

TheCityFix Labs Policy Dialogue, October 31st, 2018

Agenda

Venue: BHIVE, Bengaluru

Welcome & Registration

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM

Financing Sustainable Cities Initiative Context Setting

WRI

4:00 PM – 4:10 PM

Key Address: Steering India Towards a Resource-Efficient Future

Mr. Mahendra Jain, Addt. Chief Secretary, Urban Development Department

Mr. Tushar Girinath, Chairman, BWSSB

4:10 PM – 4:30 PM

Operationalizing Sustainability: A Conversation with Investors and Entrepreneurs

Moderator – Ms. Jaya Dhindaw, WRI

Smt. Neela Manjunath, IAS, KSIC

Ms. Revathy Ashok, BPAC

Mr. Surojit Bose, Coca Cola

Ms. Anju Gupta, IvyCamp

Mr. Amber Maheshwari, Bharat Innovation Fund

Mr. John Kuruvilla, Brigade REAP

Mr. Ashwin Joshi, CIIE

Mr. Navratan Katariya, NASSCOM

Dr. Monto Mani, Indian Institute of Science (IISc)

Mr. Vignesh Nandakumar, Aspada

Mr. Nagaraja Prakasam, Acumen Fund

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Application Information Session

5:30 PM – 5:40 PM

Networking and Tea

5:40 PM Onwards

Policy Address: Steering India towards a Resource-Efficient Future

India played an important role in the shaping of the Sustainable Development Goals and has since made a strong policy push for sustainable development both at the center and the state level. Goal 9 in particular, with its focus on resilient infrastructure, is seeing support being provided through multiple channels to strengthen provision of infrastructure like water and electricity across the country. Yet with India's unprecedented rates of urbanisation, efforts need to be made to hasten adoption and smooth implementation of these programs. This session will focus on the challenges being faced in these sectors (water, waste, energy), gaps existing in the current policy and regulatory framework around them and the changes and resources needed to address these issues in a timely manner.

Operationalizing Sustainability: In Conversation with Investors and Entrepreneurs

Urbanization, while bringing prosperity, has also led to environmental degradation and infrastructure problems, like poor quality of air and water, unreliable power, and traffic congestion. Our basic need for clean air, water and environment often appears to be in conflict with those of economic goals of growth but entrepreneurs have been demonstrating solutions to the contrary across the globe. Given that the next decade presents a unique prospect to bring a similar transformation within the sustainability paradigm in India, where do investors identify opportunities and how do entrepreneurs best capitalize on these to the benefit of all stakeholders? This session seeks to find viable solutions, their genesis and potential for scaling results for resource-efficient urbanisation in India.