

# TheCityFix Labs Policy Dialogue, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

## Agenda

Venue: India International Centre Annexe, Lecture Room -I, New Delhi

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Welcome &amp; Registration</b> 2:45 PM – 3:00 PM</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Financing Sustainable Cities Initiative Context Setting</b> WRI 3:00 PM – 3:10 PM</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Policy Address: Steering India Towards a Resource-Efficient Future</b> Mr. Kunal Kumar, Mission Director, Smart Cities Mission Mr. Saurabh Kumar, Managing Director, Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) Dr. Ayesha Chaudhary, Atal Innovation Mission Mr. Jagan Shah, Director, National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) Dr. O.P. Agarwal, CEO, WRI India 3:10 PM – 3:40 PM</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TheCityFix Labs</b> Lead: Ms. Jaya Dhindaw, WRI India 3:40 PM – 3:50PM</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Operationalizing Sustainability: A Conversation with Investors and Entrepreneurs</b> <i>Moderator</i> – Ms. Jaya Dhindaw, WRI</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Sudhir Krishna, Chairman committee on Indicators for Smart Cities - Bureau of Indian Standards Mr. Tanmay Tathagat, Executive Director of the Environmental Design Solutions Dr. Aditya Dev Sood, Vihara Innovation Network Mr Palash Srivastava, Principal consultant, South pole carbon asset management company 3:50 PM – 4:50 PM</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Application Information Session</b> 4:50 PM – 5:00 PM</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Networking and Tea</b> 5:00 PM onwards</p>

### ***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.