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*Greetings!*

The month of February has witnessed some important developments at ICLEI South Asia.

ICLEI actively participated at the Ninth Session of the World Urban Forum which was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Over 30 member cities and 17 staff from ICLEI participated in over 40 events around sustainable and resilient city-region food systems, advancing climate resilient, and low carbon development in Asian cities.

As part of the European Union funded PROMISE project, the team conducted Shared Learning Dialogues (SLDs) in Ajmer and Jabalpur. Different stakeholders like the marginalised communities of urban poor, elderly, women, children, migrants were consulted to identify the acceptable solutions to make urban services more inclusive.

Under the CapaCITIES project, supported by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, ICLEI South Asia, along with, the Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation (CCMC) officials and stakeholders, conducted awareness campaigns on source segregation in selected wards in the city. Meanwhile, in Rajkot, Swiss experts conducted a pre-feasibility study of the last mile connectivity and electrification of the Bus Rapid Transport System (BRTS) corridor. The team of national and international experts also visited Udaipur for discussions with stakeholders on the Developing Low Carbon IPT Action plan process for the city.

Besides, Dr. Melanie Roberston from International Development Research Centre (IDRC) visited Solapur to meet with the officials of the Solapur Municipal Corporation, district administration, and representatives of the villages in the selected micro-catchment areas. The meetings discussed the IAdapt project, supported by IDRC, and water related issues in the city.

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Latest developments

Visit of IDRC to Solapur



Dr. Melanie Roberston, Senior Program Officer at International Development Research Centre (IDRC), conducted a site visit to the selected micro-catchment in Solapur. Meetings with the local residents and government officials were conducted in the Ekruk village and TaleHipparga village. Meetings with Mrs. Shobha Banshetty, Mayor, Solapur Municipal Corporation (SMC); Mr. Laxman Chalwadi, City Engineer, SMC and Mr. Ravindra Mane, Information Officer for IWMP, Solapur District and Agriculture Officer were also held to discuss about the project and major issues in water sector in the city and its water resources. Dr. Roberston also had a detailed meeting with the project team in Delhi to understand the progress.

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### Focused Group Discussions in Ajmer and Jabalpur under PROMISE Project

ICLEI South Asia conducted Shared Learning Dialogues (SLDs) with stakeholders in Ajmer and Jabalpur. Various stakeholders, including the marginalised communities, were consulted to understand their issues and identify the acceptable solutions to make urban services (sewage and solid waste management) more comprehensive.



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### Discussions on the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda at WUF9

The Ninth Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF9) was the first global event to focus on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda adopted at Habitat III in Quito, Ecuador in October 2016. ICLEI participated in the Forum very actively. Throughout these discussions, the ICLEI delegation engaged and collaborated with a diverse range of partners including the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM), the Global Task Force of Local and Regional Governments (GTF), the Transformative Urban Mobility Initiative (TUMI), United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN Habitat), Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport (SLoCAT), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF).

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### ICLEI South Asia Participates in Workshop on 'Accelerating Electric Mobility in India'

ICLEI South Asia was a part of a workshop on 'Accelerating Electric Mobility in India', organised by NITI Aayog, on the 9th of February. The discussion focused on the operational roadmap for accelerating the pace of shift towards electric mobility in India where our team briefed the participants with various ground level barriers on the aspects related to technology, regulations as well as financial viability. ICLEI South Asia also presented its observations that the public transport



and IPT sector provides the easiest opportunity to accelerate the shift towards electric mobility.

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### Community Bin Removal under Sunya Project

After the successful launch of CapaCITIES Sunya Project, the Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation (CCMC) officials, stakeholders and ICLEI team conducted awareness campaigns on source segregation in wards 22 and 24. The conservancy workers are collecting waste only in segregated manner from the residents. After ensuring 100% source segregation, the CCMC has removed community bins from the Alagesan road, 6th, 7th and 8th cross roads of Bharathi Park and Father Randy, West Sambantham and Light House roads respectively.

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### Swiss Experts Visit Rajkot and Udaipur under CapaCITIES Project

Mr. Martin Buck and Mr. Nicolas Muhlich, transport experts, from SNZ Engineer and Planner AG, Switzerland, national team members from SGA Architects Pvt. Ltd, and Mr. Vijay Saini, Senior Project Officer from ICLEI South Asia visited Rajkot city. They conducted an assessment related to the last mile connectivity and electrification of the Bus Rapid Transport System (BRTS) corridor under CapaCITIES project. They also met with officials from the Rajkot Municipal Corporation. Mr. Ashish Rao-Ghorpade, Deputy Director at ICLEI South Asia, along with Mr. Ravi Gadepalli, national transport expert for Udaipur, and international experts visited the city to meet various stakeholders as a part of their second round of discussions and also to apprise them on status of the Developing Low Carbon IPT Action Plan process. A meeting was also held in Delhi with Mr. Utpal Deka, national transport expert for Siliguri, regarding the technical pre-feasibility for a viable Mass Transport System for the city.



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## Blogs



### Is Climate Change Responsible for the Early Blooming of the Himalayan Rhododendron?

The Himalayan region, especially the states of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, that used to have a long spell of winters from November to March, is witnessing a dramatic change in the temperatures and seasons, writes Tikender Panwar.

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## Upcoming events

### Resilient Cities 2018



26 - 28 April 2018, Bonn, Germany

Resilient Cities 2018, the 9th Global Forum on Urban Resilience and Adaptation, will be organised from the 26th to 28th 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 to 22nd June, 2018 in Montreal, Canada. At the Congress, the CBC, scientists, urban planners, policymakers, conservationists and other key stakeholders will explore nature as a key tool for more sustainable urbanisation.



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