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Dear readers,

We started the month of March on a high note, with the Rajshahi City Corporation in Bangladesh approving the Climate Resilient City Action Plan (CRCAP) that we had prepared. This is the first climate action plan to be ratified by a city in Bangladesh. We also handed over the Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Report, GHG Inventory Report, Energy Audit Report, a Pictorial Handbook of Common Trees, and the Natural Asset Map and Tree Distribution Map of Rajshahi to the city. In a related development, we submitted the finalised CRCAP for Narayanganj city in Bangladesh to its city corporation.

Meanwhile, in Gujarat, Shri. Bhupendrabhai Patel, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat, released the City GHG Emission Inventories Compendium for Gujarat (Ahmedabad, Vadodara, and Rajkot), prepared under the CapaCITIES project. The initial outputs of the CapaCITIES Phase II project, the energy profile and GHG emission inventories prepared for the three cities will be part of larger CRCAPs.

The popular Urban95 Udaipur Kids Festival made a comeback after two years, and the city's Gulab Bagh was the centre of attraction for several children and their caregivers, who had fun participating in several interactive activities.

There are two important developments in our biodiversity conservation work. Shri Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir released the City Biodiversity Index of the cities of Jammu and Srinagar, which have been developed with support from the United Nations Development Programme and in collaboration with the Jammu and Kashmir Biodiversity Council. We are also preparing the People's Biodiversity Register of Chandigarh.

This edition has reports on all these and other key developments, as well as blogs in Hindi and English. There is also an inspiring CapaCITIES project story about women from a self-help group being awarded for operating a biomethanation plant for two years in Udaipur.

I hope you find this newsletter an absorbing read. Please follow us on social media for updates on other interesting news and events.

## Latest developments



### City Biodiversity Index of Jammu & Srinagar released

ICLEI South Asia has developed the City Biodiversity Index for the cities of Jammu and Srinagar. The reports were released by Shri Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir on the International Day of Forests (21<sup>st</sup> of March 2022).

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### CapaCITIES II: GHG Emission Inventories Compendium for Gujarat released

Shri. Bhupendrabhai Patel, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat, released the 'City GHG Emission Inventories Compendium for Gujarat (Ahmedabad, Vadodara, and Rajkot)' during an event organised by the state government. The compendium was prepared under the CapaCITIES project, funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.



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### Making a Difference: How a Biomethanation Plant Run by Women Empowers Them

The members of a women's self-help group were felicitated recently for their commendable work in managing and operating a two-ton per day (TPD) biomethanation plant in Udaipur for the last two years. The leader of the group received an award at a ceremony organised by news channel News 91 and supported by Mohan Lal Sukhadiya University, Udaipur.

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### Chandigarh's People's Biodiversity Register to Document Green Wealth

ICLEI South Asia is developing the PBR of Chandigarh, with support from the Union Territory's Department of Forests and Wildlife. Mandated as per the Biological

Diversity Act, 2002, the PBR documents an area's biodiversity and traditional ecological knowledge.

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### Urban LEDS-II: Rajshahi Approves Climate Action Plan

The Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) in Bangladesh has approved the Climate-Resilient City Action Plan (CRCAP) prepared by ICLEI South Asia under its Urban LEDS-II project. The CRCAP was released during the 26<sup>th</sup> Environmental Standing Committee Meeting organised by RCC.

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### It's All Fun and Games as Urban95 Kids Festival Returns to Udaipur

Udaipur's Gulab Bagh resounded with the cheer of children enjoying live entertainment, games, and art and craft, among several activities that were organised during a two-day Urban95 Kids Festival. The event was organised by Udaipur Municipal Corporation, in collaboration with Bernard Van Leer Foundation and with technical support from ICLEI South Asia, Ecorys India, and Jatan Sansthan.



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### Webinar Examines Role of Green Bonds in Sustainable Climate Action

The Asia LEDS Partnership and the Africa LEDS Partnership collaborated with the Climate and Development Knowledge Network for a South-South exchange on the growth of green bond markets. A webinar was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2022, which highlighted the role of green bonds in sustainable climate action.

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उत्साह: ४००० से अधिक बच्चों ने की शिरकत

दो दिवसीय अर्बन95 उदयपुर किड्स फेस्टिवल का समापन





“कहीं बच्चे एक साथ बैठकर कहानी सुन रहे थे तो कहीं पेड़ों की टहनियों से लटकी रंग बिरंगी मज़ेदार किताबें पढ़ रहे थे। एक कोने में जहाँ कुम्हार बच्चों को सधे हाथों से चाक पर खिलौने बनाना सिखा रहा था, तो जादूगर अपने करतबों से बच्चों का मन बहला रहा था। एक जगह बच्चे रस्सी पर सीधे कदमों से चलना सीख रहे थे, तो एक तरफ कठपुतलियाँ बच्चों के साथ बातें कर रही थीं। ये दृश्य था गुलाब बाग में आयोजित हो रहे अर्बन95 उदयपुर किड्स फेस्टिवल का; जहाँ बच्चे अपने अभिभावकों और स्कूली शिक्षकों के साथ खेल खेल में सीख रहे थे।”

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## Blogs



### Sustainable Solutions are Key to Building a Water-Secure Future

Former Deputy Mayor of Shimla Shri Tikender Singh Panwar calls for a development model that builds a more sustainable relationship between people and the freshwater ecosystem.

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## Events

### Science-Based Targets for Cities: Webinar for South Asian Cities

ICLEI South Asia and ICLEI World Secretariat are jointly organising a training webinar on the Science-Based Targets for South Asian Cities. The training will introduce Cities Race to Zero, climate action planning process, science-based targets, methods that can be used for setting climate change mitigation targets in South Asian cities and the application of these methods to develop targets. Join the webinar on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 from 14.30-16.00 IST.

[Register here](#)



## Summit



ICLEI World Congress  
Malmö, Sweden • 2021 - 2022

Join the Congress onsite in Malmö or virtually to learn about innovative strategies and cutting edge solutions in sustainable and equitable urban development, exchange good practices, get inspired and connect beyond borders with leading experts and sustainability champions from around the globe. The summit will be held from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2022. Registrations are open now.

Register here

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ICLEI firmly believes that sustainable cities are the foundation of a just and sustainable world. We create systemic change in urban areas through practical, integrated solutions and spark city-to-city and city-to-region connections. ICLEI brings a strong urban component to national and global sustainability policy and translates global policy into action. Through our collective efforts, ICLEI is building a sustainable urban world to shift the trajectory of global development.

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