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Dear friends,

There are no two ways about it; a combination of individual, government and non-government action is the key to preparing for the changing climate. And we need to do a lot and on a very large scale.

A major part of this battle will be won or lost in cities, where the populations and pressures on the environment and infrastructure are increasing. Understanding the nature of the challenge, ICLEI South Asia has been supporting scores of cities with technical expertise in various sectors, including the critical development of their Climate-Resilient City Action Plans (CRCAPs), with Ahmedabad being the most recent one. Last month, Honourable Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel released Ahmedabad's CRCAP at a glittering function held under the aegis of the Urban20 Mayoral Summit in the city. The CRCAP, developed under the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation-funded CapaCITIES project, is a comprehensive roadmap for addressing the impacts of climate change through a range of strategies in different sectors.

We have also developed a seminal report "State of Cities: Towards Low Carbon and Resilient Pathways", jointly with the National Institute of Urban Affairs. The report, which captures the climate challenges faced by 15 Indian cities, was released at a key plenary and panel discussion on 'Building Climate Responsive and Resilient Cities', which we organised under the aegis of the U20 Mayoral Summit.

Many cities in the region are stepping up their efforts with a sense of urgency. After all, the increasing intensity of natural disasters only underline the fact that human impact is changing the climate rapidly. But I believe we don't know enough to say that it's too late; all action

today and in the future will make a difference.

On that positive note, I present to you this month's newsletter, which is packed with information about our recent achievements and activities. For more updates, do follow and engage with us on social media.

Warm Regards!

Latest developments

Ahmedabad's New Climate Action Plan is Blueprint for Achieving Net Zero

Honourable Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel released the "Ahmedabad Climate Resilient City Action Plan – Towards a Net Zero Future", developed jointly by the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation and ICLEI South Asia, at a glittering event held under the aegis of the Urban20 Mayoral Summit in the city. The climate action document, which has detailed and well-conceived actions to help the city move towards a climate-resilient future, has been developed under the CapaCITIES project, funded by Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.



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Experts Weigh in on Key Factors for Building Climate-Resilient Cities in U20 Session

The National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) and ICLEI South Asia jointly organised a plenary and panel discussion on 'Building Climate Responsive and Resilient Cities', under the aegis of the Urban20 Mayoral Summit in Ahmedabad. A graphical report, "State of Cities: Towards Low Carbon and Resilient Pathways", developed by NIUA and ICLEI South Asia, was released at the event.

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CDKN: Webinar Explores Issues of Gender, Social Inclusion in Climate Actions

As part of the Daring Cities 2023 virtual forum, held recently by ICLEI- Local Governments for Sustainability, ICLEI South Asia hosted an engaging webinar on the diversity and gender intersectionality of climate impacts in the pursuit of inclusive and equitable climate resilience. The webinar was organised under the aegis of the Climate and Development Knowledge Network programme (CDKN).



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Clean Air Action Workshop: Success Stories Show Importance of Building Capacity, Stakeholder Action

The closure workshop of the Building City Leadership on Clean Air Action in Delhi-National Capital Region project, supported by the Clean Air Fund, highlighted the success stories and actions that have been taken to improve air quality by the Municipal Corporations of Delhi, Meerut and Gurugram.

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Urban95 Workshop Puts Focus on Project Implementation, Impact Assessment

The fourth capacity-building workshop of the second phase of the Urban95 programme, funded by the Bernard van Leer Foundation and being implemented in Udaipur, focused on the importance of on-ground implementation and post-implementation impact assessment in a project cycle.



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TUMI E-Bus Mission - Surat Virtual Study Tour

Watch the public transport evolution of Surat through this virtual study tour video series, developed as a part of TUMI E-bus Mission. The virtual study tour includes a message from the Municipal Commissioner along with six separate modules based on different aspect of E-bus induction and integration into city wide public transport system.



Watch

Events



Speeding Up Local Energy Transition: Tools and Case Studies

Join us for an engaging webinar that will showcase transformative measures being taken for accelerating the energy transition in cities in Chinese Taipei and the Philippines.

Date: August 11, 2023

Time: 13:00 - 14:15 (IST)

Register

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