



FuEL the Youth – Future Energy leaders

3rd WPC Youth Forum in India

A. Highlights

1) Debut of following events:

- Business Simulations Games: Ultimate contest for achieving Corporate Supremacy in a fiercely fought virtual business battle.
- Energy Extempore: Interactive debate with the motive of stirring office, college and informal arguments to common plank for finding solution for the world energy problems
- Mind Odyssey: free-wheel Creative Odyssey of seeking that one gem of an idea that has the potential to revolutionize the Energy Industry.
- Bizethics: High-on-Ethics event to present one's comprehension of how a company can balance its social, ethical, environmental and profit-making concerns.

Preliminary rounds of the above events conducted online through the youth forum portal www.fueltheyouth.com over a period of 1-2 months and finalists identified. Finals of the events held during the main Youth Forum.

- 2) For attracting greater participation in the online events, all travel and accommodation arrangements for the online events' finalists done by the forum organizers.
- 3) More than 1500 registrations for the online activities at the youth forum website
- 4) Forum was attended by more than 500 delegates from India and across the globe including representation from Russia, China, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Brazil, Qatar, Bahrain, Sudan, Columbia, Venezuela, Vietnam, Libya, Kazakhstan, Canada, Turkey, Norway, Austria and United States.
- 5) Organisers sponsored 50 Indian and 30 International students for participation in the youth forum. Selection of students for sponsorship was based on:
 - a. Resume and write up on ***“Why you want to be a part of Energy industry and what contribution you think you would be able to make to the industry?”***
 - b. Alternately through active blogging on the forum website



6) Two Theme Sessions held during the forum –

- Borderless Energy Solutions
- Securing Future – Aspirations and Challenges

Panels for the above theme sessions were a mix of industry experts and youth representatives –professionals/students. With a view to make the theme sessions more representative of the opinion of youth, blogs/comments were invited from all through the youth forum website, on the session themes, and the key points that subsequently emerged directed the discussion during the theme sessions on the main day. Further, the most active participants/bloggers were chosen as the youth representatives on the sessions' panel. Moderation of the above theme sessions done by WPC Youth Committee Representatives.

7) Discussions during Theme Session-1 Borderless Energy Solutions centred on:

- Why stable, reliable energy access is important for both supplying and consuming nations
- Barriers that impede borderless energy access today and ways to mitigate these barriers to move towards a global energy solution with the ultimate aim of attaining energy equilibrium
- The role of mutual interdependence, and concrete steps that can be taken.
- The roles that various stake holders like Energy Companies, Government bodies, technology & service providers, financial institutes need to assume
- Transparent knowledge sharing, cross- border response mechanism would lead to investment in pan- nation large scale projects while dissolving boundaries.

8) Theme Session-2 Securing Future-Aspirations & challenges highlighted issues such as:

- Challenges faced by the oil & gas industry in attracting and retaining young talent
- Ways in which youth can make a significant contribution towards designing a sustainable future
- How the vacuum in industry be filled when the top industry brass retires in the next few years
- How the youth can be groomed to assume responsibility as industry leaders and
- What the industry could do more to increase its interaction with academia and make it more visible to students.



Takeaways from this session included - doing away with hierarchical set up in the industry, providing greater work autonomy & freedom to young professionals and mainstreaming them in the decision making process as well as regular training and skill updation of young minds. Oil & Gas Industry riding on the experience and knowledge of the veterans and novelty and innovation of youth would stride towards a sustainable and secure future. Further, industry awareness programs to showcase the industry to young students in schools and colleges would go a long way in image building and increasing the industry visibility, resulting in greater number of students being drawn to the industry.

BASED ON THE FEEDBACK RECEIVED FROM THE PARTICIPANTS, THE 3RD WPC YOUTH FORUM WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!!

