



Inclusive and climate-sensitive urban development

Exchange series to advise, network and jointly develop solutions to challenges in your municipality



Hosted by the Sector Networks **SNGA / TUEWAS** via their cross-sectoral working group **TURBOCLIC** – (Transformation – Urban Opportunities – Climate Change), consisting of projects implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, and the GIZ project **LICA** (Liveable and Inclusive Cities for All)



Background

Many countries in Asia face the dual challenge of **managing rapid urbanisation** in sustainable ways while also adapting to the enormous impacts of climate change. Urban areas, especially near the coast or along rivers, are severely affected by climate change, for example by flooding, overheating and other extreme weather events. Because they are growing so rapidly, cities often encounter **complex challenges**, which they are not well equipped to address. The increasing degradation of the urban environment particularly affects valuable "**green spaces**" (such as public parks, recreation areas, playgrounds, riverbanks) and "**blue spaces**" (surface waters such as reservoirs, canals, and rivers). Their functions as air filters, floodplains, and drainage areas as well as the role they play in heat reduction are being lost due to urbanisation. This is exacerbated by inadequate urban management, with **waste** treatment being a key issue. Pressures on urban **biodiversity** endanger ecosystems and species, in turn further degrading the environment and negatively impacting liveability and livelihoods in cities. Women, children, the youth, the elderly and the poor urban population are particularly vulnerable to these developments. To enhance the quality of life of the city residents and to adapt to and **mitigate** climate change, it is essential to provide better **citizen participation** formats and **capacitate local authorities** and relevant stakeholders with the necessary skills and knowledge.

The exchange series aims to address these topics and to promote inclusive and climate-sensitive urban development. In up to 6 online exchanges, municipal practitioners from GIZ partner cities as well as national partners and GIZ staff will learn about best practice examples and benchmarks from other municipalities as well as insights from research and academia in Germany, Europe, and Asia. The formats will enable discussions on local challenges in Asia, the exchange of experiences, and the joint development, adaptation, and multiplication of solutions.

Online exchanges focusing on:

- **Blue Spaces**
- **Urban Biodiversity**
- **Green Spaces**
- **Solid Waste Management**
- **Capacity Development**
- **Citizen Participation, Gender, Youth**

Contributions to:



Participants

- National implementation partners of GIZ projects;
- Municipal practitioners from GIZ partner municipalities and cities;
- Universities/research institutions cooperating with municipalities;
- Civil society organisations cooperating with municipalities
- GIZ projects working on related topics

TUrbOcliC is a long-standing cross-sectoral community comprising of members from the TUEWAS (Transport, Environment, Energy and Water in Asia) and SNGA (Governance in Asia) networks. Our work mainly focuses on the topics of environmental management, urban climate change and urban governance, namely – smart cities, urban resilience, net-zero cities, innovative climate financing, urban living labs, localizing the global goals, capacity development, among others.

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Tandem-Partners from Headquarters: Charlotte Pusch and Dr. Sandra Schuster

Inputs for the exchanges series are provided and arranged by

- Bangladesh: Liveable and Inclusive Cities for All ([LICA](#))
- India: Sustainable Urban Development - Smart Cities ([SUDSC](#)) II
- Regional: Integrated Urban Climate Action for Low-Carbon and Resilient Cities ([Urban Act](#))
- India: Cities Combatting Plastic entering the Marine Environment ([CCP-ME](#))
- Bangladesh: Strengthening Institutions for Climate-Adapted Drinking Water Resources Management in Dhaka ([Saidabad](#))
- And many others

The series is conceptualised and managed by [LICA](#) and [TUrbOcliC](#)

Tentative planning (Online sessions of 90min via MS Teams with inputs + interactive discussion) *

Exchange #1 - July 15th - 10.00 - 11.30 CET

Blue Spaces



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- PolyUrbanWaters
- City of Sleman, Indonesia
- GIZ Urban Act Project

Exchange #2 - August 14th

Urban Biodiversity

- GIZ Bangladesh Biodiversity Cluster
- GIZ Sector Programme Cities
- GIZ LICA Project and partner city

Exchange #3 - September 12th (tbc)

Waste Management

- Padang, Indonesia and Hildesheim, Germany
“Tackling the challenges of municipal waste management” (tbc)
- UN Habitat Waste Wise Cities
- GIZ CCP-ME Project (tbc)

Exchange #4 - November (tbc)

Green Spaces

- Natura - Nature-based solutions for Urban Resilience in the Anthropocene (tbc)
- GIZ Urban Act Project (tbc)

Exchange #5 - December (tbc)

Capacity Development

- Past approaches within TUrbOcliC, e.g. in India
- GIZ Urban Act Project and UNESCAP
- GIZ LICA project

Exchange #6 - January (tbc)

Citizen Participation

- GIZ PartiCipate (tbc)
- GIZ CCP-ME Project (tbc)
- tbc

Additional exchange during Urban October

During Urban October there will be an interactive and practice oriented session on systems thinking approaches in urban settings.

***Sessions will be recorded and made available afterwards, together with additional materials**

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