institution, brief description about team/institution, author(s) name and designation and 5-8 keywords. The structure of the body of the narrative is at the discretion of the team and should be qualitative proving the value to the campus. If the report is based on an existing project, then pictures of the project should also be provided.



Copyright

The team represent and warrant that the report is based on original work and does not copy or infringe upon the IP rights of another person. By submitting your work, you grant APSCC the right to distribute, publicly display, and use or authorize others to use your work for educational purpose and in any media.

Additional Guidelines for Winning Team

Winning team representative participating in the conference should submit a soft copy of the poster atleast 1 week prior to the conference and the hard copy will have to meet the below criteria;

- Poster should be A1 in size (594mm×841mm).
- Poster should include your assigned poster number, title, the team members name and affiliations.
- Please use letters large enough to be read from a distance of about 1-1.5 meters.
- The message should be self explanatory and understandable without any oral explanation.

Onsite Instructions for Poster Presentation

- Poster Presentation Session will take place adjacent to the conference hall in the venue.
- Posters should be set up on the assigned board prior to the start of the conference on day-1.
- Poster number and pins will be available at the poster board.
- Presenting authors for posters should be available in the Poster Presentation Area during the discussion time.
- Posters should be dismantled by the authors at the end of day-2 after the conference concludes. Otherwise, the committee will dismantle and discard the poster.

Judging Criteria

There will be a separate advisory committee from leading institutions for this challenge who will also be the judges. They will review each of the project and provide scores of 1-10 for the quality of the documentation, number of sub-projects undertaken under each theme, innovativeness, planning, methodology, analysis, value add to campus and ability to replicate/ implement in other campuses with the provided information. From the final selected entries, the chairman of the advisory committee will choose upto 2 teams from each categories (schools/ colleges/ universities) and the winners will be announced. The winning team representative will make a poster presentation at the Green Campus Summit -2013 and also collect their certificate and award at the event.

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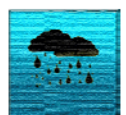
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Have fun with the Challenge!





Registration Form

Institution Name* : _____

Address*: _____

Telephone (please include local code): _____

Fax (please include local code): _____

E-mail: _____ website: _____

Participating Team Details *:

Name of the Participant with Title* (Prof., Dr. Mr, Ms, etc)	Faculty/ Student*	Contact* #	Email*

Type of Institution: University College High School
 Does your institution have a dedicated Green Club: Yes No
 Does your institution have a dedicated Office of Sustainability: Yes No

Date :

Name & Signature of the Team Representative

*Indicates Mandatory Fields

//Send the scanned copy of the duly filled form via email to info@apscindia.org