



A warm hello from Team EMC and Ekonnnect!

Hope you had a congenial year closing this March. We are excited to bring to you the fourth issue of this year of the monthly EMC Ekonnnect joint e-newsletter comprising of some exciting updates from the previous month!

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**April 2022
Theme- Renewable Energy**

Exciting New Projects awarded to EMC!

- ESIA of 130 MW Solar PV project for an Indian Solar Company
- ESG Data Validation and Equator Principles Conformance Assessment of large Thermal Power Plant in Haryana
- ESDD and E&S Monitoring of investments of SBICAP Ventures, Omnivore VC and HDFC Ltd.
- ESG Impact report of an Indian Private Equity Fund.
- Development of tool to calculate GHG emission from gas stations and offices across India for Adani TOTAL. This tool will help ATGL in calculating and tracking emissions for future years towards decarbonization.

Project update (Fractal)

EMC was hired by Fractal Analytics to develop a road map towards carbon neutrality for their offices in India, New York and Kyiv. The roadmap included the GHG inventorization and mitigation planning for their offices. Strategies to implement mitigation measures across all the offices were also identified and several awareness session were held to create green champions in the offices. In this month, the project will be concluded.

Dr Modak invited to be on International Sustainable Products Exchange (ISPX)

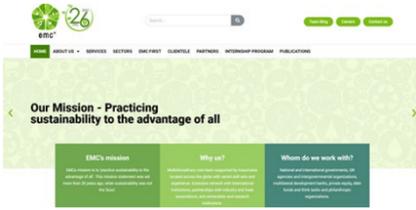
We are happy to inform you that Dr.Modak has been invited to be on the sustainability expert group to provide advise to the platform, the International Sustainable Products Exchange (ISPX). The platform will be operated by three firms - National Stock Exchange, the leading Indian stock exchange and the world's largest derivatives exchange (by trading volume); ECube, a pioneering ESG focused financial services platform and Chainflux, a Blockchain products firm. The Exchange will be located at GIFT City, a global financial hub located in a Special Economic Zone in the Indian state of Gujarat, with significant advantages on regulatory ease of doing business and taxation.

Dr.Modak's role will be to advise on ESG frameworks and standards, evangelize the purpose and ambition of ISPX and inter alia offer strategy inputs and advice on the product mix and new product ideas.

This platform will catalyze the availability of climate finance and access to a variety of important financial instruments that India and other markets urgently require, including Green Bonds, Sustainable Bonds, Voluntary and Regulated Carbon Credits, Green Equity, and Green and Sustainable REITs.

EMC revamps its Website

EMC is revamping its website with new content and features. Look out for more details on the release date and link to the new website in the next month's newsletter.



Training Program on Biodiversity in Partnership with NITIE (May 2-6, 2022)

Ekonnnect Knowledge Foundation in partnership with National Institute of Industrial Engineering (NITIE) and Environmental Management Centre LLP (EMC) successfully completed Module 4 on Climate Change between 14-19 March 2022. 34 participants attended this module and gave an average rating of 8.2 out of 10. Module 5 on Biodiversity is scheduled to take place between 2-6 May 2022. For more details and course registration, [click here](#).

Global Sustainability Champions

In the memory of late Dadasaheb Rege, Principal of Balmohan Vidyamandir, March 19 is celebrated as the International Day of Balmohan. Dr Modak being an alumnus of Balmohan, Ekonnnect organized a week-long virtual event called "Global Sustainability Champions". The program focused on introducing sustainability to school students belonging to class 8 to 11.

130+ students from 6 countries showed interest. 30 students registered from India and UK. Students were taught topics like Sustainability, Sustainable Neighborhoods and how to develop Sustainable Neighborhood Action plans using Eco-mapping, and Stakeholder Consultation. Students were engaged in 6+ hours of online sessions followed by 3 days of offline assignment. Visit [Link](#) to download the report and view some of the exciting eco-maps created by the students. Top three teams received awards in the form of books. We will soon bring out an e-publication featuring select Sustainable Neighborhood Actions Plans.

Feedback from the Parents

"Congratulations Sir! My daughter and her friend participated and have given a very positive feedback to the programme. This programme has instilled a will in her to become an Environmental Engineering graduate and do her best for the environment. I thank you on her behalf for this enriching experience."

"Thank you so much for arranging such wonderful programme on Environmental Sustainability.

Children experienced a very in-depth learning about this subject. I'm very happy to know the results of the Championship. Esha Thakoor is my daughter, and we are eager to meet you in person in your office."

Speaking Engagements

Dr. Shilpi Kapur, Vice President EMC, participated as a panelist in the Regional Policy Dialogue on Mobilizing Finance for SCP and SDG12, held on 17th March 2022. The Dialogue was organized by TERI School of Advanced Studies (SAS) in association with SWITCH-Asia Regional Policy Advocacy Component (RPAC) and Asian Institute of Technology (AIT). Dr. Kapur spoke in the discussion titled 'Enablers for Mobilizing Finance for SDG 12 in Asian economies' and shared her perspectives on the business model innovation for mobilizing finance for SDG 1

Godrej Group acknowledges E-Konnnect

World NGO Day aims to inspire people to become more actively involved within NGOs (Charities, NPOs, CSOs) and encourage a greater symbiosis between NGOs and both the public and private sector.

On this day, Godrej Group acknowledged Ekonnnect's contribution in one of their Instagram posts.



MoU signed with Circular Initiative

The Circulate Initiative signed a Non-binding Memorandum of Understanding with Environmental Management Centre LLP on 10th February 2022 to support the activities of The Circulate Initiative's Impact Metrics Working Group. EMC was invited to join The Circulate Initiative's Impact Metrics Working Group.

For more information, please [click here](#).

EMC gets empaneled for Water Energy for Food Program of Tetra Tech

EMC has been selected to the pre-vetted pool of service providers by the south/southeast Asia Regional Innovation Hub (S/SEA RIH) of the Water and Energy for Food (WE4F) program (<https://we4f.org/>)

S/SEA RIH supports the scaling-up of climate-friendly and environmentally sustainable, energy and/or water-efficient innovations in the water-energy-food nexus across the region, with a focus on women and the poor.

We are hiring!

In view of our expanding business canvas, we are looking for experts in the following areas

1. Environmental, Health & Safety and Social Due Diligence
2. Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Management Systems
3. Circular Economy driven Road mapping for the Business
4. Program management and Implementation of CSR Projects

The above positions are open to both senior and middle level professionals and also to those who prefer to work remotely and on assignment basis. Those with international experience and willing to work in our Mumbai office will however be preferred.

If interested, please send your CV to Dr Prasad Modak, Executive President, EMC at prasad.modak@emcentre.com highlighting your work in the areas cited above.

Update on EMC team

EMC welcomes its most recent member, Pashmin Dee.

Pashmin has joined EMC as a Research Assistant. She has previously worked as a Program Coordinator at RNisarg Foundation which works towards making cities sustainable to live in. She has also interned at Larsen & Toubro Ltd. under the Corporate Sustainability Department. She completed her Bachelor's in Life Science from St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Mumbai in 2019 followed by a Master's in Environmental Science from K.J. Somaiya College of Science and Commerce (Autonomous), Mumbai in 2021. In her leisure time, she likes to dance, paint, practice graphology, go for nature trails and watches documentaries.

For more highlights and details on past projects, you can access the previous issues of our e-newsletter, [here](#)

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