

Scaling Urban Climate Resilience: The CapaCITIES Legacy and Way Forward

Date: 14th July 2026 | Venue: Silver Oak, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

AGENDA

Time	Topic & Speakers
09:00 - 09:30	Registration & Walkthrough of the Exhibition
09:30 - 10:30	Inaugural Session Ceremonial Lamp Lighting Welcome Address: Emani Kumar, Deputy Secretary General, ICLEI and Executive Director, ICLEI South Asia Setting the Context: Dr Debolina Kundu, Director, National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) Impact of the CapaCITIES Programme: A Video Special Address: H.E. Ms Maya Tissafi, Ambassador, Embassy of Switzerland to India and Bhutan Keynote Address: Gopal Prasad, Economic Adviser, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India Launch of CapaCITIES Knowledge Products 1. White Paper: Facilitating the Transition of Cities in India Along a Low-Carbon Pathway 2. Net-Zero Climate Resilient Cities Methodology Toolkit 3. Energy Transition for Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in India - A Practitioner's Guidebook
10:30-11:45	High-Level Session: Climate Integrated City Planning: Governance, Climate Plans, Budgets, Deep-Dive Examples from Cities Moderated by: Philippe Sas, Head of International Cooperation and Counsellor, Embassy of Switzerland to India and Bhutan Moderator Remarks Overview of the CapaCITIES Project: Soumya Chaturvedula, Director, ICLEI South Asia Presentation by State and City Representatives: ○ Amrutesh Kalidas Aurangabadkar, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Ahmedabad ○ Veer Pratap Singh, IAS, Municipal Commissioner, Tiruchirappalli City Municipal Corporation

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	○ Tushar Shrihari Shinde, IFS, Assistant Mission Director, Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission (TNCCM) Panel Discussion with speakers Q&A with Audience Closing Remarks
11:45-12:10	Coffee/Tea Break & Walkthrough of the Exhibition
12:10 – 13:30	Climate Action: From Demonstration to Scale Moderated by: Dr. Debolina Kundu, Director, National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) Moderator Remarks Special Address: Urban Climate Action in India - The Scale-up Story of CITIIS 2.0 Ms Lise Breuil, Country Director, AFD Panel Discussion Initial Remarks/Presentations: ○ Tushar Sumera, IAS, Commissioner, Rajkot Municipal Corporation ○ Shreya P. Singh, IAS, Joint Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation ○ Manisha Khatri, IAS, Commissioner, Nashik Municipal Corporation ○ Dr Saswat Bandhopadhyay, Professor, CEPT University Discussion with Speakers Q&A with Audience Closing Remarks
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 - 16:00	Shaping the Future of Indian Cities: Financing Sustainable Infrastructure for Inclusive and Low-Carbon Development Moderated by: Mr Hans Peter Egler, Senior Director for Sustainable Infrastructure and Public Sector, South Pole Moderator Remarks Presentation: Sustainable Infrastructure for Inclusive and Climate-Resilient Urban Growth in India ○ Dr N. Muthusamy, Assistant Professor and Faculty, Tamil Nadu Institute of Urban Studies Panel Discussion: Financing India's Upcoming Infrastructure Modernisation Needs ○ Rajnish Ahuja, Head of Urban Transport and Urban Development Team, AFD ○ Jai Kumar Gaurav, Senior Advisor, Climate Change and Circular Economy, GIZ

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	○ Sujatha Srikumar, Director, Powertec Infrastructure and Financial Advisory Services ○ Mehul Patwari, Chief Executive Officer, IIFCL Projects Limited ○ Dr Vivek Gupta, General Manager – Finance, Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited Expert Conversation: Linking Urban Infrastructure Demand with the Combatting of Climate Change in Indian Cities ○ Dr Dhruva Purkayastha, Senior Adviser - Climate and Environment, Dalberg ○ Kiran Kumar Avadhanula, Senior Urban Sector Specialist, KfW Q&A with Audience Closing Remarks
16:00 – 16:20	Coffee Break
16:20 – 17:00	Way Forward and Closing Remarks Moderated by: Ridhima Sud, Senior Advisor for Climate Change, Embassy of Switzerland to India and Bhutan Moderator Remarks Valedictory Address: Banchhanidhi Pani, IAS, Commissioner, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation Panel Discussion: ○ Dr Debolina Kundu, Director, National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) ○ Rajendra Singh, Ex. Member, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) ○ Emani B.V. Kumar, Executive Director, ICLEI South Asia ○ Hans-Peter Egler, Senior Director for Sustainable Infrastructure and Public Sector, South Pole ○ Sonal Daftuar, Senior Program Manager, Youth Ki Awaaz Closing Remarks