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**ICLEI South Asia E-News** 



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Dear Readers,

October shaped up to be a busy month for ICLEI South Asia. We began on a high note with a three-day workshop in New Delhi titled City Dialogues on Accelerated Transition Towards Sustainable E-mobility where representatives from 18 cities pledged to accelerate the transition to e-mobility to align with national priorities. This was followed by a workshop on Sensitising Drivers on Eco-driving Techniques and Conservation of Resources in Shimla as part of our EcoLogistics project. India's first Child Priority Zone was inaugurated at Udaipur, Low Carbon Action Plan for the solid and liquid waste sector is being developed for Bihar and a Stakeholder Consultation on Development of Local Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan was held in Rajkot, among webinars and events in our partner cities.

This month was significant as we prepared to attend the 27<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties (COP) taking place in Egypt till 18<sup>th</sup> of November to not only meet leaders and forge engaging dialogues on climate policy but also organise several sessions at the annual event along with our partners.

As world leaders, ministers, and negotiators come together to agree on how to jointly address climate change and its impacts at COP27, an important aspect to keep in mind is the geopolitical context. The world has seen significant fractures with implications for international cooperation since COP26. Interestingly, COP27 is the first of two UNFCCC COPs in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region and we have high hopes of highlighting the Southern leadership for inclusive climate action.

This year the spotlight is expected to be on **adaptation efforts** to protect people and wildlife most vulnerable to the effects of climate

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change and building resilience; **loss and damage** where wealthier countries compensate developing countries for the devastation suffered due to climate-driven disasters and finance new adaptation efforts; and a commitment to keep **global warming below 2°C** above pre-industrial levels (preferably limit warming to 1.5 °C).

But what role does ICLEI South Asia play in the run-up to and beyond COP27? How will we engage our partners and stakeholders to be a part of climate action? Be sure to read our blog to find out about details of ICLEI South Asia at COP27. If you're attending COP27, please join us in-person or virtually to be a part of important dialogues and real-world solutions to the most complex challenges facing our cities today. You can also follow our social handles for more updates on what's happening at COP27.

Thanks for reading!

# Latest developments

### Webinar Highlights Use of Sustainable Low-Carbon Materials to Achieve Building Decarbonization

The Building Energy Efficiency Community of Practice (BEE CoP) of the Asia LEDS Partnership, in collaboration with the regional Zero Carbon Building Accelerator (ZCBA) programme for South Asia organised a webinar that emphasised the use of the right materials in buildings to reduce operational energy as well as embodied carbons to decarbonize the building sector.



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### **EcoLogistics: Sensitising Drivers on Eco-driving Techniques and Conservation of Resources**

As part of the pilot demonstration under the EcoLogistics project, ICLEI South Asia conducted a training workshop for the Shimla Municipal Corporation's drivers on fuel conservation with ecodriving techniques. The training was chaired by Shri Ashish Kohli, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Shimla (MCS), Himachal Pradesh.

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### Urban95: Country's First Child Priority Zone Opens in Udaipur

In an important endeavour to develop safe urban spaces for children, India's first Child Priority Zone (CPZ) was inaugurated at Hanuman Park, Ashok Nagar Udaipur, by Hon'ble Mayor Shri Govind Singh Tank. The CPZ provides children and their caregivers with trafficfree and lesser polluted walkways.





### ICLEI South Asia is Supporting Bihar in Formulating GHG Emissions Inventory and Low Carbon Action Plan (LCAP)

ICLEI South Asia is supporting the state government of Bihar in strengthening its waste management profile formulating a low-carbon action plan for the waste sector. During a stakeholder consultation workshop, the team presented the findings of the baseline report and draft GHG emissions inventory.

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### Stakeholder Consultation Reflects on Critical Ecosystems of Rajkot

Under the CapaCITIES phase II project, ICLEI South Asia is developing the Local Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (LBSAP) for Rajkot. In this context, the first stakeholder consultation was held in the city that highlighted the critical ecosystems of Rajkot.



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### CDKN: New Phase Kicks-off with Promises to Advance Gender-Equitable and Socially Inclusive Climate-Resilient Action

The third phase of the Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN) kicked off with an inception meeting at Hague, Netherlands, with all the partners and donors. ICLEI South Asia, as a regional partner, will work on building climate resilience in targeted countries i.e. Bangladesh, India, and Nepal. The project will enhance the technical and institutional capacity of the key actors and stakeholders to undertake gender inclusive, locally-led, climate-resilient action.

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### Two-day Workshop on E-mobility and Electric Vehicle Transition in Indian Cities held in Delhi

ICLEI South Asia organised a two-day city dialogue focusing on the Leadership Role of Cities for Accelerated Transition Towards Sustainable E-Mobility in India from the 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> of October, 2022. A site visit was organised for the participants on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October that highlighted the challenges and opportunities for emobility and e-buses in the changing mobility landscape.



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पिछले दिनों राजस्थान के कोटा शहर की जीएसटी विभाग की उपायुक्त (डेपुटी कमिश्नर) के १० साल के बेटे का घर छोड़ कर चले जाना राज्य और राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर सुर्खियाँ तो नहीं बना, किन्तु इस खबर ने हर एक छोटे बच्चे के अभिभावक को सोचने पर ज़रूर मजबूर कर दिया। एक बच्चा किस नज़रिए से सोचता है और किस प्रकार का व्यवहार करता है, इस घटना ने सबको सोचने पर ज़रूर विवश कर दिया।

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### Blogs



### South Asian Cities and Regional Priorities for Climate Resilient Future in Run up and Beyond COP27

As things commence in COP27, read this insightful blog on how cities and local governments can impact the future.

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## **Events**

### Join ICLEI South Asia at COP27

ICLEI South Asia is organising several events on important topics and is also a partner of the multi-

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stakeholder India Pavilion. We will be organising sessions with the National Institute of Urban Affairs, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Climate and Development Knowledge Network, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, and Government of Tamil Nadu. Our team will also participate and support the India Pavilion and the Multilevel Action (LGMA) pavilion.

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> of November, 2022

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# More from ICLEI across the globe

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- <u>CDP and ICLEI Launch Revamped Questionnaire on World's Leading City</u> <u>Climate Reporting Platform</u>

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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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