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Dear Friends,

The COP27 summit at Sharm El-Sheikh in Egypt closed last month with a breakthrough agreement to provide loss and damage funding to support vulnerable countries hit by climate disasters. The decision to set up a new fund for “loss and damage” resulting from climate change marked the climax of a decades-long effort by small island states and other vulnerable nations. At the same time, mitigation remained a hotly contested topic, with active discussion on language such as phasing down all fossil fuels. Talks at the second most attended COP of all time went deep into extra time and, for the first time in UN history, protesters were allowed to march inside the venue. All of this took place against a backdrop of overlapping global food, energy and debt crises.

Yet another highlight for ICLEI was the launch of the [Sustainable Urban Resilience for the Next Generation \(SURGe\)](#) Initiative at the first-ever Ministerial Meeting on Urbanisation and Climate Change. SURGe is endorsed by over 100 organisations, along with thousands of mayors and other local and subnational leaders, and is being implemented by the COP27 presidency, in collaboration with ICLEI and UN-Habitat. This initiative aims to accelerate local and urban climate action through multi-level governance.

The recent years have seen a shift in the centre of gravity of the international climate change regime from the international to the national and local spheres. At a national level, however, the degree of complexity in responding to climate change becomes significantly higher because the myriad causes and consequences of climate change demand a significant rethinking and restructuring of society, government, and the economy.

We at ICLEI South Asia hosted several high-level discussions and sessions on integrated climate solutions, innovations and finance. We were able to bring together a number of subnational, national governments, policymakers, youth and experts, with the aim of accelerating ambitious and measurable climate initiatives that lead to a low emission and climate-resilient future, and for showcasing what our members and partners are doing on the front lines of urban climate action, particularly in India. You can read more about ICLEI South Asia's presence at COP27 [here](#).

As always, please continue to write to us with feedback on our work. We remain deeply grateful.

Latest developments

Urban Forest Developed Using Miyawaki Technique in Vadodara

An urban forest of 3000 trees has been developed with the help of the Miyawaki technique, which involves the planting of a variety of tree species that are best suited for the specified locality, along Chhani Lake in Vadodara city, Gujarat, as part of the CapaCITIES project.

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Training Workshops Underline Better Waste Management for Improving Air Quality

Two training sessions were organised recently for sanitation workers and waste pickers in collaboration with the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and Municipal Corporation of Gurugram, as part of the project Building City leadership on Clean Air Action in Delhi-National Capital Region, supported by the Clean Air Fund.

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Making Buildings Ready for Electric Mobility in Rajkot

Rajkot Municipal Corporation, with technical support from ICLEI South Asia, is working towards electric vehicle-ready buildings and electrification of intermediate public transport. In this context, ICLEI South Asia has developed recommendations for EV-ready buildings, which were presented to stakeholders in Rajkot on the 11th of November 2022.

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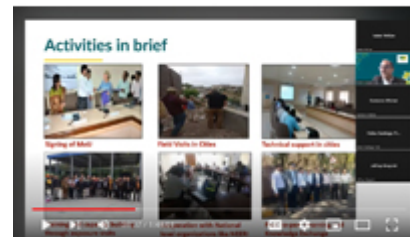
CDKN: Compendiums on Nature-Based Solutions and Climate Finance Launched at COP27

A compendium of good practices of Nature based Solutions (NbS) and a compendium of finance sources to support climate actions for the countries of Bangladesh, India and Nepal, developed by ICLEI South Asia under the Climate and Development Knowledge Network programme, were released at the recently concluded COP27 climate summit at Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.

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Integrated Urban Services: Webinar Spotlights Learnings from Asian Initiatives

The United States Department of State, the US Department of Energy and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, in collaboration with ICLEI Southeast Asia and ICLEI South Asia, organised a webinar under the Integrated Urban Services programme, which focused on peer learning on designing and implementing an integrated urban services project.



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Critical Ecosystems for Local Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans for Jammu, Srinagar Identified

ICLEI South Asia is developing the Local Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans for Jammu and Srinagar under the INTERACT-Bio project, which is supported by the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Germany. To this end, stakeholder meetings were conducted to finalise the vision, focus areas and drivers of degradation of biodiversity that need to be addressed.

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Blogs

Key Outcomes and Takeaways from COP27: ICLEI South Asia Engages with Urban Climate Agenda

Read this insightful blog to know about the sessions co-organised by ICLEI South Asia at COP27.

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हर महीने निकलने वाले सवा अरब सेनेटरी पैड्स के कचरे का आखिर होता क्या है ?



भारत की कुल आबादी में इस समय ३६ करोड़ ज्ञात मेंसटूएटर्स (वे लोग, जिन्हें माहवारी होती है) हैं। राष्ट्रीय परिवार स्वास्थ्य सर्वे -०५ (NFHS-05) के अनुसार इनमें से १५ से २४ साल की करीब ६२% महिलाएं और किशोरियां माहवारी प्रबंधन के लिए सेनेटरी पैड्स का प्रयोग करती हैं। एक अनुमान के मुताबिक भारत में तकरीबन १४ करोड़ मेंसटूएटर्स नियमित रूप से सेनेटरी नेपकीन का प्रयोग करते हैं, जिन्हें एक प्रयोग के बाद फेंक दिया जाता है। यदि एक महिला एक माहवारी चक्र में ८-१० पैड्स भी प्रयोग करती है तो हर महीने भारत में तकरीबन १ अरब २० करोड़ से ज्यादा पैड्स इस्तेमाल होते हैं।

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Events



Accelerating Building Decarbonization Pathways: Insights from Developing Roadmaps and Action Plans for Cities

The webinar, which will highlight the efforts to develop road maps, policies and programmes aimed toward transitioning to net-zero buildings, is being organised through the Asia LEEDS Partnership's Building Energy Efficiency Community of Practice (CoP) and the Zero Carbon Building Accelerator (ZCBA) project of the Building Efficiency Accelerator (BEA) initiative.

Date: 22nd of December 2022

Time: 10:00am – 11:30 am IST / 11:30 am - 1:00 pm Bangkok time)

[Register](#)

More from ICLEI across the globe

- [Post COP27: ICLEI Welcomes Climate Emergency Financing, Calls For Action to Address Biodiversity Crisis](#)
- [Multilevel Partnership is the Key to Accelerate the Construction of More Resilient and Equitable Territories in South America](#)

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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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