



Event Details

Title of Event

Building a culture of urban sustainability: from technology and innovation to arts and music, from Earth Day to Beethoven's Pastoral

Organization Details

Organization: ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability

Organization Country: Germany

Summary

The Paris Climate Agreement, Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda introduced, a new momentum for multi-level, multi-stakeholder, ambitious action on sustainability, a demand that was initially laid out through the grassroots activism of the first Earth Day in 1970 and later on enshrined as a global vision through the Agenda 21 adopted at the Earth Summit in 1992. A global culture of urban sustainability is needed to implement these deals that rapidly accelerates deployment of innovative technologies to each and every community and to reach out to hearts, souls and values of communities by incorporating the power of arts, music as well as cultural, historical and natural heritage. In the meantime, with accelerated urban development, greenhouse gas emissions are driven less by industrial activities and more by the energy services required for lighting, heating, and cooling. In the Indian sub-continent with the 2-4°C increase of average temperatures, expected impacts include a 10-15% increase in monsoon precipitation, a 5-25 % decline in precipitation levels in semi-arid and drought-prone central India, a decline in winter rainfall in northern India, and a mean sea-level rise (SLR) that could reach 0.8 metres over the century putting a number of regions and cities at risk. In the first part of the event, outcomes and learning from the CapaCITIES project (Capacity Building Project on Low Carbon and Climate Resilient City Development in India), will be highlighted with a focus on mainstreaming integrating climate action planning into urban planning processes and the design, financing and implementation of low carbon and climate adaptive solutions in the different municipal sectors, including water and wastewater, solid waste management, transport, buildings and biodiversity. Interventions will be delivered by project partners such as Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, ICLEI South Asia and by participating cities, such as Rajkot or Siliguli Municipal Corporations. In the second part, ICLEI will highlight opportunities in the year 2020, with the overlapping of the 50th Anniversary of the Earth Day and 250th Birthday of the revolutionary composer Ludwig von Beethoven, at a time when global sustainability community is prepared to agree on a new deal for nature and plans that respond to climate emergency and goals of the Paris Agreement. The event will showcase a compendium of performances inspired by Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony that connects music and arts, to nature and climate action events between 22 April and 5 June.

Other Organization name

Prospective moderator, speaker(s) or panelist(s)

	First Name	Last Name	Role	Organization
1	Emani	Kumar	Moderator (Male)	ICLEI South Asia Secretariat
2	Sakshi Chadha	Dasgupta	Panelist (Female)	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
3	Binaben	Acharya	Panelist (Female)	Rajkot Municipal Corporation
4	Yunus	Arikan	Panelist (Male)	ICLEI World Secretariat
5	Nick	Nuttal	Panelist (Male)	Earth Day Network (tbc)
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