

World Environment Day

5th June 2022

Theme: Only One Earth

World Environment Day is the United Nations' principal vehicle for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the environment. Held annually since 1974, the Day has also become a vital platform for promoting progress on the environmental dimensions of the Sustainable Development Goals. With the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) at the helm, over 150 countries participate each year. Major corporations, non-governmental organizations, communities, governments and celebrities from across the world adopt the World Environment Day brand to champion environmental causes.

World Environment Day takes place every year on 5 June. Over the years, it has grown to be the largest global platform for environmental public outreach and is celebrated by millions of people across the world.

The United Nations General Assembly has declared the years 2021 through 2030 the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of

the United Nations together with the support of other partners will lead the event to prevent, halt, and reverse the loss and degradation of ecosystems worldwide. It aims at reviving hundreds of millions of hectares, covering terrestrial as well as aquatic ecosystems. A global call to action, the UN Decade draws together political support, scientific research, and financial muscle to massively scale up restoration.

World Environment Day 2022 will be held under the theme **Only One Earth**, with the focus on “Living Sustainably in Harmony with Nature” highlighting the need to live sustainably in harmony with nature by bringing transformative changes – through policies and our choices – towards cleaner, greener lifestyles. Only One Earth was the motto for the 1972 Stockholm Conference; 50 years on, the motto holds true - this planet is our only home, whose finite resources humanity must safeguard.

All Centres of the Institution are requested to celebrate the World Environment Day 2022 in a befitting manner.