



UrbanShift Asia Forum Financing Climate Action in Cities

Hotel Hyatt Regency, New Delhi, India | September 25-28, 2023

Programme













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About the Forum

As a five-year initiative supported by the Global Environment Facility and led by the United Nations Environment Programme, UrbanShift aims to advance sustainable, integrated urban planning and development in over 23 cities across Asia, Africa and Latin America.

The UrbanShift Forums are the flagship events of this transformative initiative. Bringing together senior political and technical representatives from participating cities and countries, UrbanShift Forums provide a platform for knowledge exchange and collaboration on different urban challenges. At these Forums, cities enjoy the opportunity to expand their knowledge of regional urban challenges and replicable solutions, explore financing for projects, and boost climate commitments at local and national levels.

The UrbanShift Asia Forum will focus on the theme of Financing Climate Action in Cities. As cities across Asia face a range of challenges, from rapid urbanization to climate-related threats like flooding and extreme heat, advancing innovative, collaborative solutions are essential. This Forum will provide an opportunity for city and regional leaders to exchange insights about these challenges and identify replicable solutions, while also exploring opportunities for support from UrbanShift around knowledge enhancement, capacity building, financial assistance and engagement with the private sector.

The Forum will encompass multiple events and activities which will rest on three pillars:

- Advocacy and climate action
- Knowledge sharing and capacity building
- Finance and private sector engagement

Programme Overview

Day 1, Monday, September 25, 2023

08:30 - 09:30	Registration	
09:30 - 10:00	Seating of Guest	s
10:00 — 10:45	Inaugural & Technical Session I- Panel Discussion on Opportunities & Challenges related to Urbanization in the Asian Region	
10:45 - 11:15	Tea / Coffee Break	
11:15 - 12:30	High Level Session	on
12:30 - 13:10	Technical Session II - Showcasing GEF Supported Sustainable Cities Projects	
13:10 - 13:30	Launch of UrbanShift City Academy Online Courses	
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch Break	
14:30 - 17:30	Parallel Session A	
A1 - City-Business Hub A2 - High-Level Investors Roundtable		
15:30 - 16:00	Tea / Coffee Break	
19:00 - 22:00	Gala Dinner (By Invitation only)	

Day 3, Wednesday, September 27, 2023

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09:00 - 16:00	Parallel Session B - City Academy (Continued)	
B1 - Accessing Ur	B1 - Accessing Urban Climate Finance B2 - Accommodating Urban Growth	
11:45 - 12:15	Tea / Coffee Break / P	rayer Time (Duhr 12:05)
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break	
15:20 - 15:40	Tea / Coffee Break / Prayer Time (Asr 15:30)	
16:00 - 17:30	Closing Ceremony	

Day 4, Thursday, September 28, 2023

Site Visit	
08:00 - 08:30	Interested participants to assemble at the lobby of Hotel Hyatt for the study tour
09:00	Departure from the Hotel
12:30 Onwards	Back to the Hotel & Lunch

Day 2, Tuesday, September 26, 2023

09:00 - 09:40	Joint Session of City Academies	
09:40 - 17:00	Parallel Session B - City Academy	
B1 - Accessing Ur	rban Climate Finance B2 - Accommodating Urban Growth	
10:00 - 11:30	Parallel Session C - Multilevel Governance Session: Good Practices on Sustainable Urbanization and Multilevel Action in Asia	
12:00 - 12:20	Tea / Coffee Break / Prayer Time (Duhr 12:06)	
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break	
15:25 - 15:40	Tea / Coffee Break Pra	ayer Time (Asr 15:30)

Technical & High-Level Plenary

08:30 – 09:30	Registration Registration will close at 09:30 am. All guests to be seated by 10:00 am for the inaugural session.
09:30 - 10:00	Seating of Guests
10:00 – 10:45	Inaugural & Technical Session I - Opportunities & Challenges Related to Urbanization in the Asian Region
Venue: Regency Ballroom	 Moderator Mr. Emani Kumar, Deputy Secretary General, ICLEI & Executive Director, ICLEI South Asia Panel Discussion Dr. Kunal Khemnar, IAS, Additional Municipal Commissioner, Pune Municipal Corporation, India Ms. Karri Venkata Satyavathi, Additional Commissioner - Projects, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation, India Mr. Qiang Liu, Deputy General Director, China Centre for Urban Development (Online) Mr. Togu Santoso Pardede, Director - Local Development, Ministry of National Development Planning (BAPPENAS), Indonesia Q & A Session Session organized by: ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability
10:45 – 11:15	Tea / Coffee Break 🖳
11:15 – 12:30	High Level Session
Venue: Regency Ballroom	 Lamp Lighting and Felicitation of the Chief Guest Welcome Address Mr. Emani Kumar, Deputy Secretary General, ICLEI & Executive Director, ICLEI South Asia Opening Remarks Mr. Atul Bagai, Country Head, United Nations Environment Programme, India Office Mr. Atul Bagai, Country Head, United Nations Environment Programme, India Office Mr. Aloke Barnwal, Senior Climate Change Specialist and Coordinator - Sustainable Cities, Global Environment Facility Mr. Sanjay Joshi, Principal Urban Development Specialist, SG-WUD, Asian Development Bank Mr. Madhav Pai, Chief Executive Officer, WRI India Ms. Andrea Fernández, Managing Director - Climate Finance, Knowledge and Partnerships, C40 Cities Address by Chief Guest Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Honourable Minister, Housing and Urban Affairs & Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India Vote of Thanks Mr. Hitesh Vaidya, Director, National Institute of Urban Affairs Group Photo

12:30 – 13:10	Technical Session II - Showcasing GEF Supported Sustainable Cities Projects
Venue: Regency Ballroom	 Moderator Ms. Mia Callenberg, Environmental Analyst, Global Environment Facility Overview of the GEF Sustainable Cities Projects Ms. Mia Callenberg, Environmental Analyst, Global Environment Facility Experiences & Learnings from GEF 6 cities in India Dr. Nandpal Singh, Senior Technical Advisor, United Nations Industrial Development Organisation An Overview of GEF 7 UrbanShift Country Projects Mr. Efrian Muharrom, Environmental Specialist, The World Bank, Indonesia Ms. Sarika Chakravarty, Team Leader - UrbanShift India Project, National Institute of Urban Affairs Mr. Sourav Majumder, Senior Project Officer (Urban), India Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank Q & A Session
13:10 – 13:30	Launch of UrbanShift City Academy Online Courses
Venue: Regency Ballroom	Welcome Mr. Pablo Lazo, Director, Urban Development, Cities Program, World Resources Institute Overview of UrbanShift's Online City Academy & Live Menti Poll Ms. Mariana Orloff, Senior Manager - UrbanShift & Urban Development, World Resources Institute Introduction to Two Courses Accommodating Urban Growth Mr. Matheus Ortega, Senior Manager, UrbanShift, C40 Cities Accessing Urban Climate Finance Dr. Eszter Mogyorósy, Head, Innovative Finance, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability How to Access the Online Courses & Closing Remarks Ms. Eillie Anzilotti, Communications Lead, UrbanShift, Cities Program, World Resources Institute
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch Break ï©ł

Parallel Session A1 - City-Business Hub

14:30 – 17:30 Venue: Regency	The Importance of City Business Collaboration to Accelerate Climate Action The UrbanShift City-Business Hub will be a non-commercial event bringing cities and businesses together to share information on strategies and policies to increase urban sustainability and resilience. Inspiring city and business leaders will present their successful case studies of collaboration to facilitate peer to peer learning with other participants.
Ballroom II & III	
14:30 – 15:30	 Moderator Ms. Andrea Fernández, Managing Director, Climate Finance, Knowledge and Partnerships, C40 Cities Opening Remarks Mr. Madhav Pai, Chief Executive Officer, WRI India Ms. Devyani Hari, Director, Centre for Responsible Business Beyond the PPP - Models for City Business Collaboration Presentation Ms. Zöe Fitzgerald, Head, City-Business Engagement, C40 Cities Ms. Emily White, Manager, City-Business Engagement, C40 Cities Ms. Marcela Guerrero Casas, Co-Founder, Local South Fireside Chat Conversation about business collaboration with Dr. Kunal Khemnar, IAS, Additional Municipal Commissioner, Pune Municipal Corporation, India Conversation about business collaboration with Mr. Ashish J Naik, Additional City Engineer, Surat Municipal Corporation, India Remarks Mr. Aloke Barnwal, Senior Climate Change Specialist and Coordinator - Sustainable Cities, Global Environment Facility
15:30 – 16:00	Tea / Coffee Break 🖳
16:00 – 17:30	 Delivering Nature-Positive Urban Infrastructure with the Private Sector Moderator Ms. Shruti Narayan, Regional Director South and West Asia, C40 Cities Panel Discussion Ms. Jaya Dhindaw, Director - Cities Program & Program Director - Integrated Development, Planning and Resilience, WRI India Mr. Rajiv Ranjan Mishra, IAS, Former Director General - National Mission for Green Ganga, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India (TBC) Mr. Ashish Kulkarni, Partner and Associate Director - Center for Sustainable Earth, Boston Consulting Group Dr. Sunita Purushottam, Head of Sustainability, Mahindra Life Spaces Dr. Annapurna Vancheswaran, Managing Director - India, The Nature Conservancy Contd

How SMEs and Cities can Collaborate for Local Climate Action and	a Just Transition
 Panel Discussion Ms. Saipriya Salla, Associate, Aspen Institute Ms. Murni Supeno, Head, Balikpapan Development Planning Agency, Indonesia Mr. Manas Rath, Founder, LEAP Cities Mr. Rakesh Biswas, Chairman, Iysert Energy Research Private Limited Ms. Rishika Reddy, Founder, The Mend 	
 Q & A Session Open dialogue with participants Closing 	
• Ms. Shruti Narayan , Regional Director South and West Asia, C40 Cities	Session organized by : C40 Cities

Parallel Session A2 - High-Level Investors Roundtable

14:30 – 17:30 Venue: Regency Ballroom I	Financing Strategies for E-bus and E-freight Deployment in India and Indonesia The event will facilitate discussions between city officials and investors, as well as city-to-city knowledge sharing on developing climate-smart transport projects that attract interest from financiers. The key objective of the Investor Roundtable is to create a platform for local actors to collaborate directly with external stakeholders, including national government and private sector partners, to support ambitious strategies and financing models to accelerate and scale the deployment of climate finance.
14:30 – 15:00	Welcome Ms. Shruti Narayan, Regional Director South and West Asia, C40 Cities Opening Remarks Mr. Aloke Barnwal, Senior Climate Change Specialist and Coordinator - Sustainable Cities, Global Environment Facility Keynote Ms. Anita George, Founding Partner, Edhina Capital Presentation Overview of the e-buses and e-freight global market and the emerging opportunities in India and Southeast Asia Ms. Komal Kareer, Associate, BloombergNEF
15:00 – 15:55	E-bus Business Models and Finance Strategies in India Presentation Ms. Bianca Macedo, Senior Manager - Clean Transport Finance, C40 Cities Presentation FAME & Grand Challenge joint procurement for Indian Cities Mr. Sudhendu Jyoti Sinha, Advisor, NITI Aayog, Government of India Contd

Closed Door Session

	Roundtable: How to Respond to the Challenges and Move Investment on E-buses along in the Indian Context
	Moderator Ms. Shikha Rokadiyiat, Researcher, International Council on Clean Transportation
	 Speakers Mr. Sudhendu Jyoti Sinha, Advisor, NITI Aayog, Government of India Mr. Ashish Kundra, IAS, Principal Secretary cum Transport Commissioner, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, India Ms. Swati Khanna, Senior Sector Specialist - Urban Development and Mobility, KfW Development Bank Mr. Mohit Ganeriwala, Senior Operations Officer, International Finance Corporation Mr. Rajnish Ahuja, Head of Transport and Urban Development, Agence Française de Développement
15:55 – 16:10	Tea / Coffee Break 🖳
16:10 – 16:40	Potential E-bus Business Models in Indonesia Presentation Potential business models for e-bus deployments in Jakarta • Mr. Gonggomtua Sitanggang, Interim Director, The Institute for Transportation and Development Policy, Indonesia Panel: Pros and Cons of Each Potential Business Model for E-buses in Jakarta to Reach Bankability Moderator • Mr. Gonggomtua Sitanggang, Interim Director, The Institute for Transportation and Development Policy, Indonesia Speakers • Mr. Ferdinand Ginting, Head - Road Transport Division, DKI Jakarta Transport Agency, Indonesia
16:40 – 17:30	Scaling up Zero Emission Freight in India Moderator • Ms. Bianca Macedo, Senior Manager - Clean Transport Finance, C40 Cities Presentation Powering change with 2 and 3 wheelers at C40 • Ms. Bianca Macedo, Senior Manager - Clean Transport Finance, C40 Cities Scaling up zero-emission trucks deployment in India • Ms. Harsimran Kaur, Associate Researcher, International Council on Clean Transportation

	Roundtable: Opportunities and Ecosystem Enablers for Freight Electrification in India
	Moderator Mr. Madhav Pai, Chief Executive Officer, WRI India
	 Speakers Mr. Sudhendu Jyoti Sinha, Advisor, NITI Aayog, Government of India Mr. Rajiv Kumar, General Manager, Small Industries Development Bank for India Ms. Swetha Ramdas, Sustainability Lead, Amazon India Operations Ms. Shilpa Shinde, Special Commissioner (EV), Transport Department, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, India
	 Closing Ms. Andrea Fernández, Managing Director - Climate Finance, Knowledge and Partnerships, C40 Cities Session organized by : C40 Cities
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Day 2, Tuesday, September 26, 2023

09:00 – 09:40 Venue: Family Room	Joint Session of City Academies
09:40 – 16:00 Venue: Salon East	Parallel Session B1 - City Academy - Accessing Urban Climate Finance The goal of the course is to increase the capacity of city-level actors to mobilize and access climate finance for their net zero emission and climate resilient projects. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about the potential funding sources, financing instruments (traditional and innovative), as well as the advantages and disadvantages of each. Attending the course, city officials will also gain knowledge on project structuring and pitching to increase their chances to effectively connect to potential investors and financing institutions.
09:40 – 17:00 Venue: Family Room	Parallel Session B2 - City Academy - Accommodating Urban Growth The purpose of this module is to address the challenges of both urban growth and climate change and provide insight on how to design the cities of the future. Between 2020-2050, the urban population in the Global South is expected to increase from 3.4 to 5.5 billion in cities. This means that there is an ever-growing population that needs to be housed, have access to basic quality services and economic opportunities, enjoy a decent quality of life, and become resilient to climate change. The way we will accommodate this urban growth will have a significant impact on cities. The urban form adopted by a city now will lock it into either a productive, inclusive and sustainable future or one that is inefficient and energy-intensive, thereby compromising goals to limit greenhouse gas emissions.

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Parallel Session C - Multilevel Governance Session: Good Practices on Sustainable Urbanization and Multilevel Action in Asia

10:00 – 11:30 Venue: Salon West	The Multilevel Governance Session is a closed-door (invitation only) opportunity for discussion between and with representatives of the national governments, local governments and implementing agencies involved in GEF7 / UrbanShift national child projects in China, India, and Indonesia. The aim is to exchange good multilevel governance (MLG) and multilevel action (MLA) practices, in support of local sustainable development and integrated urban planning.
10:00 – 10:55	 Introduction to the Session & Context Setting Mr. Gino Van Begin, Secretary General, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability Panel Discussion: Good Practices on Sustainable Urbanization & Multilevel Actions in Asia Moderator Mr. Emani Kumar, Deputy Secretary General, ICLEI & Executive Director, ICLEI South Asia Speakers An Overview of the support offered by the National Government in achieving Sustainable Urban Transformation Ms. Kanak Tiwari, Programme Director - Urban Strategy Unit, National Institute of Urban Affairs Mr. Qiang Liu, Deputy General Director, China Centre for Urban Development (Online) Mr. Oswar Muadzin Mungkasa, Chief Planner, Ministry of National Development Planning (BAPPENAS), Indonesia Mr. Ashok Kumar Byanju Shrestha, Mayor, Dhulikhel, Nepal
10:55 – 11:15	 Panel Discussion: Contribution of the International Community in Support of Sustainable Urbanization and Multi-level Governance in Asia Moderator Ms. Elsa Lefevre, Programme Manager - Cities Unit, United Nations Environment Programme Speakers Mr. Aloke Barnwal, Senior Climate Change Specialist and Coordinator- Sustainable Cities, Global Environment Facility Mr. Pushkal Shivam, United Nations Human Settlements Programme Mr. Efrian Muharrom, Environmental Specialist, The World Bank, Indonesia Ms. Margot de Groot van Embden, Programme Manager and ASEAN Focal Point, The Global Fund for Cities Development
11:15 – 11:25	Closing Remarks on the Way Forward towards CoP 28 Mr. Yunus Arikan, Director, Global Advocacy, ICLEI (Online)
11:25 – 11:30	Vote of Thanks • Mr. Emani Kumar, Deputy Secretary General, ICLEI & Executive Director, ICLEI South Asia Group Photo Session organized by : ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability

Day 3, Wednesday, September 27, 2023

09:00 – 16:00 Venue: Regency Ballroom II & III	Parallel Session B1 (Continued) - City Academy - Accessing Urban Climate Finance The ultimate goal of the course is to increase the capacity of city-level actors to mobilize and access climate finance for their net zero emission and climate resilient projects. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about the potential funding sources, financing instruments (traditional and innovative), as well as the advantages and disadvantages of each. Attending the course, city officials will also gain knowledge on project structuring and pitching to increase their chances to effectively connect to potential investors and financing institutions.
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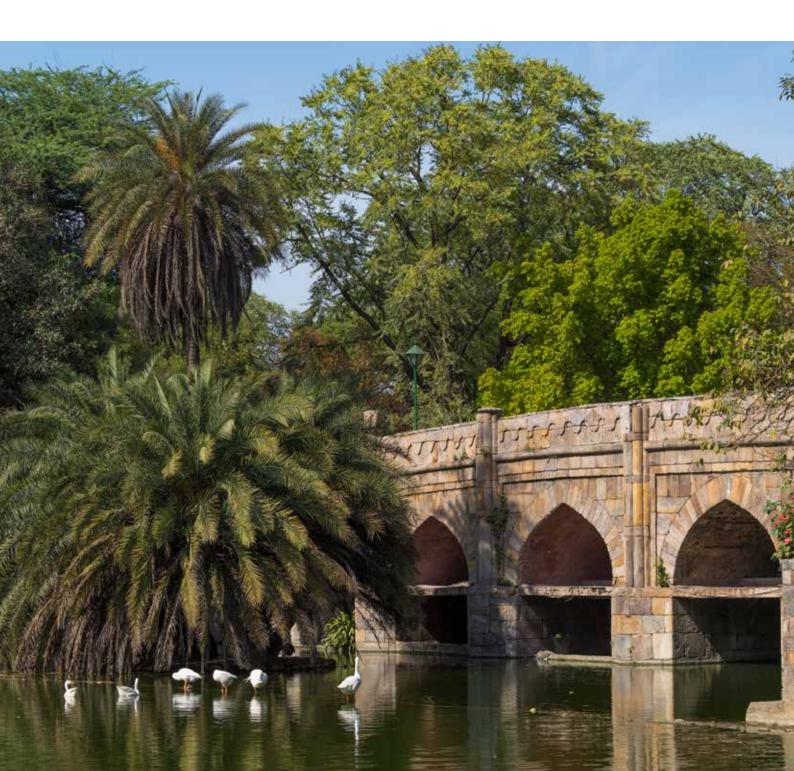
Closing Plenary

16:00 – 17:30	Closing Ceremony
	Moderator Mr. Gino Van Begin, Secretary General, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability
	Reflections from Partners
	Ms. Karishma Asarpota, Officer - Climate Action, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability
	 Dr. Sudhir Sharma, GEF Task Manager, CCM, Asia Pacific, United Nations Environment Programme Representative from the Asian Development Bank
	 Ms. Sarika Chakravarty, Team Leader - UrbanShift India Project, National Institute of Urban Affairs Mr. Pablo Lazo, Director, Urban Development, World Resources Institute
	Ms. Jessy Appavoo, Head - UrbanShift, C40 Cities
	Reflections from Country Delegations
Venue:	Mr. Harrey Hadi, Head - Local Development Planning Agency, Palembang City, Indonesia
Regency Ballroom	Representatives from Indian cities
	Special Address
	 Mr. S. P. Singh, IPS, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs Dr. Arvind Virmani, Member, NITI Aayog (TBC)
	Way Forward
	Mr. Aloke Barnwal, Senior Climate Change Specialist and Coordinator- Sustainable Cities, Global Environment Facility
	Mr. Emani Kumar, Deputy Secretary General, ICLEI & Executive Director, ICLEI South Asia
	Group Photo
	Session organized by : ICLEI - Local Government for Sustainability

Day 4, Thursday, September 28, 2023

Study Tour

08:00 - 08:30	Interested Participants to Assemble at the Lobby of Hotel Hyatt for the Study Tour
09:00	Departure from the Hotel
12:30 Onwards	Back to the Hotel & Lunch 🛛 🕯







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