

City-Scale Climate Actions:


Trends and Opportunities for Local Climate Actions – 2

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Bio:

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He graduated with a journalism degree at the University of Santo Tomas. Paulie has a professional background in development communications, public advocacy, local governance, and urban sociology. At CityNet, he manages the CityNet Services Program and provides membership services to Philippines and Fiji CityNet members.

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Bio:

Jazlyn leads city engagement for the Gap Fund across Southeast Asia and South Asia. She supports cities in improving access to climate financing and partnerships for resilience.

Previously, she worked with UNODC on waste trafficking and WWF on Extended Producer Responsibility in Southeast Asia.

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Bio:

Dulari Parmar, an architect and urban designer, leads climate justice initiatives at YUVA. She has worked on climate hazard mapping in Mumbai and facilitated community-driven vulnerability assessments. Her work emphasizes the role of marginalized groups in shaping climate justice and policy advocacy at the city level.

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Bio:

With over nine years of experience, Anshul Abbasi leads climate action planning and urban policy development in India. At NIUA, he has developed Climate Action Plans for cities like Pune and Leh, contributed to the ClimateSmart Cities Assessment Framework, and authored sections of India's Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategy. He is also a core contributor to the National Mission on Sustainable Habitat 2.0 and leads the Climate Data Observatory (CDoT) initiative.

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