



Urban Thinkers Campus

The Climate Centre for Cities (C-Cube) at the National Institute of Urban Affairs in association with ISOCARP organized the Urban Thinkers Campus, 'Mainstreaming climate actions in Indian cities' on the 7th and 8th October 2021. The event was inaugurated by Mr. Hitesh Vaidya, Director, NIUA and Mr. Rajendra Kumar, Member ISOCARP. This edition of newsletter focuses on key takeaways from various sessions.



Hitesh Vaidya
Director, NIUA

"There is a need for a paradigm shift towards a bottom-up approach of planning where the City drives, State advances and Centre facilitates"

"The role of professional organizations is vital in mitigating climate change to ensure sustainable environment and a better future for the next generation"

Inaugural Session



Rajendra Kumar
Member, ISOCARP

Day 1 | Session 1

Partnerships for building capacities and mainstreaming climate actions in cities



"Cities should consider inclusive planning by identifying the needs and aspirations of various vulnerable groups and incorporate them"

Shiraz Wajih
President
GEAG

"Cities must carry out mapping of vulnerabilities and hazards for risk identification which would enable practitioners to develop effective and efficient action plans"

Utpal Sharma
Director
Nirma University



"When we talk about disaster management, we should identify the risks and plan prior to the disaster and not wait for it to occur and then respond"

Paras Nath Rai
Member, Bihar State
Disaster Management

"We need enabling legislation that should lead to effective urban governance"

Milap Punia
Professor
JNU



"Cities should consider the settlements and the landscape of peri-urban areas while planning for the urban areas, to ensure integrated and holistic development"

Anil K Gupta
Professor of Policy Planning
NIDM



"Climate change was never the center of the political agenda of the most nations. But the impact of climate change is really increasing dramatically. If we really want to be effective and efficient we need a paradigm shift"

Pietro Elisei
President
ISOCARP Netherlands

"The gaps in our planning process has led to emergence of informal settlements in cities, while we plan to mitigate the climate change we must ensure to include them"



Ajit Pai
Chairman
DUAC



"Climate change is leading to flash floods, there are cities which get choked due to floods and this phenomenon repeats itself year after year"

Dikshu C. Kukreja
Managing Principal
C. P. Kukreja Architects

"We need to shift away from the notion of being a master planner to a process planner. Process planning should ensure inclusive partnerships from various stakeholders"

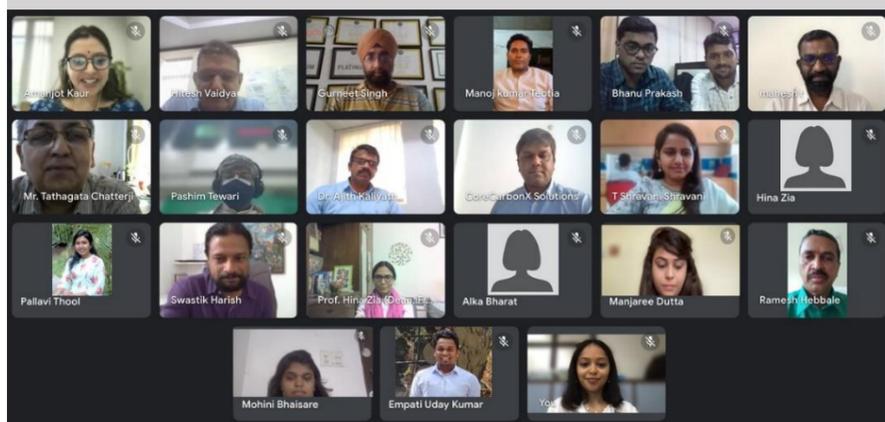


Frank D'hondt
Secretary General
ISOCARP Netherlands

Day 2 | Parallel Sessions

Urban Lab 1

Building local capacities for Climate Actions



The Urban lab intended to facilitate training institutes to collaborate with Climate Centre for Cities, NIUA. In order to support capacity building and knowledge retention for mainstreaming climate action across urban India, Urban Lab-I was designed to collaborate with training institutes to disseminate climate related trainings in urban India. Climate action requires a multi stakeholder engagement, that requires mass awareness and build sensitization on climate risks among ULB officials. Therefore, the Urban Lab – I enabled training Institutes in the field to identify their preference of CSCAF indicators and locations where trainings can be provided to cities.

Urban Lab 2

Strengthening climate practitioners network to support cities (CPIN Members)



The Innovation Facilitation Centre of the Climate Centre for Cities organised the kick-off session for the Climate Practitioners India Network (CPIN) as a part of the UTC event. The objective of the session was to interact with the professionals working in the domain of climate action and urbanism to understand their aspirations and expectations from the CPIN. The session was organised on 08.10.2021 for a duration of two hours. Further, CPIN Members will be mapped to help the Climate Centre for Cities execute the 3rd of ClimateSmart Cities Assessment Framework for providing on-ground resources on ground and handhold cities. Register here

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“City planning works on simplified approaches. Localisation of designing approaches works better than imitation”

Vaishali Nandan
GIZ India



“There is a lot of capacity gap which gets exacerbated due to climate shock leading to migrations, the conversations about changing landscape of structural transformations should start on a broader scale”

Amir Bazaz
Senior Lead – Practice
IHS



“There is a need for an intervention from the community of professionals and academia to develop easy to understand and implement actionable items for city planning departments”

Bhargav Adhvaryu
Professor
Ahmedabad University



“The dialogue about coordination, mitigation and adaptation should be initiated within different state planning departments”

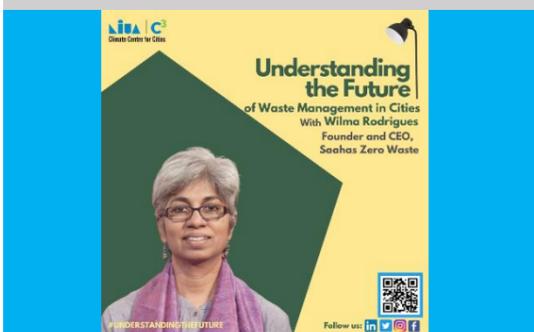
Bijal Brahmbhatt
Director
MHT



“While there are policies, mandates, bye-laws and guidelines in place for urban Governance, cities are still at an early stage of implementing them holistically for ensuring safe and resilient habitat”

Umamaheshwaran Rajasekar
Chair, Urban Resilience Unit, NIUA

PODCAST



Understanding the Future Podcast

Climate Centre for Cities talks to Wilma Rodrigues, Founder and CEO, Saahas Zero Waste to understand more about Waste Management in Cities.

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EVENT



Innovate for Cities

C-Cube had an interesting panel at #Innovate4Cities where Mr Hitesh Vaidya, Director NIUA presented the welcome address. Dr Mahesh Rajasekar, Chair, Urban Resilience Unit, NIUA moderated the session.

ANNOUNCEMENT



UNICEF India

UNICEF India is now a part of the ClimateSmart Cities Alliance. Through this collaboration, UNICEF India and C-Cube will work together to help realize more sustainable and climate-resilient cities and towns in India.