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Dear Readers,

We hope this message finds you safe and well. As you may have heard, a devastating earthquake struck Turkey on February 9, resulting in loss of life and significant damage to infrastructure. Our thoughts remain with the people of Turkey during this difficult time. We stand in solidarity with them and offer our deepest condolences to those who have lost loved ones.

Natural disasters like earthquakes serve as a reminder of the importance of local government action on disaster risk reduction and preparedness. ICLEI South Asia remains committed to supporting our members and partners in building more resilient communities that can withstand such shocks.

I would also want to take this opportunity to reflect on the climate challenges we face and look ahead to the actions we can take in the coming months. At the local level, we will continue to support our member cities in their efforts to reduce emissions, improve air and water quality, and build more sustainable and equitable communities. We will work to strengthen partnerships with other organisations and stakeholders, and we will continue to share best practices and innovative solutions across our network.

While the challenges we face are significant, but so too are the opportunities to take action and build a more sustainable and resilient future. At ICLEI South Asia, we are committed to working with our member cities and partners to seize these opportunities and create a better world for all.

I would like to draw your attention to the upcoming G20 summit and its significance for India. This year's summit will be hosted by India,

providing us with an important platform to engage with other major economies on issues of global significance, including climate change, sustainable development, and global economic governance. There is much work to be done and the G20 summit provides an opportunity for us to collaborate with other countries to accelerate progress.

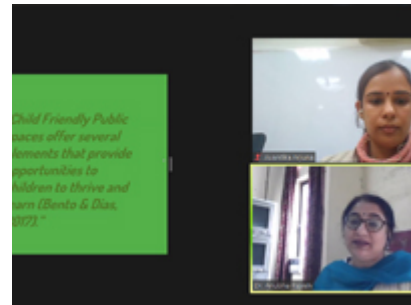
India's G20 presidency is expected to champion the cause of developing nations in coping with the climate crisis. One of the key areas of focus will be climate change and sustainable development. India has made significant progress in these areas, with ambitious targets for renewable energy, sustainable transportation, and climate resilience. ICLEI South Asia is proud to be the technical partner for U20 or Urban 20, which offers a venue for city governance from the participating nations of G20, to address crucial urban development concerns.

We invite you to engage with us as we work towards a more sustainable future. We will be sharing more updates on our initiatives in the coming months, so stay tuned.

Latest developments

Urban95 Webinar: Building Safe Public Spaces for Children

A series of webinars and workshops have been planned for reviewing the findings of two ongoing studies on the impact of climate change on children and the usage of public spaces by them, as part of the Urban95 programme. In this respect, the first webinar held in January focused on initiatives to promote a healthy urban environment for children.



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Need for Building Charging Infrastructure Highlighted at E-Mobility Conference

ICLEI South Asia highlighted the need for developing charging infrastructure for electric vehicles (EV), and for making the local built environment EV-ready at an international conference and expo on e-mobility and alternative fuels, organised by the Transport Department, Government of Kerala.

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Experts Deliberate on Child Safety Guidelines at Urban95 Workshop

A workshop was organised in partnership with the Udaipur Municipal Corporation to seek inputs and suggestions from subject experts and city officials on the structuring of child safety guidelines, which are being developed under the Urban95 programme.



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SDC Ambassador Visits CapaCITIES Projects in Coimbatore

The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) Ambassador Christian Frutiger visited Coimbatore city in Tamil Nadu to see the projects being implemented under the CapaCITIES project. Representatives from South Pole and ICLEI South Asia accompanied the delegation.

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Events



MCR2030: Capacity Building Models and Tools to Strengthen Cities Resilience in Asia and the Pacific

Join us for a webinar to know the practical applications of resilience-building models, tools, and methodologies, as well as various capacity-building approaches and methodologies used by MCR2030 partner organisations in cities of the Asia-Pacific region.

Date: 23 February, 2023

Time: 14:00-15:45 (Thailand time)

[Register](#)

India Smart Utility Week 2023

ICLEI South Asia is delighted to be a supporting partner for the 9th edition of India Smart Utility Week, an international conference and exhibition on Smart Energy and Smart Mobility.

Date: 28 February - 4 March, 2023

Venue: The Lalit Hotel, New Delhi

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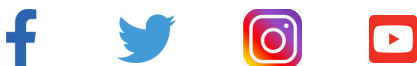
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ICLEI firmly believes that sustainable cities are the foundation of a just and sustainable world. We create systemic change in urban areas through practical, integrated solutions and spark city-to-city and city-to-region connections. ICLEI brings a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

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