

**National Consultation of  
Children's Movement for Climate Justice (CMCJ)  
on Vision, Mission & Future Strategies**



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## Preface

The timing of National Convention initiated by Children Movement for Climate Justice – CMCJ is a response to several concerns. The first response is the Rights based initiative by our children Nationwide who reacted to climatic events which pose great threat not only the present human society over the past decade but also future children. The second arises from a growing realisation that climate change not only makes children and adult vulnerable to variations in climate, but climate is also increasingly becoming vulnerable to the acts of human beings. The third is a perception and realisation of the need for a broad based institutional workable framework democratically evolved and implemented by children themselves. The fourth is evolving a strategic action framework to address climatic vulnerability stemming from nature exploitative human behaviour, negative policy processes, knowledge gaps among their peers which also lead to food insecurity and poverty.

The consultation reflected on the earlier proceedings of CMCJ chapter across the country, support extended by facilitating partner organisations, recognising the commitment of KNH to ecological rights of children and recommitted to the cause themselves. Children now set to change their gear as Movement to take of rapid processes consort their efforts to address the potential consequences of increasing atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> against their basic Rights.

The National Consultation categorically discussed the structure of the Movement starting from District level to the State and National levels. Human resource required for smooth running of the Movement, negotiating with the facilitating and support organisation etc. An indicative work plan for the next two years was also evolved by the forum. In fact, no simple conclusion emerges from this National consultation. The first impression that one gains is of underlying stability of the movement. The commitment of our children and other stakeholders associated with the Movement for the CAUSE. We look forward to our children and their Movement winning the CAUSE.

**Dr John Devavaram**  
National Convenor





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### Background

For children all over the world, climate change means the future is far from predictable. Although children throughout the world are affected, it is children in developing countries like India are most at risk. Their basic rights are far more likely to be violated by disasters triggered by increasingly erratic and severe weather. Already children in our country suffer from poverty, inadequate water and sanitation facilities and poor health status. The effects of climate change exacerbate these issues. Climate induced migration, and displacement caused by extreme events also hit children particularly hard. Their right to shelter or parental care (Article 7, CRC) is taken away in an instant. In the case of slower onset disasters and stresses, it is well established that when family livelihoods suffer and asset bases are eroded, children become the risk management strategy – they are increasingly absent from school or drop out altogether to increase their role in domestic tasks or income generation.

However children being worst affected by the impacts of climate change, possess the aptitude for absorbing new information; proposing adaptation strategies; acting on future visions and the needs of future generations; and taking action for the benefit of their communities; prioritizing sustainable management of natural resources and environmental concerns. They can also act as vehicles for change, can work with the adults in their lives to bring about meaningful and sustainable change.

In the above context, a children led national movement was evolved with 15000 children hailing from 7 states of India as “Children Movement for Climate Justice – CMCJ” an initiative conceived by RCPDS, a development organisation supported by kindernothilfe (KNH), Germany as an offshoot of its Good Governance program called “Palar Panchayat” to specifically address Ecological Justice as part of overall UNCRC Child Rights framework.

The Children's Movement for Climate Justice (CMCJ) was started late 2008, with the focus to reiterate Climate Justice as integral part of Child Rights and since then engaged in various environment protection interventions such as tree planting, pollution control, drawing the attention of the government and awareness, lobby and advocacy.

#### The CMCJ is guided by two principles:

1. Urgent attention, support and action are needed to address the issues faced by children countrywide as a result of increasing climate shocks and stresses.
2. Children's unique experiences of climate change impacts and their specific insights and priorities need to be recognized in both climate change adaptation and mitigation policy and practice



## Introduction

The National Consultation titled '**Children's Movement for Climate Justice (CMCJ)** on Vision, Mission and Future Strategies' was organized by KNH, IRDWSI and CMCJ in Semiliguda, Koraput on the 1st and 2nd of February 2014. Children from the CMCJ groups of 7 states like Tamilnadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Gujarat and Maharashtra participated in the consultation to drive their struggle for climate justice in a structured approach with an established vision and fixed Plan of Action. The consultation of the children was organized for the children nationwide and by the children.

The participants representing their states with a commitment to protect their mother earth firmed up a common Vision Statement for CMCJ, the structure of the CMCJ National Committee was tied up and the Action Plan for next 2 years was decided by the CMCJ participants. The KNH partner organizations facilitated the process and supported the children to resolve their decisions.

### Inaugural Session

The purpose of the workshop was shared by one of the CMCJ member Master Joseph Edmund. It is to share the vision, discuss its structure and prepare the future plan for next 2 years. CMCJ being a national movement a national plan of action is very necessary to be prepared and the process is to be ensured by the state level actors who are leading the movement, a structure is to be finalized at national level for the execution of the plans. Mr. John Devavaram (RCPDS, TN) shared about the objective.

The consultation was inaugurated by Dist Sub-Collector, Koraput Mr. Sarmath Verma. Among others Asst Project Director, DRDA Mr. Himanshu Satpathi, Mr. Guido Falkenberg (India Team Leader, KNH Germany), Mr. John Devavaram (National Convener - CMCJ) and CMCJ members Ms. Anantalaxmi, Ms. Yeshoda, Ms. Parvathi, Ms. Panchavarnam, Ms. Yesodha and Master Jeevan were present on the Dais. A welcome song was sung by Odisha CMCJ members (team) followed by felicitating the guests with shawls by the children on the occasion. Ms. Rajani Tading from Odisha CMCJ delivered welcome address. The inaugural session was chaired by Master Joseph Edmund (CMCJ member).





### Keynote Address by Mr. John Devavaram

Mentioning the background of Children Movement for Climate Justice, Dr. John said that CMCJ is a children led informal network ensuring ecological rights of children as part of overall child rights as specified in UNCRC. RCPDS, one of KNH partner, started this initiative in a small way with 50 children from marginalized Farmer families of Virudunagar district in the year 2007 and named it as 'Palar Panchayat' (Children Parliament) with a commitment to protect our only 'Earth' to make it livable for the future generations. The KNH partners as part of their work have initiated children groups in their working areas. With this experience, KNH has created the space for the children to participate in the 05th KNH Partners Meeting at Visthar. This concern was operationalised through series of database, discussion among peers at community level, school centers, child clubs and Palar Panchayats and evolved as structured association called "Children Movement for Climate Justice" (CMCJ) during one of the Convention held at Tiruchuli during 2008

During the past years CMCJ children were involved in various activities to address climate change from rights perspective and carried out various mitigation and advocacy activities. Currently CMCJ is spreaded across seven states of India (Tamilnadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Northern India and Odisha) with more than 15000 children as members. The movement organized a signature campaign (with 20,000 signatures) and one day seminar titled "Ecological Child Rights – Children's Voices for Climate Justice" at Madras in 2009 where about 600 children demanded their ecological right which was also reflected in CoP-15 in Copenhagen in 2009. Dr. Devavaram further gave information about the children rally that was organized in 2012 continuing about 400 KM in 7 days and another rally from Koraput, Odisha and AP to Chennai by the members of CMCJ and a Memorandum was submitted to Shri. Mallikajurna Karge, Central Minister in the seminar organized at Madras. Following that Andhra, Odisha children went on a cycle yatra covering about 50 kms creating awareness on climate change issues.



### The Chief Guest's Address

Highlighting the impact of climate change, the Chief Guest of the occasion Koraput district Sub-Collector, Mr. Sarmath Varma said children are in the highest stake of the changing climatic impacts. The climate change is a specific form of environmental degradation as Water pollution, Air pollution and unsuitable condition of land to reside in.

Speaking about the causes of Climate Change, he explained to the children that since the atmospheric temperature is increasing because of environmental degradation (Global Warming) the Glacier is melting resulting rise in sea water level. This is the cause of flood disaster in the coastal areas which drastically affects the global economy.

Seasonal impacts of Global Warming on crop harvest because of insufficient rainfall contribute to Food insecurity and seasonal migration. Children are being affected by climate shocks, particularly in drought, flood and cyclone-prone rural areas and urban slums, the prospects of increasing poverty, hunger, diseases and reduced access to education mean that children's futures are more uncertain than ever before. The sub-collector apprehended.

The children, who are the future generation, are going to suffer from the disastrous situation the most and therefore they are to unite under one banner and raise their voice to control the factors and elements that are contributing to Climate change. Spreading awareness through such events, organizing mass rally will have gradual impact. He then suggested the children to adopt efficient use of energy in daily living, promoting renewable source of energy and opting for reduced Carbon-dioxide emissive objects. Mr. Verma concluded.

### Greeting Sharing from KNH by Guido Falkenberg (India Team Leader, KNH Germany)

Mentioning this children model unique Dr. Guido Falkenberg of KNH said that the day is a historic day for all those who are related to CMCJ since the idea which was mooted in 2011 is now taking a concrete shape with the formation of a vision statement, functional structure and action plan for two years. KNH Germany appreciates the unique and innovative concept of protecting the Mother Land through the changing agent 'Children'. The Climate Change has global impact, what happens in India influence Germany and Vice-versa. But the sub-tropical location of India makes it more vulnerable to climatic shocks.

Experience sharing

- I thought cold climate means Kodiakannal & Ooty but Samligudu was very coldest place.
- First time train travel for me & first time visiting for other state
- Enjoyed eating with lots of vegetables particularly cauliflower
- Enjoyed Tribal dance
- Good hospitality with IRDWSI staff
- Evening fun with our friends
- All partners leaders care us very much

Selvi. Sheniga &  
Master. Muniyandi  
from  
Arogya agam, Aundipatty



"...The opportunity to see different kinds of seeds is very different which we never seen all the seeds. We wonder whether we will get all the existing traditional seeds in future.

Joseph expresses that he never shown interest in dancing but the tribal music and the dance motivated him to involve and made him to dance together with the tribal people. Uma said that she enjoys dancing and felt very happy about the arrangement of cultural event during our Convention. She enjoyed dancing till she felt tired..."

Ms. Uma &  
Mr. Joseph  
from  
CCRD - Pattinapakkam

Addressing the children, Mr. Falkenberg spoke "Children are to live longer and to sustain the living condition of the Mother Earth, you should have a voice and this platform will help you to raise your voice for the protection of your ecological rights and the mother earth. The workshop will bear fruit when you will realize that you are the Pioneer to initiate and will take forward your struggle claiming Climate Justice." He concluded.

Mr. Himanshu Satapathy, Assistant Project Director supplemented that he had been associated with IRDWSI some 4 years ago and the movement of the children asserting for Climate Justice is really unique. He again proposed that he will make attempt to link this kind of children led process with the programmes of the Government making IRDWSI responsible as the Regional Resource Centre.

### 'Our Dream Village' – A Reflection by CMCJ members

A colorful picture was drawn by the Odisha children to express their view regarding the village structure that they are dreaming for. Children from all CMCJ state chapters, explained their revelation on the picture about the dream village where there will be greenery surrounding, abundant clean drinking water, agricultural lands loaded with crops by adopting organic farming and restricted use of chemical fertilizer, pesticides that pollutes the air, water resources and that damages the fertility of the agricultural land in long run.

Ms. Subhalakshmi (CMCJ) extended vote of thanks to the chief guest and others for their presence and tendering support and cooperation in taking ahead the movement.







## Technical Session- I

### Objective of the Session (Shared by Master Jone, CMCJ member):

To redefine a common Mission Statement with overall objectives for CMCJ National Movement

The children participants were made in to 12 working groups and provided with chart papers to write down the Mission statement of CMCJ. The Mission statements of Child rights inclusive Climate Justice, which was resolute in 12th KNH India Partner's Meet was displayed and the group leaders were asked to evaluate the opinions of the children made basing on the 4 questions like

Why the CMCJ Movement?

What is the Movement about?

How to take the Movement and

For Whom the Movement is?

After the above mentioned exercise, 3 statements were evolved additionally to be added with the previously mentioned Mission Statements and those are as follows.

1. CMCJ should have a policy framework at national level
2. Government should develop a policy to protect child rights and ecological rights of the children.
3. There should be provision in the policy to ensure the Govt. accountability on Climate Justice

**Supplementing the above additional opinions the Mission/Objective Statement was presented as follows.**

**1.1 Establish a Strong Network led by Children to Ensure Climate Justice delivered as part of overall Child Rights and Make our Earth Livable for Children and Everyone.**

**1.2 Facilitate and Enable our Peers and Future Children to emerge as Strong Gatekeepers of Child Rights Protection from within Families, Communities and other Stakeholders at All Levels.**

**1.3 Establish a Policy Framework at National Level and endeavor to pressure Government to recognize Ecological as part of Child Rights , Issuance of a Policy and enhance Accountability**





## Technical Session II

### Purpose:

- ◆ To constitute a formal/informal structure for effective functioning at District, State and National level
- ◆ Regarding the formation of functional structure at local and national level, following discussions took place in the session.
- ◆ Dr. John Devavaram said having an effective local committee is key to forming a national committee from participatory democratic process of the Movement. Hence children should evolve local structures at the district levels duly facilitated by the respective partners before going to advocate at National level.
- ◆ CeFHA has formed an Executive Committee named as 'Green Ambassadors' with 7 Executive members from 72 working groups of 36 operational villages. The Children groups are working in close collaboration with women SHGs and getting support in terms of mobilization of resources. One acre land is contributed by the SHG groups for nursery activities. The children organized a rally and the SHGs supported in terms of rice and other essentials.
- ◆ In some villages of Maharashtra the child groups are linked with HIV Network, women groups which guide in terms of training, rally, tuition centres, and Fellowship for the children and in future the Federation is planning to fund the awareness activities of the children groups in the area.
- ◆ Ms. Panchavarnam from RCPDS drew and explained the structure of CMCJ adopted by RCPDS. There are total 463 registered CMCJ members, who have elected 15 members to the Executive body; the Executive Body has further selected one Chairperson and one Secretary among them. She further intimated that one Children Ecological Forum is been formulated which is farming small millets and contributing the harvest to the village development fund.
- ◆ Mr. Guido Falkenberg suggested that the flow of information and proper communication from local to national level and vice-versa are the essential parts of forming a hierarchical structure. The national structure must have a counterpart at local level and hence the local level committee formation should be given utmost importance by KNH members.
- ◆ The Identity Card of CMCJ members: Every partner organization has issued an identity card to the registered CMCJ members. The card contains the country code, state code, district code, block code, Panchayat code and finally the village code and then the membership number of the child.

Experience sharing

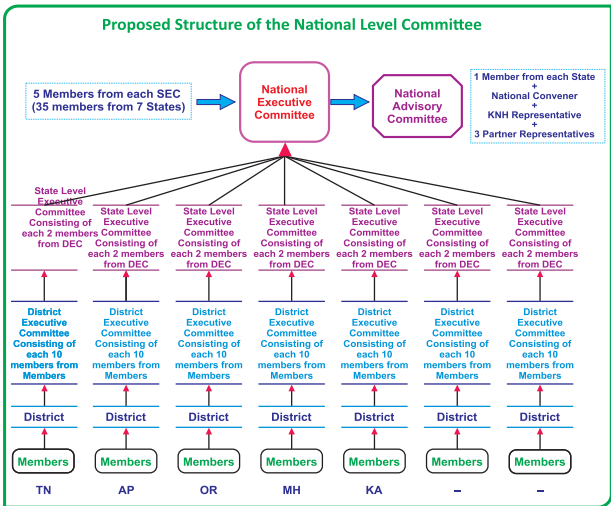
It was an excellent experience for me to be part of this CMCJ National Work shop , meeting different children from Various sates. A good interaction took place between me and other states CMCJ children. We learned about the CMCJ national structure and about the criteria for state coordinators and national coordinators. WE also clearly understood about the vision and the mission of CMCJ. AS this is very important to move forward with a commitment to reach our goals . We were discussing how a "dream village" would look like: It would have forest around, clean air and the people would not use pesticides ... "

Ms. Ananthaxmi  
Ms. Venkatalaxmi  
from  
CeFHA, Andhra



### Proposed Structure of the National Level Committee

Then the proposed structure was displayed to have opinion from the CMCJ members for the finalization of the CMCJ National Committee.



Experience sharing

On the travel from Vishapattinam to Odisha we saw mountains and it was very nice to see the landscape. It was very beautiful to see Agricultural fields, stream and nearly as a fertile area. We saw a film about a factory how it spoiled the nature and gave many problems to people who lived in that area. After people's continuous efforts they closed the factory. I was very happy that the partners gave us the right to select a Coordinator for CMCJ. I took part in the Annual action plan. I was very happy that during the session the CMCJ National Convener asked the children views and suggestions. It was very good to ask us to tell about our decisions, even for the appointment of the staff for CMCJ I learned that if we do it together with other people we can achieve success. I decided that we can achieve big things by coming together.

M. Priya's  
from  
WWTC, Tamilnadu



**Description:**

2 members (1 male +1 female) from each partner organization will represent at the State Level Committee. 5 members from each State Level Committee will be present in the national committee. If each state is represented by 5 members then the National Committee will have 35 members. (5 members from each state X 7 states). It was suggested that the minimum age for becoming member of the movement should be 13 and maximum 18. But there are some CMCJ members who have crossed 18, they can continue as member till they are 25. But a fresh enrolment above 18 may not be encouraged to CMCJ groups.

The Odisha CMCJ group proposed that there should be equal participation from every state at national level. No matter how many member organizations are there at state level.

Recommending the proposed structure for National level Committee Mr. Guido Falkenberg said that the idea for a CMCJ was mooted in 2008 and now it is going to take a concrete shape and we as partners should nurture it and this is also not final as it is an experiment. There is no compulsion on the partners to be part of the CMCJ process, they are free to decide. However, KNH has decided to endorse this movement for two years.

The structure was then finally approved by the all CMCJ State Chapters.

***The other decisions made by the children regarding the construction of National level Committee are presented below.***

- There should be proportional representation from the states for coming two years then the response and stand of HCDI partners and CCCYC partners to be part of the Movement will be awaited which will increase the partner and district base at the National level.
- Maintaining gender balance in the representation
- The names of the children should come before 28th of February to National Convenor's office

In the last part of the session, the chart of Key Quality Factors (KQF) of the member organizations was enlisted where the Tamilnadu CMCJ group identified the gray areas by the Spider tool exercise.



Further the CMCJ AP, CMCJ Odisha and CMCJ TN groups were asked to make grading and give point from 1 to 5, recognizing the areas mentioned under the KQF. In the exercise the following chart was developed.

ORGN	KQF'S	H C D I	P R E M	I R D W S I	H D T H S	C E F H A	V I S T H A R	M A R I Y A L A Y A C	C C R D	S A S Y	A A	M A R I Y A L A Y A T	V N R	W W T C	S A N D S	C C C Y C	A v e r a g e
	Clarity of vision	3	3	3	3	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	2.8
	Effective management/ Leadership	3	2	2	3	3	2	3	2	3	4	3	3	3	4	2	2.8
	Resource mobilisation	1	1	1	3	4	2	2	1	2	3	2	1	1	2	1	1.8
	Capacity building	2	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	1	3	2	2	2	4	2	2.6
	Network/ Advocacy	3	1	1	4	4	1	3	2	3	4	1	2	2	3	3	2.4
	Growing membership base	3	1	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	1	4	2	3	2	2.4
	Regular meetings, Record keeping, Percentage of attendance	4	3	3	3	4	4	4	2	2	3	3	4	1	2	2	2.9
	Publication/ Documentation replicable modules, Showcase materials, visibility	1	0	1	3	3	1	2	2	2	1	1	3	2	1	1	1.5
	Official Structure	4	2	3	3	3	1	0	2	2	2	2	0	1	1	0	1.7
	Joint functioning with other forums	3	2	4	3	3	2	3	3	2	3	1	3	3	2	3	2.5
	Legal status,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Experience sharing

**Subalakshimi:** We came here from a distant place entirely different from everything we find here at Similiguda. The children we met here are from different cultures, had dissimilar food habits and spoke diverse languages. But I am really proud to share the fact that we all travel in a same path with very similar ecological objectives.

CMCJ Representative  
from  
**SPEECH, Sivakasi**

**Jone :** visit to the mines is a life time experience, It is heart breaking to witness that so many tribal adivasi families have been made to be deprived of their forest livelihood and eco system. Also the insensitivity of someone towards polluting groundwater which poses a great question – Development at whose cost? No wonder there is every reason for we children to come together as a Movement to demand climate justice.

CMCJ Representative  
from  
**RCPDS, Tiruchuli**

**Shivganga:** I appreciated the idea of networking children group. Because it gives me enormous exposure to understand the issues related to different geographical area and also I can share our area issues with everybody. I am impressed by the fact that all are given equal opportunities and there was no discrimination. I also strongly felt that we should involve other children group who are not funded by KNH.

**Yeshoda:** Accommodation was good and felt like being at home. They (Geethanjali) took good care of all the children. Food was different, for the first time I tasted egg and enjoyed the local food. Initially I felt Shailaja would have stayed with us but after she told me the purpose of putting us in room with other children, I was relaxed. I really enjoyed with my roommates and Shivganga's roommates. I wanted to stay there for few more days.

CMCJ Representatives  
from  
**Visthar, Karnataka**



## Technical Session III

### Day -2, 2nd Feb 2014

#### Objective:

To work out on the structure of State level and National level Secretariat

The programme for the second day started with the recapitulation of the first day events by Ms. Anantalakshmi. (CMCJ member AP)

Dr. John Devavaram discussed the previous day's activities to the children that the vision statement of the CMCJ, official structure at the National and State level have been developed. The district chapters shall be managed by the member organizations.

#### Staff Recruitment at National Committee

The draft Secretariat structure was initially displayed and then children working groups were given time to come up with suggestions.

- ❖ CMCJ National Coordinator (Full Time, Age 30-35)
- ❖ CMCJ State Coordinators (Part Time)
- ❖ 1 Secretariat Staff (Full Time)
- ❖ 1 Financial Staff (Full Time)

#### Suggestions came on the State level and National level Secretariat:

The State Coordinator should be full time and must be available to coordinate Rally and other programme conducted by CMCJ children. –Odisha CMCJ

Instead 1 fulltime State Coordinator, if 2 Full time Regional Coordinator can be appointed as North Region Coordinator and South Region Coordinator. –Bhopal CMCJ

State Coordinator should be a full timer- as he has to move to other areas of partner organizations and organize activities at the state level. –AP CMCJ

With regard to the above concern of CMCJ children, Mr. Guido clarified that the secretariat structure and staff tenure is for 2 years on pilot basis. After 2 years with the evaluation it will be decided as in few state chapter like Odisha and AP, there are 2 member organizations and there is not much need to appoint the full-time State Coordinator.

Mr. Sathish Samuel added that as the work load is not envisaged now, the State Coordinator may be appointed on part time basis and partner organization may arrange to take into service of the person on full time, if need arises. He also emphasized on the confidence that KNH has on the Children led organisation by recognizing CMCJ as one of the partner of KNH. He quoted the event of one day seminar on "Ecological Child Rights – Children's Voices for Climate Justice" at Madras in 2009 where about 600 children participated and the whole event was fully managed by the children themselves and stressed that when children are given space, they



could do wonders and KNH is strong in this belief and willing to support the process in building the capacity of the children to be the leaders of the future. And also he shared that six children representatives of CMCJ would participate in the 14th KNH India Partners meeting to be held on 03 – 05, February 2014 at IRDWSI

Mr. Thomas Jeyaraj proposed that RCPDS can continue as National convening organization and the proposed funds could be channelized through them to the respective State chapters.

Regarding the age and job responsibility of National Coordinator, children of AP and Karnataka CMCJ groups proposed that there should not be age restriction for the National Coordinator, rather it is to be made mandatory that the person must have CMCJ background preferably from CMCJ group. Karnataka CMCJ group again added that children can't be able to manage the financial transaction and administrative issues. Dr. William Stanley suggested that capacity building training may be imparted so as to make them competent about the financial and other administrative matters.

After a comprehensive discussion, Children came to the following conclusion about the State and National Secretariat Structure.

National Secretariat	State Secretariat
National Coordinator ( Full Time, Age: Max 35	State Co-ordinators ( Part Time, Age: 18 + - 30) depends upon the fund availability, on basis of children
National convenor : Dr. John Devavaram (next 2 yrs) National convening Organization – RCPDS	In phase 1, State Coordinator (SC) will be part time, after the assessment towards the end of 2 years, the requirement will be reviewed and based on the work load, service delivery and need, the tenure of SC will be decided
1 Secretarial Staff ( Full Time ) 1 Financial Staff ( Full Time	State level convening org'n and convenor Tamil Nadu: RCPDS and Mr. Nirmal Raja Andhra & Karnataka: CeFHA and Dr. Sasi Prabha Odisha IRDWSI and Mr. Sushant Stanley
The State Coordinator will be selected by the respective state convening organization and the members of CMCJ state chapter	Based on the need if the convening organisation is willing to share 50% cost the SC could be full time

### Cultural Program for Children

To bring a break from the 2 days long exercises, a cultural program was organized for the children where children got the opportunity to enjoy with the ethnographic tribal dance performed by local Adivasi Cultural Troops of Odisha. On the occasion Toila Nata by Paraja Adivasi group, Dhema dance by Kondh Adivasis of Chiklamari village and Stick dance by Kondh tribe of Putsil village were performed. The workshop floor started vibrating with the dancing step of the colorful dance and instrumental music and children joyfully started accompanying the troops on rhythm.



## Technical Session -IV

### **Objective:**

***To set out Action Plan at State level and National level CMCJ groups for next 2 years and settle on the criteria for selection of State level Coordinator***

For the exercise the children were made into working groups basing on their geographical location and according the groups are

- ❖ Tamilnadu CMCJ Working Group
- ❖ Andhra Pradesh & Karnataka CMCJ Working Group
- ❖ Odisha CMCJ Working Group
- ❖ North India CMCJ Working Group

The groups were then provided with Chart paper and were asked to chalk out the Action Plan of their State Chapter for next 2 years and also mention the criteria for selecting the State Coordinator for their State Chapter. After making their exercise, the children representative from each group made presentation of their respective state chapters as follows.

### **Andhra Pradesh & Karnataka CMCJ Working Group Presentation**

#### **1st Year Plan of Action:**

New membership to be ensured as the CMCJ concept to be reached to every corner of the state and more and more children are to be aware about Climate Change issues and its mitigation strategies

To undertake series of Awareness Campaigns and Capacity building trainings on different key areas such as Child Rights, Ecological Rights, Biodiversity Conservation, Forest Protection, Protection & Promotion of Indigenous Seeds and Environment Protection Study and Documentation

The CMCJ members will avail opportunities of Ecotourism, an environmentally responsible travel to enjoy and appreciate nature and cultural experiences

**Exposure Visit to Destructed areas:** The CMCJ member will make visit to the areas where the mining and industrial growth have caused destruction and disturbance of ecosystems and habitats, children among the displaced population are suffering from availing basic needs and will make study and documentation

**Children Festival:** Children will organize different events at state level and national level on emerging issues of Climate Change and promotion of Climate Justice Concept. CMCJ members will also participate and represent the key concept of Climate Change in all public domain and child centered programmed during the period at state and national level.

The AP and Karnataka state CMCJ groups selected 30 schools in their states and decided to uphold School Biodiversity programmed under which they will visit the schools and to advocate on Climate Change alleviation program and conservation of Biodiversity through 'Green Walk' and 'Green talk' actions.





#### **2nd Year Plan of Action:**

**New Membership enrollment** process to be continued

**School Plantation** program to be encouraged for protection of forest

**Ecological issues of the destructed areas** which are selected in the 1st year visit will be addressed during the 2nd year's intervention

**Campaigns on Climate Change related subjects** such as Environment Protection, Indigenous seeds protection, Organic farming promotion, Biodiversity Conservation and Child Ecological Right protection to be conducted vibrantly during the second year.

CMCJ will formulate a **State level Policy for CMCJ**

Children of the 2 states (AP & Karnataka) will organize mela/festivals for exhibiting different forms of Indigenous Seeds at state and national level.

#### **Selection Criteria for State level Co-coordinator**

1. S(he) must be a member of CMCJ
2. The age limit for the state level co-coordinator should be within 18 to 30 years
3. The person must be able to communicate in English
4. S(he) should participate in all Capacity building training program
5. Well Communication skill
6. Must be willing to travel
7. Must have knowledge on Finance and Accounting
8. The candidate for State level coordinator should be committed towards the movement



## Odisha CMCJ Working Group Presentation

### Action Plan for Next 2 Years at State level

1. Capacity building workshop for the CMCJ members of Odisha 3 Capacity building programs a year and thus total 6 numbers in 2 years 120 members in 1st year and 200 members in the 2nd year will be capacitated through the workshop program
2. It has made mandatory that the member who has participated in the 1st meet, must be present in the rest training workshops.
3. To generate public awareness on climate change issues, mass Rally will be conducted from village level to national level.
4. A memorandum mentioning children's ecological rights will be prepared after the Rally to the concerned authorities.
5. Rally will be conducted once a year
6. Exposure visit of the CMCJ members will be organized during the 2 years time to other state's CMCJ groups, destructed areas to identify the issues and ecological tours to gain knowledge about measures those can be adopted for Environment protection.

### Action Plan for Next 2 Years at National level

- A national level CMCJ meet to be organized with a participation of 200 CMCJ members throughout the country
- A mass National level Rally is to be organized during 2nd year with a minimum number of 500 participations.
- The Odisha group fixed criteria for the State level Coordinators as well as National level Coordinators.

### Criteria for selection of National Coordinator

- The person must be of age group 30 to 35 years
- The minimum education qualification should be Graduation
- S(he) should have knowledge about the regional languages of different states, Knowledge on English & Hindi language must be mandatory for the candidate of National level coordinator.
- Ability of well communication establishment
- Must have skill of documentation and reporting
- Must be a healthy person
- The candidate must have good 'Patience' and motivation skill
- It is mandatory for the person being from CMCJ background
- The person should have willingness to work with children and be able to utilize the children's resources
- The candidate must be able to address about the climate issues in different places clearly and confidently
- Criteria for selection of State Coordinator



#### **Criteria for selection of State Coordinator**

- The age limit for the state level coordinator must be 19 to 30 years
- Minimum education qualification must be +2
- Must be from CMCJ background with good command over English
- Must have knowledge on Child Rights and Child Protection issues
- Well communication capacity and must be willing to work in cooperation with others
- The candidate must be Responsible, tolerant and with positive attitude
- Must able to organize and conduct workshop at different places, must be able to state at national level and must have the capacity to generate report of the event organized
- The State Coordinator must possess good health to make frequent travel

Experience sharing

**Salpu:** "It felt very nice to be a part of this workshop". " I was a part of CMCJ event for the first time and it makes me really happy to be a part of this event as it has given me so many new dimensions and topics to discuss with my friends".

**Purno Chandra Tading:** "I liked the way we were united to work, and we all participated to learn about climate change and its impacts."

**Madana Tading:** " CMCJ meeting I have attended for the first time, it was very important for me to know that CMCJ is a very big network and very surprisingly children have a lot of role to play".

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## North India CMCJ Working Group Presentation

**The North India groups fixed their month wise activities of 2 years.**

Meeting with HCDI responsible person	Feb 2014
Preparation of structure 'Green Club'	April to June 2014
Meetings with leaders of 'Green Club'	April to June 2014
National level meet	End of April
State level meet	End of May
District level meet	June 2014
National level meet of CMCJ members	October 2014
Networking with HCDI partners on Climate Change issue	May 2015
Networking with Govt. school's children and CBO's	Aug 2015 to Oct 2015
Leadership training and Exposure visits	Nov. 2015
Awareness program on Climate issues with other Children	Dec 2015 to Feb 2016
End term Evaluation	March 2016





## TN CMCJ Working Group Presentation

### State Action Plan

- ❖ A Series of training programme to be carried out on the following topics
  - ♦ Personality development
  - ♦ Climate justice and child rights
  - ♦ Communication and documentation
  - ♦ Record keeping and group management, etc.
- ❖ Two trainings per year and in 2 years total 4 trainings to be conducted.
- ❖ District CMCJ chapter will plan 50,000 saplings per year.
- ❖ To create a database in Tamil Nadu as state chapter.
- ❖ To scale up CMCJ activities to through education departments in 12 districts of Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Convergence of CMCJ movement National Plantation program.
- ❖ Rally, Review and Documentation of best practices, once a year to be ensured.
- ❖ Action plan From All 12 district Chapters to be sent to the State Coordinator.
- ❖ And accordingly a quarterly review to be made by the State Coordinator.

### National Level Action Plan:

- ❖ At the National level mass issue addressing event will be organized once in 2 years time
- ❖ National Executive committee will meet once a year
- ❖ A National level consultation will be organised for preparation of next phase action plan
- ❖ A website of CMCJ to be created.
- ❖ A Children festival will be conducted on emerging issues at Climate change and promoting climate justice to orient new members

### Criteria for State Coordinator:

- ❖ Complete knowledge about CMCJ
- ❖ Good communication skill
- ❖ Basic computer skill
- ❖ Non discriminative
- ❖ Good command over English
- ❖ Being neutral
- ❖ Willing to travel all the districts to provide hand holding support to the district chapters



The selection criteria for State level Coordinator was almost found similar and hence a common selection criterion was finalized as follows.

#### Criteria for State level Coordinator Selection

- ❖ S(he) must be a member of CMCJ
- ❖ The age limit for the state level Coordinator should be within 18+ to 30 years
- ❖ Must be from CMCJ background with good knowledge over English
- ❖ Must have knowledge on Child Rights and Child Protection issues
- ❖ Being neutral
- ❖ Willing to travel all the districts to provide hand holding support to the district chapters

Experience sharing

**-Suganya :** "... The journey beyond Visakapatnam was comparatively cool and we witnessed more trees. The journey across or through the mountains as life time experience for me. It gave me a feeling as if our Tamilnadu is the worst affected due to climate change..."

**Panchavarnam :** "...The whole team of IRDWSI headed by Dr Sunantha akka was so good and there is no words to appreciate their concern. They worked without sleep for long hours for our sake and our comfort. It is unfair if I do not say anything about Sathish Sir who the key behind all the acts. I had a strong feeling I was never alone but always with my larger CMCJ family throughout..."

CMCJ Representatives  
from  
RCPDS - Tiruchuli



## Concluding Session

The moderator of the workshop and the National Convener CMCJ, Dr. John Devavaram summarized the 2 day long workshop's process and findings. He anticipated that the Key Quality Factors (KQFs) identified by the children will be taken seriously and acted up on urgently by the member organizations so that at the end of 2 years the maximum grade 'S' will be achieved. The time schedule for the next activities decided as below.

Facilitating organizations will send potential names of representatives to the National Conveners office on or before 28th February

National Convener will finalize and submit 2 years action plan based on the State submission to KNH by 15 March 2014

Potential names of the candidates for the position of State Coordinator will be sent to National Convener along with their resume for short listing and further action in consultation with KNH India Coordinator and CMCJ representatives.

To keep the KNH India Coordinator in loop in CMCJ related communications among the partner organizations.

The KNH India Coordinator Mr. Sathish Samuel made Vote of Thanks.

Mr. Sushant Stanley (IRDWSI) invited the Odisha CMCJ group to gift to their friends of other state CMCJ groups as a 'Token of Love' being the host of the occasion.

*After the final session on Day 2, The CMCJ Odisha chapter led by The IRDWSI have presented the participants with different T-shirts that have a message on Climate, Equity and Justice to invite the larger sector of people to be aware on these critical and conspicuous issues. With the advent of Global Climate Change theories it is also very necessary to equip the modes of demonstrations on Climate Equity with Justice and committed responsibilities.*

The Children Community of CMCJ was also a part of Signature Museum on the T – Shirt which was displayed at the venue. Many children along with the signatures have put up climate sensitive messages in their own languages – A very inspiring story of many children who come from multi lingual and multi cultural contexts to join a common platform through the able leadership of facilitating partner organizations along with the children members of CMCJ.

During the National Consultation for CMO, CMO members of Odisha along with the hosting organization. The IRDWSI have organised a Seed Exhibition. The seeds those were displayed were some of the most indigenous varieties of Paddy (Rice), Ragi (Finger Millet) and also Suan (Fox Tail Millet). The seeds were collected from some of the interior villages where the farmers still grow these varieties Lochai, Chipti, Baigoni and Sapur lochia. The region has already seen a massive extension of some vintage paddy and ragi species.

The rare varieties like Kala Jeera and Machakanta of paddy were also displayed. This had given the chance for the children to realise the importance of preserving the rich genetic diversity that we are fast losing out in the context and era of large scale promotions of corporate bred seed line. The members of CMO felt also to have a large scale seed bank organised elsewhere to create awareness on the nutritive and food safety cordons.







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