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Celebrating 20 Years of Impact: ICLEI South Asia Marks a Major Milestone!

This year marks a significant achievement for ICLEI South Asia as we proudly celebrate 20 years of transformative impact on the ground!

In a special anniversary message, Emani Kumar, Deputy Secretary General, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability and Executive Director, ICLEI South Asia, reflects on our remarkable journey—from a modest team of just two to a vibrant community of over 80 dedicated professionals. He shares key milestones that have shaped our work and the evolving role of ICLEI South Asia in driving sustainable urban development, climate resilience, and local environmental action across the region.

As we look to the future, our commitment to empowering cities and local governments remains stronger than ever.



Watch the message and join us in celebrating this milestone!

SPOTLIGHT



ICLEI SOUTH ASIA @ 20

On our 20th Anniversary, ICLEI South Asia received valuable support from key stakeholders, including government officials, partners, and community leaders, who have been instrumental in our initiatives. Their messages underscore a shared commitment to advancing climate resilience and inclusive urban governance, and the impact and importance of local partnerships in driving sustainability across the region.

Read and explore the messages here





ACTION ON THE GROUND



Kakinada and Vijayawada took a big step toward a greener future with the launch of their "Net Zero Climate Resilient City Action Plans." These plans aim to make the cities low-carbon and climate-ready by 2047, guiding cleaner water, transport, and energy systems for healthier urban living.

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MALÉ CITY'S BOLD STEP TOWARDS SDG LOCALISATION WITH FIRST CONSULTATION WORKSHOP

In Malé, community voices took centre stage as local leaders, youth, and experts came together to shape the city's first Voluntary Local Review of the SDGs. Through open dialogue and shared visioning, the two-day workshop marked a big step toward a more inclusive, sustainable future for the island city.

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TRAINING ON LAPA DEVELOPMENT IN NEPAL

Municipal Association of Nepal (MuAN) and ICLEI South Asia organised a workshop in Sauraha, Chitwan, Nepal, training PMLCs to prepare inclusive Local Adaptation Plans of Action (LAPAs). The training focused on GESI, NbS, and EbA, building the capacity of the local governments towards climate-resilient governance.





BUILDING RESILIENT CITIES: ICLEI SOUTH ASIA ENGAGES IN KEY DIALOGUES AT ESCAP SESSION

At ESCAP's 81st session in Bangkok, ICLEI South Asia drew attention to its work in making cities more resilient to climate change and disasters. From action plans and urban biodiversity to disaster risk reduction and climate finance, the team shared hands-on strategies to help cities adapt and thrive.



ORIENTATION SESSIONS IN NEPAL AND BANGLADESH KICKSTART THE CAPACITY-BUILDING INITIATIVE UNDER SIRA PROJECT

Local leaders from Nepal and Bangladesh came together online to initiate the training under the Enhancing Local Capacities in Socially Inclusive Resilience in Asia (SIRA) project. These sessions kickstarted the project's capacitybuilding initiative to strengthen inclusive urban resilience across selected regional cities.

THE "WHAT" OF SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION: ANCHORING CLIMATE ACTION IN HEALTH

LESSONS FOR

TRANSFORMATIONAL

CLIMATE RISKS WITH GEOSPATIAL PLANNING

Facing rising floods, extreme heat, and coastal storms, Puducherry is taking action. At the recent UrbanShift Geospatial Lab, local leaders and experts came together to use data-driven tools to plan climate-resilient solutions for the city's most vulnerable communities.

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South Asian cities are driving climate-health solutions through local leadership, integrated planning, and ICLEI's transformative tools and capacity-building efforts.



HAZARD ASSESSMENT IN NILPHAMARI TO STRENGTHEN CLIMATE RESILIENCE

The CDKN Asia team in Bangladesh carried out a field trip to Nilphamari Municipality to formulate a Climate-Induced DRR Action Plan. Working with various stakeholders they identified prominent hazards such as flooding and erosion with one objective of improving resilience and mitigating disaster risks in nine wards of the city.



ICC ANNUAL CONCLAVE 2025: ICLEI SOUTH ASIA HONOURS URBAN COOLING AND YOUTH LEADERSHIP

At the ICC Annual Conclave 2025, ICLEI South Asia, one of the founding members of the coalition called for urgent, people-first cooling solutions. From protecting vulnerable communities to promoting cool roofs and youth innovation, their message was clear: sustainable cooling is key to safer, healthier cities in a warming world.

TAKE A PLEDGE FOR OUR PLANET

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Sign the pledge and be a part of the movement.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ARISE Cities Forum

Adaptive, Resilient, Innovative and Sustainable and Equitable (ARISE) Cities Forum will explore the dimensions of sustainable urbanisation, climate and energy, biodiversity, and equity, viewed through the lens of India, across the Asia Pacific and extending to the cities of the Global South.



Date: 8-9 October 2025



Youth For Climate Hackathon

Designed to bring together young minds to develop innovative, scalable, and impactful solutions to the climate crisis, the hackathon is guided by the COP30 Agenda and the ICLEI Pathways.

Last Date to Register: 24 May 2025



Call for Applications - ESD Okayama Award 2025

Okayama City, Japan – with support from ICLEI Japan – invites you to apply for the ESD Okayama Award, which recognises outstanding global initiatives in Education for Sustainable Development (ESD).

Apply by 31 May 2025 and join us in advancing sustainability efforts worldwide.





Call for Applications Application Deadline - 31 May 2025

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इकली साउथ एशिया ने अपनी २० वीं वर्षगांठ पर टिकाऊ और समावेशी शहरी विकास में उदयपुर के योगदान को रेखांकित किया।

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News / Cities / Ahmedabad / Satellite maps show Ahmedabad has got cooler by 2-3 degrees since 2020. Is increase in green cover a reason?

Satellite maps show Ahmedabad has got cooler by 2-3 degrees since 2020. Is increase in green cover a reason?

Data show that most of the relatively cooler wards are residential in nature and located next to major water bodies. On the other hand, all but two hot wards are located on the outskirts of the city with large swathes of empty land and industrial areas.



ICLEI ECO CHAMPS 🊳



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