



## SESSION DESCRIPTION

# F3 Moving from strategies to financing urban climate resilience in diverse stakeholder landscapes

## Panel discussion

**Date:** Friday, May 30, 2014

**Time:** 16:45-18:15

**Rooms:** S34-35

**Language:** English

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## OBJECTIVE

This interactive panel discussion will use specific cases in India to explore the question of how cities can move from broad climate resilience strategies to implementing concrete infrastructure projects that support local resilience. The purpose of the panel is to share experiences of different actors involved in identifying, prioritizing, developing, and financing resilient infrastructure projects, including those that enhance local resilience to climate change.

Specifically, panelists will share experiences on how cities can:

- Integrate concepts of redundancy, flexibility/robustness, and responsiveness into city plans and strategies;
- Apply tools to identify infrastructure projects that are both bankable and resilience oriented;
- Determine the economic costs and benefits of climate change adaptation in urban environments; and
- Attract funding for infrastructure projects, including climate financing.

Participants will be encouraged to share their experiences during the session to facilitate peer learning and discussion.

## OUTCOMES

Participants will:

- Gain a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities for identifying, prioritizing, developing, and financing resilient infrastructure projects in urban areas;
- Receive an introduction to the tools and processes that contribute to building urban resilience;
- Engage with other interested actors in this space; and
- Take this knowledge with them to apply in their own cities and regions.



## METHODOLOGY

- The facilitator will provide an introduction to the session and set the scene. **(5 minutes)**
- Panelist presentations. **(4 x 10 minutes)**
- Question and answer period with the audience. **(10 minutes)**
- Presentation of city experiences. **(10 minutes)**
- Question and answer period with the audience. **(10 minutes)**
- Sharing experiences and open questions. **(15 minutes)**

### Guiding questions:

1. How useful are vulnerability assessments in identifying resilience projects?
2. What skills do cities need to identify and develop resilient infrastructure projects?
3. What are the key barriers to financing resilient infrastructure projects?
4. What can national governments and international organizations do to better support cities in identifying, planning, and financing their infrastructure needs in the new climate change considerations?

## CONTRIBUTORS

Facilitator *Philipp Schuck, Advisor, Participatory Development Program in Urban Areas, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Cairo, Egypt (Tbc)*

Panelist *Sunandan Tiwari, Deputy Director, ICLEI South Asia Secretariat, New Delhi, India*

### Planning for climate resilience.

The presentation will describe the pathway that is being trialed to help cities plan for climate resilience and to access finances to implement corresponding interventions. It will discuss merits and challenges of key components of this process.

Panelist *Sasank Vemuri, Climate Change Adviser, Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA), City of Pasig, Philippines (tbc)*

### Prioritizing and developing urban infrastructure

Many cities in the developing world find it challenging to undertake the task of programming and prioritizing strategic infrastructure investments to develop projects that can be presented to financiers. The presentation focuses on CDIA's City Infrastructure Investment Prioritization and Programming (CIIPP) Toolkit, which supports cities in identifying development oriented, bankable infrastructure projects to increase climate reliance.



Panelist *Peter King, Team Leader Project Preparation and Adaptation Finance, USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific, Bangkok, Thailand*

**Linking cities to finance**

This presentation will discuss the role of USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific to date in helping countries to access climate finance and share lessons learned. It will also propose a way forward for it cities to ensure that bankable projects are prepared that move beyond strategy documents.

Panelist *Tikender Singh Panwar Deputy Mayor, Shimla Municipal Corporation, India*

**Challenges & opportunities for accessing infrastructure finance: Insights from Shimla**

The Deputy Mayor will outline activities that the City of Shimla is undertaking in its efforts to adopt a resilient development pathway and will discuss specific challenges it faces with a focus on accessing supporting infrastructure financing. Opportunities for moving ahead will also be explored.