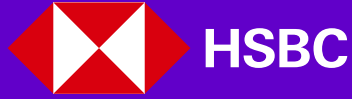




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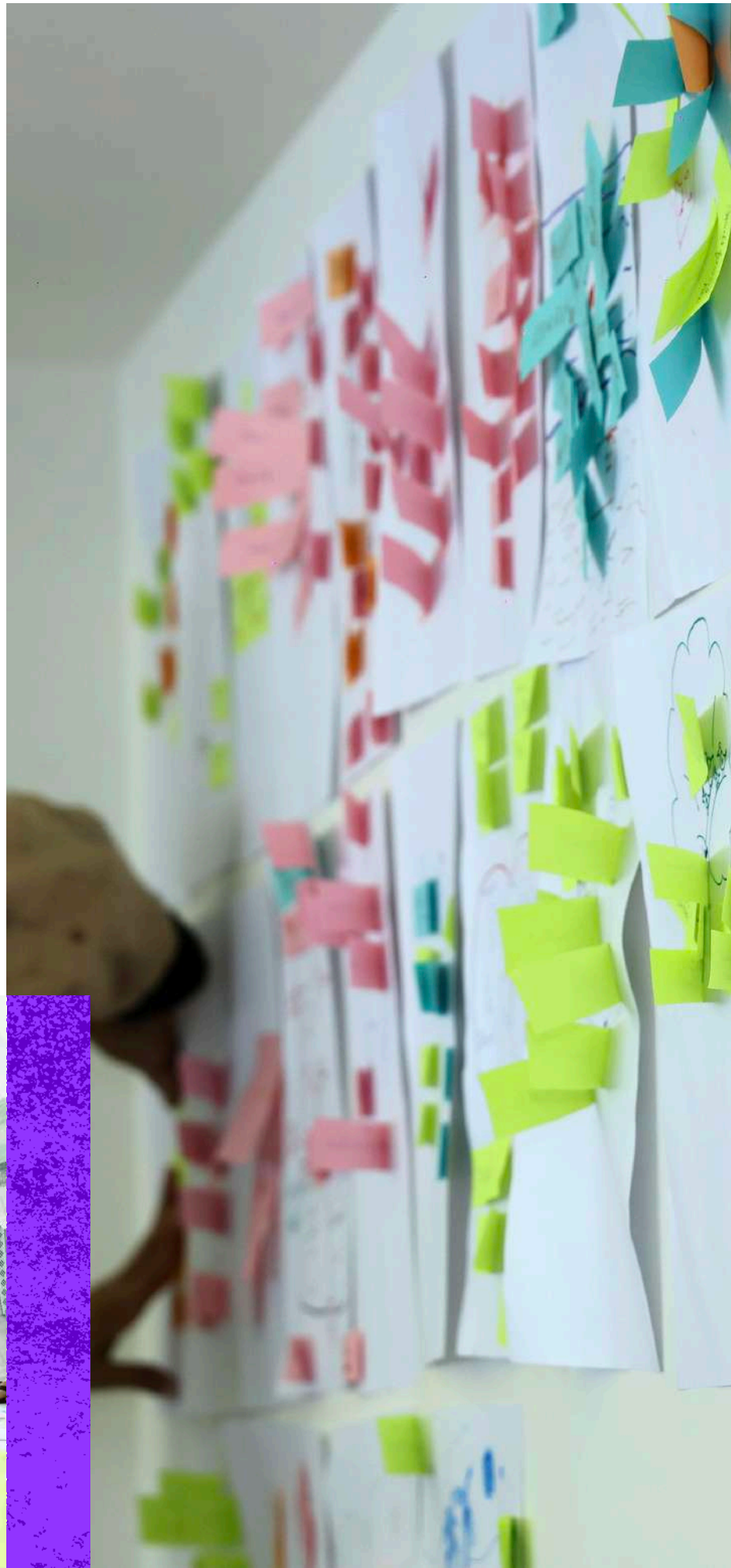
Climate Skills

Seeds for Transition
India Project

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The most significant takeaway for me was the transition from climate awareness to climate agency. The programme didn't just highlight the scale of the problem; it provided a "solutions toolkit" for us young leaders.

Sanskruti Chheda
Student,
University of Mumbai





We are proud to collaborate with HSBC and our higher education partners in India to drive meaningful climate education. Climate change isn't some distant threat anymore; it is affecting almost every aspect of our lives today. If we want to create a more resilient tomorrow, we need to invest in laying the foundation for a skilled and climate-conscious generation that can support the transition to a greener future. This initiative not only strengthens educators' capacity but also provides youth with the tools and knowledge they need to take climate action in their communities. Through this partnership, we are fostering global connections, enabling shared learning, and empowering young leaders to create a more sustainable world. By equipping educators to train the next generation, we are taking a step forward in making climate action inclusive, impactful, and sustainable.

Alison Barrett MBE

Country Director India, British Council



At HSBC, we believe that meaningful partnerships are the foundation for lasting change. Our association with the British Council on the Climate Skills programme aims to improve climate literacy and employability among youth in India. The purpose is to empower young people in India with the knowledge, skills, and leadership abilities, to enable them to drive meaningful change within their communities and beyond. While we provide support, the real leadership lies with the creativity and persistence of youth themselves, and we are seeing real impact as they drive action within their communities.

Aloka Majumdar

MD and Head of Sustainability, HSBC India



Empowering India's youth to drive climate action

Climate change is reshaping the futures of young people worldwide. In India, a growing population and rapid industrialisation make this challenge both urgent and complex.

Yet most young people globally lack the practical skills to navigate this shifting landscape, let alone seize the opportunities it creates. As the future of work transforms, closing that gap requires international collaboration — ensuring no one is left behind.

That's why the British Council and HSBC launched Climate Skills in 2023: a global programme operating across Brazil, Mexico, India, Indonesia, Vietnam and the UK, designed to equip young people, especially

from underserved communities, with the core skills changing green economies demand.

Building on HSBC and British Council's long history of collaboration and co-creation at the country and regional level, Climate Skills takes a global approach to youth skills development. Rooted in British Council's non-formal education approach, the programme recognises that soft skills — confidence, communication, adaptability — are the foundation on which technical skills are built.

Drawing on British Council's deep experience in youth research and climate programming, Climate Skills combines localised training, international peer networks, mentoring and grants to build the knowledge, adaptability and entrepreneurial confidence young people need.



Our approach

In India, Climate Skills is delivered through Higher Education and Research Institutions that have integrated climate education and action initiatives into their academic curricula, ensuring long-term sustainability and impact.

Three institutions were selected as delivery partners through an open call:

**The Energy
and Resources
Institute (TERI)**

**University
of Mumbai**

**Hyderabad Sind
National
Collegiate (HSNC)
University**

In addition to professors, young people selected for the programme partnered with local administrations, NGOs and community groups to lead region-specific climate action projects. For quality assurance, peer-led evaluation is embedded through youth evaluators, trained by master facilitators who had themselves received specialised evaluation training from a UK agency. Seed money was provided to support social actions, ensuring breadth and depth of initiatives, developing young people's leadership and project delivery skills.



The Climate Skills – Seeds for a Transition India programme exemplifies the power of collaborative action, demonstrating that investing in young people's knowledge and leadership helps sow the seeds of a greener and more equitable future. Together, we are nurturing a generation equipped to develop transformative solutions and inspire climate action at a global scale.

Dr Vibha Dhawan
Director General, TERI

Building an ecosystem of youth leaders



In India, youth from over 260 institutions, which included HSNC University’s four campuses, 150 affiliated colleges of the University of Mumbai, and 112 institutions through TERI, participated in the programme.



Participating as a facilitator in this programme has been an immensely enriching journey for me. The workshops offered a dynamic platform... the experience also challenged me to adopt more innovative and creative approaches to climate education and sensitisation.

Shubham Rai
Climate Skills
facilitator, Research
Associate, TERI



Creating impact at scale



2,000+ young people trained to build a nationally diverse network of climate-skilled youth



260+ institutions empowered to deliver climate skills training, reaching students from diverse geographies and disciplines



Created a legacy of **270+ facilitators** who will continue to cascade knowledge beyond the project’s end



20+ states represented through youth participation, ensuring national diversity and regional inclusion



Enabled **community - level change** through youth-led social actions, addressing local sustainability challenges



Empowerment & youth agency, from nominal grants to flagship funding, seed money powered diverse youth-led social actions



Mobilised over 150 youth-led social actions across themes like biodiversity mapping, sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, waste management, and GIS-based pollution tracking



By transforming campuses into living laboratories, we inspire young minds to turn knowledge into meaningful climate actions and sustainable mindsets.

Dr Ravindra Kulkarni
Vice-Chancellor, University of
Mumbai

Towards a climate - ready future

In 2026, two new partnerships were funded under the Climate Skills Global Collaboration Grants programme. These partnerships will strengthen India-UK collaboration in future skills and climate adaptation, engaging young people in hands-on learning and innovation.

The University of Warwick

TERI partnership will train young people in **green entrepreneurial skills**, enabling them to develop practical prototypes that address real-world sustainability challenges.

The University of Bristol

University of Mumbai partnership will focus on **green and climate adaptation skills**, supporting young people to co-design practical, community-driven solutions to sustainability challenges in India and the UK.

By connecting young people and educators across borders, Climate Skills harnesses the power of international exchange to broaden perspectives and improve skills provision.



Coming from a social work framework, the programme strengthened my understanding of how climate education can be linked with social justice, public health, and community resilience. It gave me concrete ideas on how to design awareness sessions that encourage behavioural change and community participation, especially among youth and marginalised groups.

Naomi Tada

Social work student and participant,
University of Mumbai



What we invest in young people today will shape how the world responds to climate challenges tomorrow... this project offered universities a meaningful opportunity to move from understanding to action—where education, collaboration, and commitment together become the seeds of lasting transformation.

Col. Prof. Dr. Hemlata K. Bagla

Vice-Chancellor, HSNL University,
Mumbai

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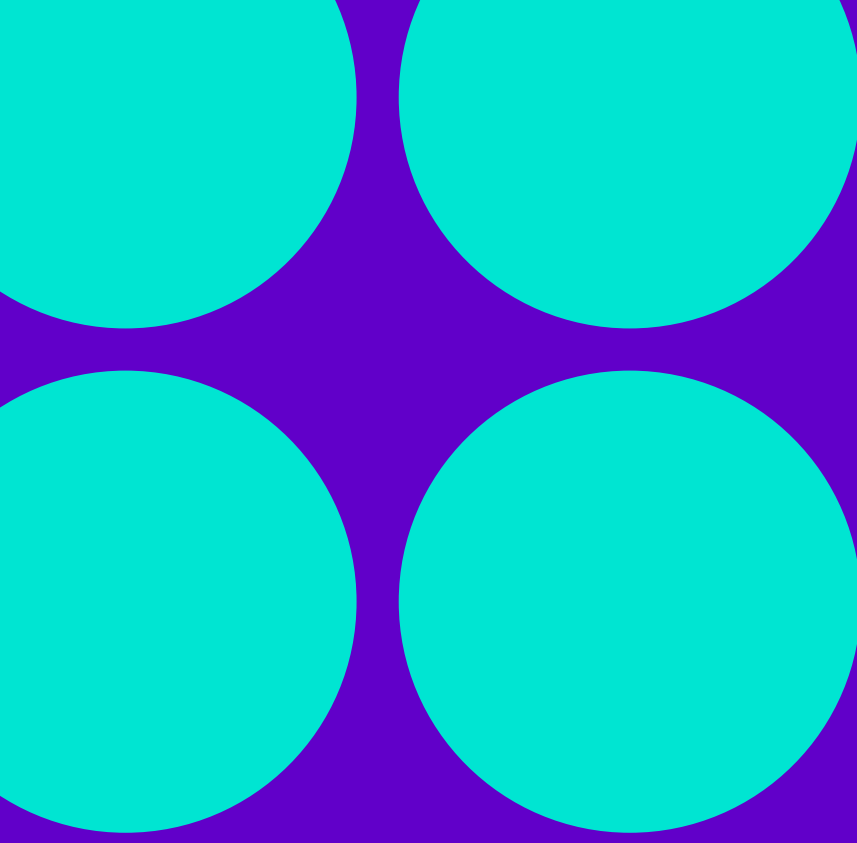
generations. We give young people the confidence to shine.

We work with governments and our partners in the education, English language and cultural sectors to make a bigger difference, creating benefit for millions of people all over the world. At the heart of these relationships is trust which is built over time and nurtured through shared experiences.

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