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Greetings!

ICLEI South Asia has always aimed at building and raising awareness about ways to make cities smart, sustainable and liveable. In a move that signals the same, we have recently partnered with “Smart City Lab India”, an initiative that aims to develop and deliver smart information and communication technologies for cities. Under the urban resilience work as part of the ACCCRN project, we have added two more cities of Bangladesh to develop city climate strategies.

Our teams have been actively involved with communities, and other stakeholders. While a project on recharge of abandoned borewells under AdoptIUWM has recently been inaugurated in Solapur, Maharashtra and involves communities directly, we have also shortlisted four city governments in India – Ajmer, Warangal, Jabalpur and Karnal – for building capacity on inclusive developmental planning through PROMISE project, with support from the European Union.

Recently, the Government of India released a revised version of the CPHEEO Manual on Municipal Solid Waste Management, that will serve as a guiding tool for cities, enabling them to plan and scientifically manage municipal solid waste in a manner consonant with the recently amended MSW Rules 2016. ICLEI South Asia contributed to the development of the manual in its capacity as designated national experts for this endeavour commissioned and supported by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH (India).

Meanwhile, our participation at international events continues to grow. ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability recently collaborated with a few governments and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) to organise a side event at the third Preparatory Meeting towards Habitat III, in Surabaya, Indonesia. Now, we are looking forward to the Habitat III in Quito.

This month’s newsletter also features the work of our sustainability champion Sasi Madambi who is the Senior Admin Officer (Programme and Membership), ICLEI South Asia and is revered for his multitasking abilities.

Read on to know more about us and our cities!

Latest developments



ICLEI partners with Smart Cities Lab India to support ICT needs of cities

ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability South Asia has recently partnered with Smart Cities Lab India for an initiative that aims at conceptualisation, development and delivery of ICT and mobile-based services and products for smart cities. The lab is based on a FIWARE technology that can address specific challenges of metropolitan cities and communities.

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Abandoned borewell recharge in Solapur, an AdoptIUWM city, sets an example for drought-hit Maharashtra

A pilot project for recharge of abandoned borewells has been inaugurated in Solapur, Maharashtra, under the European Union funded AdoptIUWM project. The event saw a high turnout that included representatives from the city corporation, ward councilors and residents of the project city.



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ICLEI's PROMISE to strengthen capacities of four cities in India

The Promotion of Inclusive, Sustainable Growth and Diversity to Strengthen Local Governments (PROMISE) project, supported by the European Union, aims to build capacities on integrated, participatory, inclusive and sustainable development, and efficient resources mobilisation and utilisation. The support would further lead to enhanced service delivery, increased community participation and promotion of diversity in the urban system of four cities – Ajmer, Warangal, Jabalpur and Karnal.

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Government of India releases manual on municipal solid waste management

The Minister of Urban Development Shri M Venkaiah Naidu recently launched the solid waste manual that is expected to enable cities to plan and scientifically manage municipal solid waste. While ICLEI South Asia was involved as the national technical expert in revising the first version of the manual, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH (India) commissioned and supported the endeavor.



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ACCCRN expands to two more cities of Bangladesh

ICLEI South Asia has initiated work on building resilience in two more cities of Bangladesh by starting discussions



in Kustia and Rajshahi cities. In the next step under the Rockefeller Foundation funded ACCRN project, ICLEI will coordinate with the Core Teams of these cities to identify resilience interventions they need.

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Habitat III: Months before Quito, nations come together for prep meet; ICLEI hosts side event



ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability recently collaborated with Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA), and other partners for a side event at the Habitat III PrepCom3, held on July 27 in Surabaya, Indonesia. The South Asia and Southeast Asia secretariats of ICLEI organised an event to showcase transformative approaches and initiatives carried out at the local level across Asian cities and regions.

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Seoul Mayors Forum on Climate Change



Mayors from cities adhering to the Compact of Mayors will meet at The Seoul Mayors Forum on Climate Change on 1-2 September 2016 at Seoul City Hall. The meet will provide an opportunity to check progress, develop further cooperation among leading cities and eventually to expand the Compact of Mayors, to help raise global ambition through Nationally Determined Contributions. The Forum is being organised by the city of Seoul in collaboration with ICLEI.

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Meet Sasi Madambi: ICLEI employee who has championed the art of multitasking



Mr Madambi has spent four years at ICLEI and internalised the processes involved in ICLEI South Asia's work. Not only does he handle multiple tasks at the organisation, he also tries his best to help out his colleagues. "ICLEI being a global network of cities, has offices in all the continents and I have got a chance to work in dynamic and multi-cultural environment. Working here also gives the freedom to explore and learn new skills," says Mr Madambi.

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