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Greetings!

July has been an eventful month for ICLEI in many ways. While ICLEI World Secretariat just ended up hosting Resilient Cities 2016 – Annual Global Forum on Urban Resilience and Adaptation, co-hosted with the City of Bonn, Germany, ICLEI South Asia organized the Asia LEDS Partnership Forum 2016 and a regional workshop, in collaboration with Vietnam Government, in Hanoi. Besides, an urban biodiversity workshop was also held this month, where we partnered with IUCN, in New Delhi.

Though events have kept us busy, the team, along with other partners, has also kicked off two new projects: CapaCITIES and Urban Nexus. This is also the month when India's first civil society platform for GHG estimation and analysis – the GHG Platform India – has been launched. ICLEI South Asia is a partner for waste sector emission details and analysis for the project.

In a noteworthy development under our project where ICLEI is offering handholding support on mobility and built environment under the Smart City Mission, funded by Shakti Foundation, an intervention has helped in improving traffic circulation at a junction in Udaipur city of Rajasthan, and also received media coverage and support from stakeholders. We are now in the process of offering policy and design solutions for other transport-related elements in the city.

Meanwhile, ICLEI's family continues to grow, with Bhagalpur and Patna from Bihar, India, becoming its newest Members.

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ICLEI at events



Asia LEDS Partnership Forum 2016 unlocks finance for priority actions in Asia

Practitioners and advocates of low-emission, climate-resilient development in Asia recently convened for the Asia Low Emission Development Strategies (LEDS) Forum 2016: Mobilizing Finance for Priority Actions, in Hanoi, with an aim to support countries in mobilizing finance to implement LEDS aligned with their Nationally

Determined Contributions (NDCs). Organised by the Asia LEDES Partnership and hosted by the Vietnam Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI), the Forum accommodated a range of discussions that presented an overview of policies and initiatives in place for mobilising finance, as well as mechanisms and opportunities for enhancing the impacts of NDC implementation.

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Nature-based solutions can benefit urban spaces in many ways: highlights from Urban Biodiversity workshop

International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), along with ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability South Asia, Leaders for Nature, INTACH, The Climate Reality Project and Ecosystem Services for Poverty Alleviation (ESPA), organised a two-day workshop to promote benefits of conserving biodiversity in urban areas like Delhi. The workshop was followed by a one-day visit to Aravalli Biodiversity Park in the capital city.



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Annual global forum on urban resilience and adaptation held in Bonn

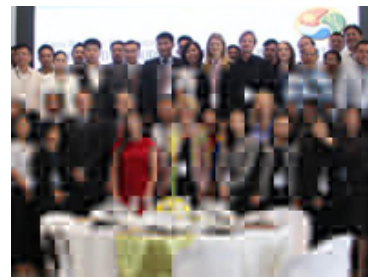
For the seventh time, "Resilient Cities 2016 - Annual Global Forum on Urban Resilience and Adaptation" took place from 6 to 8 July 2016 in Bonn, Germany. Resilient Cities is the global platform for urban resilience and climate change adaptation, organised by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability and co-hosted with the City of Bonn, Germany.

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Latest developments

Nagpur and Rajkot from India are project cities for Urban Nexus

A workshop was recently organised in Philippines to kick start the Second Phase (2016-2018) of the "Integrated Resource Management in Asian Cities: the Urban Nexus" project. Implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and funded by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the project aims to introduce and promote the adoption of Nexus approaches in urban development planning processes in two cities of India, and 10 other Asian cities.



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ICLEI intervention helps regulate traffic at Udaipur junction

ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability South Asia, along with Sandeep Gandhi Architects (SGA), recently provided some junction design improvements to the city's Suraj Pole Junction. The activity that was taken up as an experiment and supported by Udaipur Municipal Corporation (UMC), collector and traffic police has received much applause and support from stakeholders.

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India's Rajkot selected as national capital for global Earth Hour City Challenge 2015-16



In this year's Earth Hour City Challenge (EHCC), 125 cities from 21 countries have been evaluated by the jury. Among those, Rajkot was appreciated for its strong commitments across key areas, backed by strong low carbon actions and community engagement. The challenge is a year-long competition among cities to promote renewable energy and prepare for climate change.

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Pilot projects initiated in AdoptIUWM cities

Work on pilot project implementation has been initiated under the European Union-funded AdoptIUWM project in two states of India. While successful door-to-door collection and segregation of waste has been initiated in Kishangarh of Rajasthan, a project on rain water harvesting for revival of abandoned/over used bore wells is being undertaken in Solapur, Maharashtra.

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Civil society comes together to launch India's first independent GHG emission estimates

India's first civil society platform for GHG estimation and analysis – GHG Platform India – was launched on 15th July, 2016, in New Delhi. The platform provides national estimates for GHG emissions from the energy, industry, waste and agriculture, forestry and other land use (AFOLU) sectors from years 2007-2012 and the estimates are available on the website that allows users to view and download data sets.



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Bihar capital Patna is now an ICLEI Member

Patna, the capital city of Indian state of Bihar, has just joined ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability South Asia as a Member city. Bhagalpur from the same state is another recent Member in ICLEI family. We welcome both the cities.

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Local Renewables Conference 2016



The City of Freiburg (Germany), the City of Basel (Switzerland) and ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability are pleased to invite you to the seventh edition of the Local Renewables Conference Series, taking place on 26-28 October 2016. The 2016 conference will count with the cooperation of the City of Basel, a pioneer in the energy field at national and international level.

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