



SESSION DESCRIPTION

D5 The Urban Nexus - Tool to Localize and Deliver Global Agendas

Panel discussion

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OBJECTIVE

The rapid urbanization coupled with changing climate calls for an innovative and integrated approach to efficiently manage the limited resources specially water, food and energy. There is a greater need of building urban resilience by focusing on trade-offs and synergies thereby enhancing resource use efficiency and improved policy coherence. The Urban Nexus approach applies to the management of resources at the city level and serves as an ideal entry point to addressing landmark global agendas adopted in 2015 and 2016, mainly the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Climate Agreement and the New Urban Agenda. Both, i.e., global agendas and the nexus approach promote synergies and the use of innovative policies and technologies to achieve co-benefits

The session primarily draws from lessons and insights in the implementation of the regional project, GIZ Integrated Resource Management in Asian Cities: The Urban Nexus funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The project is implemented by GIZ in cooperation with ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability and UNESCAP as political partner. The project applies a multi-level and multi sectoral approach supporting twelve cities in seven countries in Asia including China, India, Indonesia, Mongolia, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam, respective national level authorities and ministries as well as the academia in developing cross-sectoral infrastructure projects.

OUTCOMES

Participants will understand and appreciate the importance of integration across jurisdictions and sectors required to optimize resources and develop co-benefits; challenges with respect to horizontal and vertical integration, financial constraints and role of local governments in contributing to the different global agendas.



METHODOLOGY

- The facilitator will open the session with a short introduction and overview of the session. **(5 minutes)**
- Technical Expert from Regional GIZ Urban Nexus will present on the success and challenges of the overall project implementation. **(10 minutes)**
- UNESCAP will discuss its role as political partner in the project and the opportunities to align urban nexus initiatives with global agendas. **(10 minutes)**
- City leaders/representatives from project cities will present their experiences and challenges while adopting a nexus approach across the various dimensions of governance; inclusive-decision making; urban planning; finance/business practices; and science, technology and innovation dimensions via guided questions. **(30 minutes)**
- Each panelist will have the opportunity to briefly describe a project/s in which gender was actively considered within their region **(20 minutes)**
- The facilitator will manage questions and answers from the audience. **(10 minutes)**
- The host will conclude with closing remarks. **(5 minutes)**

CONTRIBUTORS

Facilitator	<i>Emani Kumar, Executive Director, ICLEI South Asia, New Delhi, India</i>
Speaker	<i>Ralph Trosse, Technical Expert, GIZ Urban Nexus</i>
Speaker	<i>Stefanos Fotiou, Director, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP</i>
Panelist	<i>Representative from Nagpur Municipal Corporation (tbc)</i>
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