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Dear Friends,

It's 2023, and the world has only seven years left to fulfil the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Today, it seems to be a gargantuan task because the future has already arrived; the projections of climate change impact made just a few years ago are now a reality. However, I believe that it's still not too late, that we can still mitigate the impacts, despite the stunning reality of melting glaciers, extensive heat waves and deadly floods.

In a significant development that could help spur positive action, India took over the G20 presidency last month. We are now in a unique position to help shape the climate narrative over the next one year. Accelerating the SDGs is one of seven selected task forces during India's presidency; it is hoped India emerges as the voice that upholds the concerns of the Global South, such as ensuring access to climate finance. I hope that there is also greater cooperation on shared goals to drive climate-smart and sustainable actions.

We are proud to be associated with Urban 20 (U20), an engagement group under G20, which strives to establish engagement among participating cities from G20 countries, as well as other observer cities, to develop a collective message that emphasises the role of cities in taking forward the sustainable development agenda. As technical and knowledge partner to U20, we are providing local support to Ahmedabad city for the upcoming U20 Inception Event (Sherpa Meeting) to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2023 and U20 Mayoral Summit to be held in July 2023.

At ICLEI South Asia, we ended the year 2022 on a high note, with an array of activities that advanced complex themes such as managing emission risks and air pollution, energy efficiency, integrated urban

planning and green economy. The synergy we continue to have with our members, donors, partners and people across countries gives me hope that the tide will turn and that this year, there will be greater progress across the world on limiting global warming.

I wish all our readers a successful year ahead.

## Latest developments

### EcoLogistics: Demo Project to Spur Low-Emission Freight Delivery in Panaji

The Corporation of the City of Panaji, with support from ICLEI South Asia, has taken a major step forward to accelerate the practice of shared low-emission freight delivery in the city, with the launch of a demonstration project to operationalise 14 electric light commercial vehicles and 15 electric bikes, under the EcoLogistics project.



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### Webinar Underlines Importance of Circularity in Waste Management

The circular economy approach of reducing and segregating waste has emerged as a sustainable alternative to the traditional 'make, use and throw' model. ICLEI South Asia and the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM) South Asia Technical Coordinator, with support from the Delegation of the European Union to India and GCoM's Country Coordinator India, organised a webinar to improve the understanding of GCoM cities in South Asia on the issue.

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### Compendium on Greenhouse Gas Inventories for 3 Tamil Nadu Cities Released

A compendium of GHG inventory reports for the cities of Coimbatore, Tirunelveli and Tiruchirappalli for the year 2020-21 was released at the Tamil Nadu Green Climate Summit held in Chennai. The compendium, which was released by Smt. Supriya Sahu, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary of the Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, has been prepared under the CapaCITIES project.



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## Clean Air Action: Awareness Event Gives Meerut Locality the Lowdown on Compost

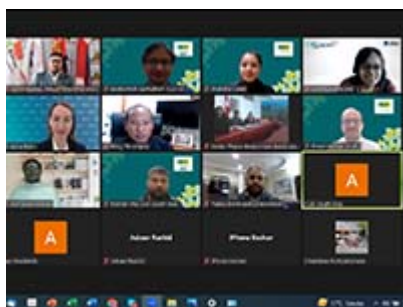
ICLEI South Asia, in collaboration with Meerut Nagar Nigam and Club 60, an NGO, organised an event for the residents of a locality in Meerut to raise awareness about composting garden waste, use of composters and how it can help improve air quality.

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## Net Zero Buildings: Nagpur Plans Greener Future with Roadmap

Strategies and actions identified under Nagpur's roadmap to assist the uptake of highly efficient and zero-carbon buildings were discussed in a stakeholder consultation meeting organised by the Nagpur Municipal Corporation, Nagpur Smart and Sustainable City Development Corporation Limited, World Resources Institute and ICLEI South Asia. The meeting was held under the Zero Carbon Buildings Accelerator programme.

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## KASpaces: Workshop for SDG Ambassadors Highlights Peer Learning

ICLEI South Asia has partnered with Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) to launch the KASpaces SDG Ambassador Programme to help produce capable and engaged political leaders who can effect long-term change in their communities in South Asia. In this context, a regional workshop was organised for all KASpaces SDG ambassadors to share experiences and good practices implemented across the region.

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## UrbanShift: Pune, Surat Take Lead in Ramping up Project Activities

ICLEI South Asia, along with representatives from UNEP and the National Institute of Urban Affairs, met several key stakeholders in Pune and Surat to discuss and finalise project activities, timelines and understanding of capacity-building priorities under the UrbanShift project.

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## Events



### Climate Change Impacts and Usage of Public Spaces by Young Children and Caregivers in Indian Cities

Join us for an interesting webinar, supported by the Bernard van Leer Foundation, on building the capacity of Indian cities to improve early childhood development needs.

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2023

Time: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm (IST)

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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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