

Stakeholders Meet on ‘Building an Ecosystem for Tech Innovators and Vernacular Entrepreneurship through Localizing SDGs’

10th August 2022, Kohima

The SDG Coordination Centre, Department of Planning & Transformation, in collaboration with Atal Innovation Incubation SELCO Foundation and United Nations Development Programme organized state-level stakeholders meet on ‘*Building an Ecosystem for Tech Innovators and Vernacular Entrepreneurship through Localizing SDGs*’ in Nagaland on the 10th of August 2022 at Hotel Vivor, Kohima. It was an open dialogue to bring together various stakeholders working with the rural communities in Nagaland. The aim of the workshop was to understand and explore various channels and organisations that are working towards providing technical and business development support to innovators and promoting local technologies by looking at available resources and gaps in the current ecosystem of the state.

Key objectives of conducting the Stakeholders Meet:

- To identify the relevant stakeholders for scouting and mobilization of the local innovators from different pockets of Nagaland and to reach out to the last mile.
- To establish a strong and continuous scouting mechanism in the state of Nagaland where AIC SELCO will incubate and support the innovators.

The focus area of the Meet:

- Local challenges in terms of technology, finance, policy and approaches to overcome them.
- The role of various stakeholders in building an ecosystem for Technology Innovators and Clean Energy Enterprises through localising SDG goals.

There were representatives from the state departments such as Planning & Transformation, Horticulture, Industries & Commerce and Rural Development (Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission), Universities, Incubation Hubs and NGOs from different districts of the state. For better understanding and further engagement with the partners, the forum has been open to discuss the startup ecosystem in the field of innovation in Nagaland.

Way Forward/ Deliverables:

- Formulation of long-term strategy with potential partners in Nagaland.
- To organise Innovator Meet to provide a platform for innovators from the state to showcase and pitch their technology to the stakeholders and the larger audience.
- One-on-one workshop/ training programme with Champion stakeholders in Nagaland.
- Onboard technology innovators in the AIC SELCO Incubation Programme.



OSD (Planning) & SDG Nodal Officer, Ms Nayantara Sasikumar IES delivering opening remarks

Media Coverage Links:

1. [State's entrepreneurs sensitised on sustainable start-ups | Nagaland Post](#)
2. [AIC organises stakeholders meet on building an ecosystem for tech innovators - Eastern Mirror \(easternmirrornagaland.com\)](#)