

Q What is United Nations Conference on Human Environment / Stockholm Conference 1972?

Answer

Introduction

United Nations Conference on Human Environment, 1972 is the world first organization conference on environmental issues. It was one of the largest conference held by UN, containing total 119 representative countries. It serve as a framework and precedent of other formal conferences and summits. It serve as a main driving force behind today's every effort made to sustain environment and resources.

Historical Background

Stockholm Conference held in Stockholm, Sweden on 16 June 1972.

⇒ This conference originated in response to growing climate issues or threats i.e. Cold War increases pollution & industrialization and urbanization.

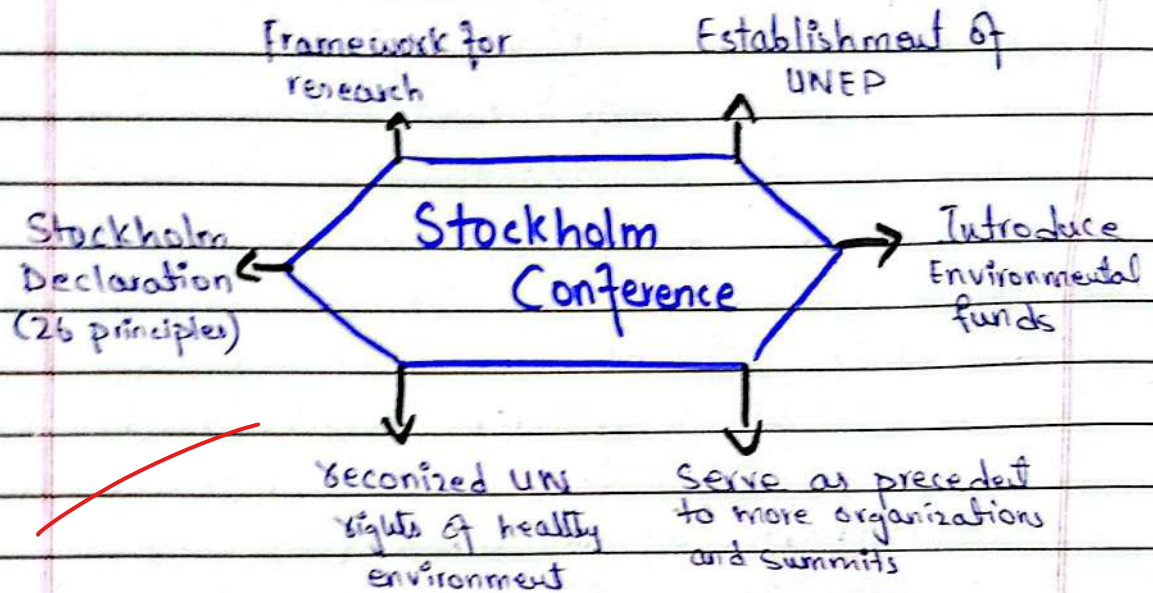
⇒ Stockholm conference arranged

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after Publication of the document,
"Limit the Growth".

Major Outcomes of Stockholm Conference



1. Establishment of formal environmental Governance

Before Stockholm Conference, there were not any organization or conferences were held for addressing environmental issues. After Stockholm Conference, further Summits or conferences were arranged such as; Rio Summit, COP20, Earth Summit etc. Along with this additional reports regarding environmental pollution were published such

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as G20 report, Our Common Future,
World Wide Fund for Wild Nature report,
World Bank report etc.

2 Establishment of United Nations Environment Protection (UNEP):

Stockholm Conference, 1972
laid foundation for various programmes
or funds, working for environment
developments. For instance
United Nations Environmental Programme
(UNEP) was established.

⇒ It is a body acting as a
formal watchdog or surveillance
on earth pollution. It is working
under UN. It informs about
every polluting factors & seeks a
formal initiatives and developments.

3 Stockholm Declaration and Action Plan

Stockholm Conference (1972)
helps in triggering proper environmental
policies and reforms. In this way
Stockholm Declaration, consisting
of 26 principles - all about
Sustainability programmes, Environmental
pollution controlling policies and
development programmes.

In the same way,

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Action Plan - consisting 109 recommendations. It also helps in initiating proper environmental developments.

✓ 4 Environmental Funds

Concept of environmental funds was first emanated by Stockholm Conference. It introduces the concept of funds for developing countries - so that they can also mitigate pollution and build infrastructure for them - so that they can sustainably use resources. Now this process is still prevalent in the world i.e. Kyoto Protocol - generate funds to developing nations under name of "Clean Development Management".

✓ Criticism

Criticism

→ Poor Binding Rules

→ Gap in Implementing policies

→ Cold War and rejecting

Criticism

→ by USSR

→ Not addressing Complex environment Problems

1 Poor Binding Rules

It does not have any proper rules and policies for the nations to make them bind to the written recommendations.

It does not have any proper committee which ensures the implementation of rules by nations or punish them on resistings.

2 Not addressing Complex Issues

~~Stockholm conference~~ ~~does~~ did not addressed complex environmental issues, they were only limited to pollution, emission from static or dynamic sources etc.

Complex problems like eutrophication, acidity of soil, desertification etc.

3) Resistance by USSR

Cold war which had immense role in pollution, did not

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compromise or conform to the policies of conference. USSR even showed resistance openly and did not joined conference. In this way the ~~effective~~ of conference is still limited because it can ensure the binding or conformmen of developed nations.

Conclusion.

Stockholm Conference is of immense importance but it's effectiveness become limited due to internal problems and powerful states showed resistance. In this way they do not conform to the ~~the~~ established policies of the conference and causing damage to it.

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Q Explain what is Ecofeminism
↳ movements led by the women?

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Introduction:

Eco-feminism is a modern century concept. It is a branch of feminism that looks into women roles and responsibilities in regards to environment. It analyze gender roles and impact of environment on them. It focuses on the patriarchy role in terms of Subjugating environment and its factors.

Many movements were also led by the women i.e. Narmada Bachao Andolan

- Green Belt initiative
- Chipkoo Movement.

→ ECOfeminism

Originated by:

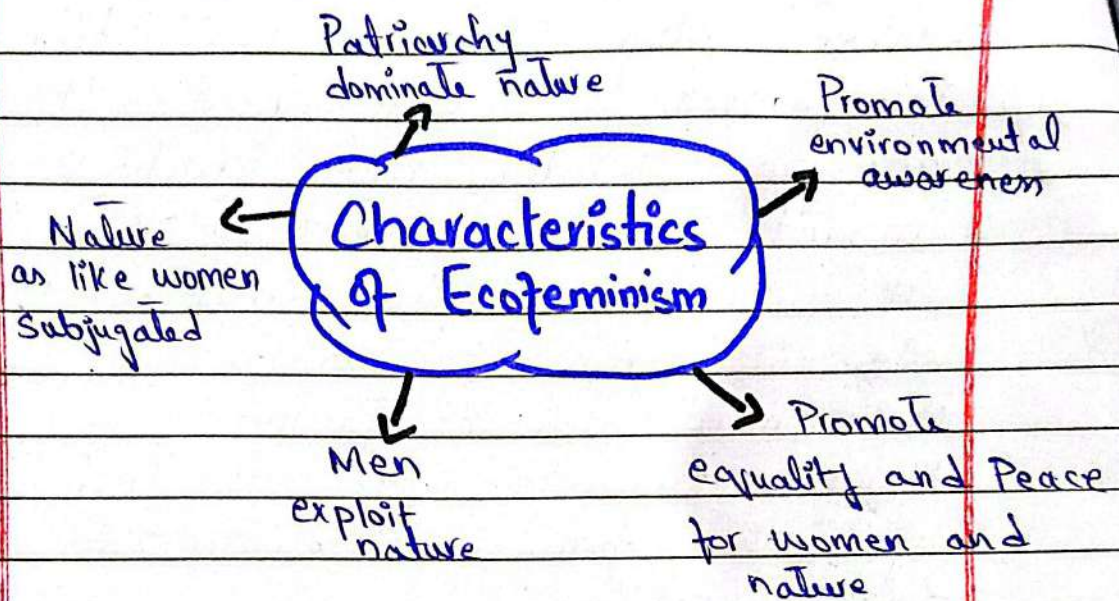
This concept of feminism was first originated by "Françoise d'Eaubonne" in 1979.

Definition

Ecofeminism refers to the study of Ecology in connection to feminism. It ~~also~~ analyzes

the role of women that is more aligned with nature.

• Features Of Ecofeminism



1 Men and Patriarchy Exploit Nature

Ecofeminism solely emphasized on role of men as an exploiter of nature. The reason is men being a dominant figure always work for commercial purpose for which he need natural resources. This causes natural problems and issues. Ecofeminism is of the view that men being a dominant figure always destroy nature.

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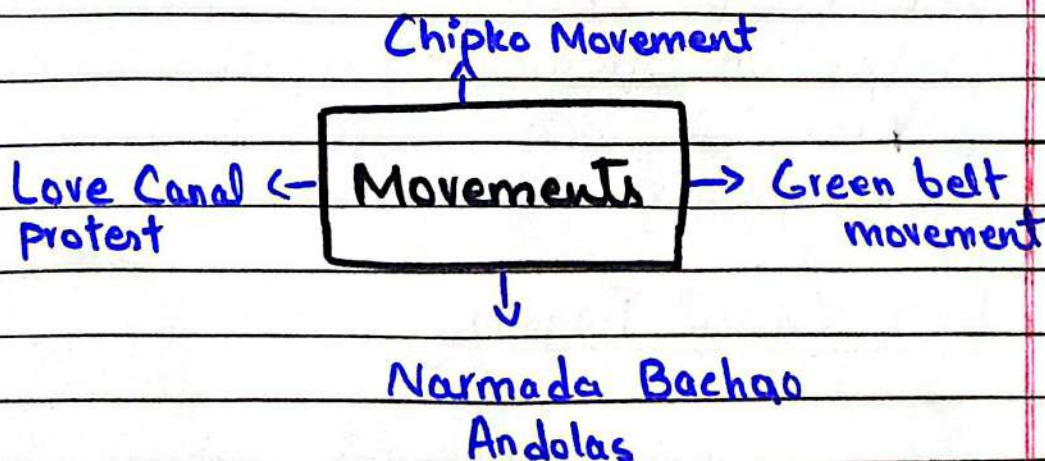
2 Equality For Women and Nature

Ecofeminism demands equality for both women and nature. It is of the view that both needed to be handled with care and be peaceful towards them.

3 Promote Environmental Awareness

Ecofeminism is a sort of interdisciplinary field - it focuses on both vulnerable factors of society i.e. women and environment. In this way by discussing them or highlighting it, it promotes a ground or platform for awareness by conducting seminars, researches and adjusting topics in curriculum.

Different Movements led by Women



1 Narmada Bachao Movement:

It is a movement started by Medha Patkar in India. Narmada is a largest river in India - flowing in its west. This river is the source of biodiversity and inhabit thousands of people. When government announced building a dam project on this river - a great movement was started by women, seeking protection of their lives, fields, crops and species living in it.

2 Chipkoo Movement

This movement was started in northern India in 1973. This movement started in response to the immense deforestation. Women stick to the trunks of the tree in an act of peaceful protestors and demand protection from commercial timber cutters. This helps them in protecting their forests.

3 Love Canal Tragedy

The movement against Love Canal pollution, started by

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Lois Gibb - When they found that Love Canal is built on top of a toxic dump and it releases toxins and cause respiratory and reproductive problems in children and women respectively respectively.

4 Green Belt Movement

This movement was initiated by Wangari Maathai - a Kenyan environmental and political activist. She received a Noble Prize for planting 1000+ trees and preventing deforestation. She was actually the first one who introduced the concept of Green belt - which not only fight off environmental pollutants, but also add to aesthetics.

Conclusion

In a nutshell, Ecofeminism is a very diverse and effective field. It actually seek peace and calmness, equality for both nature and environmental. If look into the fact the women always

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work in correlation ~~to~~^{with} nature and
take care of it. But being a
male dominant ~~society~~ women
and ~~ecology~~ both faces alot.
That is Ecofeminism promote
peace for women and environment,
promote environmental protection
and sustainability of resources.

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