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Greetings!

The month of January has been very productive with a number of activities being undertaken in various projects. The highlight has been the visit of Ms. Marylaure Crettaz, Head, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and Dr. Shirish Sinha, Deputy Director, SDC to Siliguri city under the CapaCITIES project. The three-day visit focused on understanding the progress of project activities. It also included visits to project sites, meetings with the officials of Siliguri Municipal Corporation (SMC), inauguration of the air quality monitoring machines, and a public meeting.

Under the INTERACT-Bio Project, supported by the Federal Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB), a visit was made to Panaji to conduct an extensive ground truthing exercise as part of the natural asset mapping of the city. Discussions were also held with the Goa State Biodiversity Board and Goa Foundation about issues related to biodiversity conservation in the state. Natural Asset Maps have been prepared for both Kochi and Panaji, and also initiated for Mangaluru.

As part of the Urban Nexus project, supported by The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ), a technical workshop on Vacuum Sewer was conducted in Rajkot, Gujarat by the Rajkot Municipal Corporation (RMC). The workshop involved training which focused on technical, financial, monitoring and evaluation aspects of the technology.

We have also started on ground activities under the PROMISE project in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh. The Primary surveys were conducted to understand the views of the residents with regard to the status of sewerage sector in the selected ward.

Do not miss out on our actors of change as we continue to share perspectives from the recently concluded Asia LEDS Partnership (ALP) Forum 2017. We welcome your feedback.

Read on to know more about our activities from the last month.

Latest developments

**Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
Visits Siliguri**



Ms. Marylaure Crettaz and Dr. Shirish Sinha from the SDC along with the CapaCITIES team partners carried out a three-day visit to Siliguri. The delegation had detailed discussions with the SMC officials. During this visit, Ms. Crettaz and Shri Asok Bhattacharya, Mayor of Siliguri inaugurated one of the air quality monitoring machines and the display board, supported by the project and installed in the building complex of the SMC. The delegation undertook a train ride to Naxalbari and also participated in a public meeting to kick start SUNYA project in Ward 2 of Siliguri.

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Technical Training Workshop on Vacuum Sewer under the Integrated Resource Management in Asian Cities: The Urban Nexus

The Rajkot Municipal Corporation (RMC), with the support from GIZ and ICLEI South Asia, organised a two-day technical workshop on Vacuum Sewer in Rajkot, Gujarat. The workshop offered an opportunity for building the capacities of the technical staff who are working on wastewater and drainage, and are involved in ground implementation. The two-day training focused on technical, financial, monitoring and evaluation aspects of the technology.



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Developing Natural Asset Maps for Panaji and Kochi

The BMUB supported INTERACT-Bio Project, which is being implemented in three cities- Kochi, Panaji and Mangaluru, aims at mainstreaming biodiversity planning at the national and sub-national level. Natural asset maps can greatly aid in this process. A visit was made to Panaji as part of the natural asset mapping of the city to conduct extensive ground truthing. Natural asset maps are being developed for all of the project cities. The maps for Kochi and Panaji have been prepared and the one for Mangaluru has been initiated. Additionally, discussions were held with the Goa State Biodiversity Board and Goa Foundation on issues related to biodiversity conservation in the state and the existing state biodiversity strategy and action plan.

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Integrated Urban Water Management Planning and Implementation in Kishangarh finds success

ICLEI South Asia successfully completed a project on Integrated Urban Water Management Planning and Implementation in Kishangarh, Rajasthan. The project was funded by Global Water Partnership and was implemented by ICLEI South Asia in partnership with India Water Partnership. Various activities were conducted to build a systematic collection and disposal system for municipal solid waste in the catchment areas of the main water body in the city. The community and local municipal staff were encouraged to come forward and take interest and initiate to build the system, which they can subsequently operate and maintain.



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Mobility Solutions for Vishakhapatnam under Shakti Smart Cities Project- Phase II

ICLEI South Asia under the project "Supporting Sustainable Urban Transport & Built Environment in four Smart Cities in India" is assisting Greater Vishakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) by providing mobility solutions such as junction improvement, parking policy and promoting non-motorized transport in the beach area. ICLEI South Asia is also providing technical inputs to GVMC for developing a pedestrian plan for the beach road in order to reduce the congestion along the beach road.

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ICLEI South Asia starts on ground activities under PROMISE project in Jabalpur

As part of our on ground activities, under the PROMISE project, ICLEI South Asia undertook sector specific surveys in the third project city - Jabalpur. The surveys were conducted to understand the views of the residents on sewerage sector in the selected ward. Surveys would be followed by a detailed analysis and focus group discussions in each sector. The results from these activities are proposed to be tested in the draft PROMISE Tool.



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Actors of change

Some of the national representatives, who spoke on 'Impact on Accelerating Low Emission Development in Asia' at the ALP Forum 2017, shared their experience at the forum with us. Catch them talking candidly behind the scenes.



Dr. Nurun Nahar, Deputy Chief, Planning Commission, Government of Bangladesh

"I find it is a very interesting event because it is a big gathering of experts, professionals who are working in the low-emission field. It is a very broad field, and it covers many issues pertaining to climate change, environment, development, energy and so on."

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Sujith Ratnayake, Assistant Director, Climate Change Secretariat, Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment, Sri Lanka

"I am happy to say that Sri Lanka is one of the two countries eligible for receiving ALP assistance in future. ALP is constantly communicating with us to support us."

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Upcoming events



26 - 28 April 2018, Bonn, Germany

Resilient Cities 2018

Resilient Cities 2018, the 9th Global Forum on Urban Resilience and Adaptation, will be organised from the 26th of April to the 28th of April 2018 in Bonn, Germany. The annual forum is organised by ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability and co-hosted by the City of Bonn, Germany.

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ICLEI World Congress 2018

ICLEI World Congress 2018 will be hosted by the Ville de Montréal on the 19th of June to the 22nd of June, 2018 in Montreal, Canada. At the Congress, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, scientists, urban planners, policymakers, conservationists and other key stakeholders will explore nature as a key tool for more sustainable urbanisation.



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