

Learn to Connect, Collaborate, and Co-create Webinar Series

Webinar 6: Stakeholder Engagement in Urban Projects - Perceptions, Challenges and Limitations

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National Institute of Urban Affairs, India, through the CITIIS (City Investments To Innovate, Integrate, and Sustain) program launched the ‘Learn to Connect, Collaborate, and Co-create (L3C),’ webinar series in April 2020, to encourage learning amongst various stakeholders in the program as well as amongst a larger group of urban practitioners with the objective of promoting peer learning around sustainable urban development. We have conducted over 5 webinars since then. Please access all recordings here: <https://citiis.niua.org/webinars>

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A rapidly urbanising world presents both challenges and opportunities for inclusive and sustainable development. Urban areas often have a greater density of people and diversity of affected populations, stronger grassroots organisations, and more developed and complex governance structures, service delivery and market systems. These factors heighten the importance of engagement, coordination, and collaboration that can leverage opportunities – reaching larger numbers of affected people efficiently, drawing upon and improving local response mechanisms, addressing existing inequalities, and contributing to the resilience of the city.

In this webinar, we discuss the what ‘effective’ and ‘meaningful’ stakeholder engagement entails. Hear from development practitioners from around the world, on how engaging citizens and mobilizing communities help bring greater transparency, accountability, and social inclusion in development projects. We go one step further to learn from on-ground experiences around perceptions, real world challenges and limitations of stakeholder engagement strategies and how one can enable real-time course correction by fixing problems in fast evolving urban situations

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Shahena Khan is a Heritage Management and Urban Development Professional with more than a decade of experience on diverse projects in Humanitarian Architecture, Urban Policy, Planning and Development, Heritage and Tourism Management, livelihoods and capacity building; pivoted on participatory processes and community-centric approaches. As an Independent Consultant, she has worked with Multilateral and Bilateral Organizations, National & State Governments, Urban Local Bodies, not-for-profit organization on multi-sectoral crosscutting urban issues focusing on informality, urban inequality and exclusion. Her inclination towards academics and research has led to her association with different academic institutions as a visiting faculty, mentor and coordinating collaborative international studio programmes and workshops for young professionals. She tries to bridge the gap between theory and practice, through evidence-based research to address critical debates of city making. Presently is she working as an Expert for Social and Organizational Innovation in Low-Income settlements in the CITIIS Program launched under the Smart City Mission by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and is a visiting faculty in the School of Planning and Architecture Delhi. She also manages Sair-e-Dastan, a social enterprise, linking culture with education.

Dr. Kaustav Bandyopadhyay works as the Director of Society for Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) and PRIA International Academy (PIA). PRIA, a pioneer civil society organisation, based in New Delhi (India), works on citizen participation, democratic governance and civil society development since 1982. In more than twenty-five years of professional experience with university, research institution and civil society he has led and managed a number of domestic and international research and action learning projects on citizen participation, social accountability, civil society development and democratic governance in urban and rural contexts. He currently serves on the Steering Committee of Asia Democracy Research Network (ADRN) and Asia Democracy Network (ADN).

Pontus Westerberg

Pontus currently leads innovation initiatives, smart cities projects and tech partnerships at UN-Habitat, the UN programme for sustainable cities.

He is former Programme manager for Block by Block, a global programme that uses Minecraft as a community participation tool in the design of public spaces worldwide. Block by Block is a collaboration between UN-Habitat, Mojang, the makers of Minecraft and Microsoft which I was part of starting in 2012. Since then we have implemented 100+ projects in 35+ countries.

Diego Cuesy

Diego holds a Master's Degree in City Design and Social Sciences from the London School of Economics and Political Science and a Bachelor's degree in International Relations with a focus on public policy from Tec de Monterrey and Yale University. He's a fellow of the OAS Open Government in the Americas Fellowship. He currently coordinates the participatory budget program of San Pedro Garza García, and previously coordinated the Open City strategy at the Laboratory for the City within Mexico City's government. He has collaborated in education, innovation, and governance initiatives with various public, private, non-governmental, and international organizations in Mexico and Latin America. He is interested in the new frontiers of society-territory interaction mediated by design and technology.

Swapnil Saxena

An architect and urban planner specializing in housing, Swapnil is driven by her deep passion about building environmentally sustainable, inclusive and resilient cities. In her current role as Program Officer at National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), India, she works directly with urban local governments to support development challenges in 12 cities through innovative, integrated, and sustainable solutions. Prior to joining NIUA, Swapnil worked at Housing and Land Rights Network, India, where she conducted research, training, and capacity building interventions focussing on the Right to Adequate Housing and Land, among low-income communities in Delhi. She has been elected as a Local Pathways Fellow — 2020 cohort, by the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network Youth Initiative (SDSN Youth), and is part of a global network of a young generation of thought leaders, activists, and innovators to help advance SDGs in cities they represent. Her research interests focus on urban development and policy in the context of housing and urban poverty, informality, livelihood, and gender as lived experiences in the city, and she writes frequently on these subjects.

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