

INHAF - CityNet Webinar Series on:

**Adapting Together: Climate Stories and Strategies
from Asian Cities (Part 4)**

City-Scale Climate Actions: Trends and Opportunities for Local Climate Actions -2

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Adapting Together: Climate Stories and Strategies from Asian Cities

An initiative with an eye on COP30

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An Invite to Participate and Contribute to Cities and Citizen Groups preparing to meet the Climate Challenge

Your Response Matters.

Join hands with communities, local governments, and organizations working to build resilient, just, and climate-smart urban futures.

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ABOUT THE WEBINAR SERIES

OBJECTIVES

- To showcase climate action and leadership from well-resourced Asian cities such as Jakarta, Quezon City, Yokohama, Makati, Taipei, and Seoul.
- To share insights from local officials, experts, agencies, and civil society on resilience-building, emission reduction, and climate governance.
- To draw lessons relevant to cities like Chennai, supporting the goals of INHAF's ongoing urban climate work.
- To foster connections between cities at varying stages of climate readiness and extend the reach of CityNet's Climate Change Cluster.

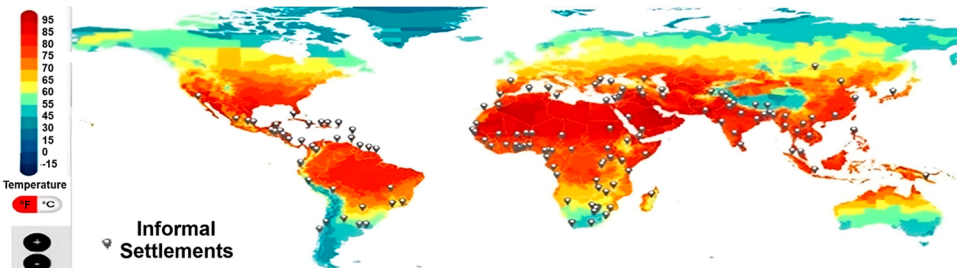
Habitat Forum (INHAF), a civil society organization and CityNet member from India in collaboration with CityNet, AIDMI, Cansa, is launching a new initiative: a 5-part webinar series on Cities and Climate Change.

The series is intended for all those engaged in the field of Urban Development, with the goal of responding to the unique and growing challenges posed by climate change. These challenges call for a rethinking of existing urban systems, practices, and governance mechanisms.

Cities all over the world are being battered by climate impacts such as extreme rainfall and consequent urban flooding. Since Cities contribute around 63% of nations' GDPs, climate impacts are leading to heavy and repetitive damage and costs. Urban heat islands are posing mounting problems for livability, while spurring calls for increasing blue-green infrastructure in contexts of competing land use. Droughts and wasteful consumption have created crises in water supply in many parts of the world. Several Cities, including among CityNet members are striving to evolve, and implement coping mechanisms while also building systems to create long term resilience to these and other climate impacts.


The world as a whole, and individual nations, are also grappling with the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions so as to check global warming that drives climate impacts. Besides national targets under the Paris Agreement, sub-national governments, especially Cities, are also being called upon to shoulder a substantial part of the emissions reduction burden, since Cities contribute about 70% of emissions.

Cities are approaching these challenges in different ways and could learn a lot from each other about perspectives and practices.



GLOBAL CLIMATE AND URBAN ACTIONS

*Tuesday
19th August
2025*



The first Webinar looks at the Global Stock Take on climate action and expected impacts on cities and local communities. Issues at the COPs relevant to cities, notably the non-binding Declarations on Urban Issues from COP27 to COP29, and the growing idea of mainstreaming urban issues in the COP process, would also be examined. Presentations would also enable an overview of best practices in local climate actions.

Panelists: Dr. Sunita Narain, Dr. Vijay Jagannathan, Dr. Oswar Mungkasa, Amitabh Sinha and Nakul Sharma.

CITY-SCALE CLIMATE ACTIONS: TRENDS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL CLIMATE ACTIONS -1

Focus of this Webinar is on City case studies on climate resilience and mitigation. Presentations will cover management of the urban climate impacts and emissions in both policy and practice, reflecting stakeholders' participation, sustainable financing, urban governance systems, sub-national capacities and international climate cooperation. The Session will unpack success factors and provide some tips for other cities regarding challenges faced. Presentations will also connect urban climate actions to nationally determined contributions (NDC).

Panelists: Sanjay Vashist, Manvita Baradi, Reginald J. Millarez, Eresha Silva, Michael Singlsby, Tanmay Takle and Dr. Jayanta Basu.



Tuesday
26th August
2025



CITY NARRATIVES

Tuesday

2nd September
2025

The Webinar looks at perspectives of climate change from the vantage of urban vulnerable populations --- women, children, youth, informal settlements and unorganized workers among others. Speakers would present case studies, and experiences and challenges in adaptation actions and building resilience such that vulnerabilities and inequities are redressed, and lower-income groups are not further burdened with mitigation responsibilities. Presentations would also highlight contributions of the private and civil society sectors to climate work, highlighting innovations, participation and impact.

Panelists: Varsha Jeyaseelan, Bijal Brahmabhatt, Elisa Sutanudjaja, Avinash Chanchal, Sheikh Nur Ataya Rabbi and Ashok Kumar Byanju.

CITY-SCALE CLIMATE ACTIONS: TRENDS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL CLIMATE ACTIONS -2



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Panelists: Jamie Paulo Mora, Vincent Vinarao, Jazlyn Lee, Lagonera, Anshul Abbasi, Dulari Parmar and Pei Lun Chou.

FUTURE OF URBAN CLIMATE ACTIONS AND EMERGING TRENDS



Tuesday
23rd September
2025

The final Webinar of the Series would summarize insights from the four previous webinars, and look at possible risks and opportunities as regards improvement of impacts and progress towards net-zero emissions in Cities. Presentations would cover best practices in innovation and participatory approaches, role of city networks, and national and urban sub-national governance. Speakers would also address how the agenda of Climate Change and Cities could be advanced at national and international levels.



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