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**International Council for Education, Research and Training
(ICERT) India & USA**

International Seminar Aug 12, 2024

On UN/ UNESCO International Youth Day 2024 theme

From Clicks to Progress; Youth Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development

Executive Summary: International Seminar on International Youth Day 2024

On August 12, 2024, the International Council for Education, Research and Training (ICERT) organized a high-level international seminar to commemorate UN/UNESCO International Youth Day 2024. The seminar was centered on the theme "From Clicks to Progress: Youth Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development," exploring how digital technology empowers young people to drive global change.

The event saw a massive global response with 1,067 registered participants representing diverse nations, including the USA, India, UK, Nigeria, Kosovo, Malaysia, Uganda, Saudi Arabia, Philippines, Eswatini, Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Romania.

Academic Leadership & Global Discourse

The seminar was led by Chief Patron Ms. Sonia McPherson (Global Education Influencer and ICERT Fellow) and moderated by Dr. Kotra Balayogi (Unity College of Teacher Education, India).

Distinguished Keynote Speakers & Addresses:

- Dr. Bukola Ahimie: Chief Lecturer, University of Lagos, Nigeria, delivered the Guest of Honor and Keynote address on digital pathways in the African context.
- Ms. Rimmi Jain: Assistant Professor, PGDAV College (Evening), University of Delhi, India, addressed the intersection of commerce and youth digital literacy.
- Dr. Jyoti Verma: Associate Professor, Chitkara University, Punjab, India, shared insights on academic perspectives of digital progress.
- Ms. Nor Nazeranah Binti Omar Din: Programme Coordinator, Nilai University, Malaysia, provided a Southeast Asian perspective on technological innovation for youth.

Key Highlights & Outcomes

- Plenary Session: A dedicated Q&A session facilitated by Ms. Sonia McPherson allowed for direct engagement between global delegates and the expert panel.

- Global Youth Icon Award 2024: The seminar concluded with the prestigious declaration of the "Global Youth Icon Award 2024," recognizing exceptional young leaders for their contributions to sustainable development.
- Automated Engagement Tracking: In line with ICERT's digital standards, participant attendance was automatically recorded, ensuring certificates were awarded to those completing at least 75% of the duration.



Guest of Honor and Keynote Speaker



Dr. Buhola Ahimie, Chief Lecturer, University of Lagos, Akoka Yaba, Lagos Nigeria

Chief Patron



Ms. Sonia McPherson, Global Education Influencer, ICERT Fellow

Moderator



Dr. Kotra Balagogi, Assistant Professor, Unity College of Teacher Education, Dimapur, Nagaland, India

Keynote address



Ms. Rimmi Jain, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, PGDAV College (Evening) University of Delhi.



Dr. Jyoti Verma, Associate Professor, Chitkara Business School, Chitkara University, Punjab, India



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