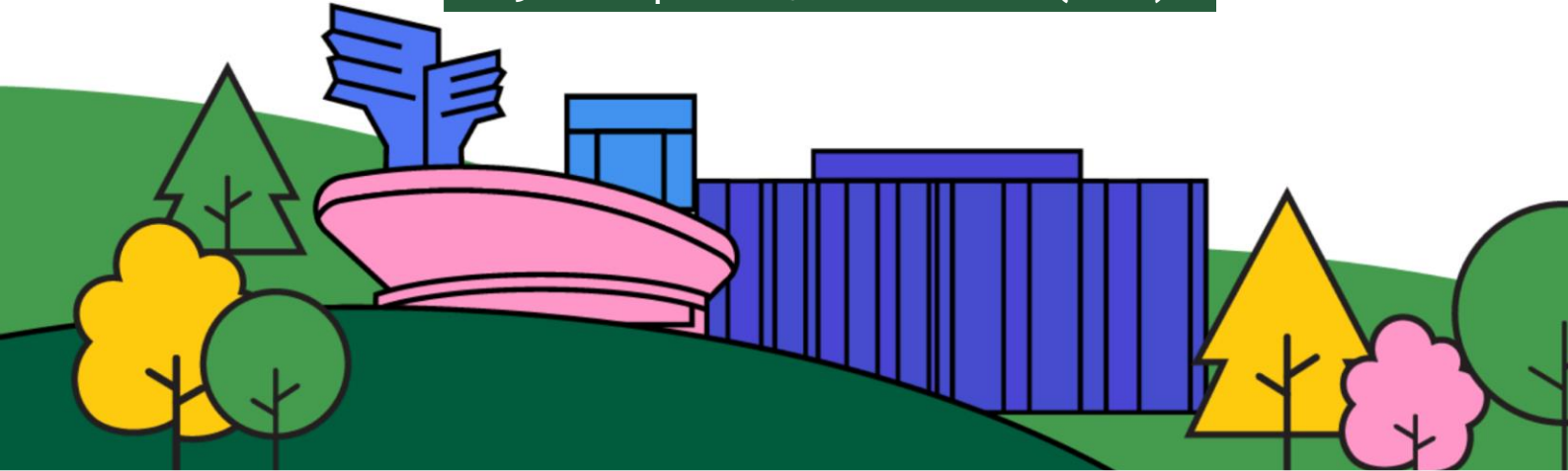




Sustainable Urban Transformation of Cities through Innovative Approaches Launch and Panel Discussion

29th June | Time: 17.00 – 18.00 Hrs (CEST)



17.00 – 18.00 hrs	“Sustainable Urban Transformation of Cities through Innovative Approaches” NIUA Pavilion 29 th June, 2022 Time: 17.00 – 18:00 hrs	
17.00 – 17.05 hrs	Welcome Remarks	Welcome address by <i>Mr. Sanjay Seth, Senior Director, Sustainable Habitat Program, TERI</i>
17.05 – 17.10 hrs	Context Setting	Elaborating on TERI’s Knowledge Partnership and PULL by <i>TERI</i>
17.10 – 17.20 hrs	Keynote Address and Launch of Knowledge Product, by <i>Sh. Sanjay Kumar, Additional Secretary, MoHUA*</i>	
17.20 – 17.50 hrs	Panel Discussion	Moderated by <i>Mr. Sanjay Seth, Senior Director, Sustainable Habitat Program, TERI</i> Panellists – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. Hitesh Vaidya, Director, NIUA</i> - <i>Mr. Hans Peter Egler, Director, Sustainable Infrastructure, South Pole</i> - <i>Mr. Phil Marker, Country Director, Oxford Policy Management*</i> - <i>Ms. Neel Strobaek, Senior Group Director, Ramboll*</i>
17.50 – 18.00 hrs	Q & A with Audience	Interaction with audience on adopting global urban practices in cities

*TBC

CONCEPT NOTE

Cities around the world are dealing with daunting challenges, such as rapid urbanization, population growth and climate change. At the same time, they are also overwhelmed by infrastructure deficits and inadequate provision of urban services, making them even more prone to climate change impacts. Cities, therefore, need a fundamental shift in urban development and management processes in order to overcome these challenges and achieve overall sustainability.

Developing sustainable and bankable urban development projects at the local level can be achieved by integrating innovative global solutions that are specific to the local context while simultaneously enhancing the capacities of city governments to do so. Learning from international best practices and experiences play a major role developing the momentum to accelerate sustainable urban development.

TERI believes that a platform like the World Urban Forum presents a great opportunity for exchanging ideas, experiences and co-creating solutions to establish a sustainable future for our growing cities. Hence, to engage further with this urban discourse, the session on ***'Sustainable Urban Transformation of Cities through Innovative Approaches'***, aims to provide a platform for stakeholders to share their perspectives on implementing innovative sustainable approaches in cities as well as to showcase their initiatives and results achieved so far. The session, which will be in the form of a panel discussion, will also discuss the various challenges faced and provide an opportunity to discuss innovative ways to tackle them as a potential way forward.

In addition to the panel discussion, TERI will be presenting its knowledge product on ***'Enabling Cities to Implement Innovative Sustainable Urban Solutions'***. The Knowledge Product, developed by TERI and South Pole, with the support of the Royal Danish Embassy (RDE), addresses various challenges that cities face in achieving climate-resilient and sustainable urban development by providing actionable guidance to identify, design and implement innovative sustainable solutions.

The session is aimed towards urban practitioners, Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and municipal corporations/municipalities of existing as well as proposed cities, research institutes, policy think tanks, academia, and university graduate students from backgrounds related to urban studies and policymaking.

Objectives:

The objectives of the event include the following:

- Presenting and disseminating the Knowledge Product - ***'Enabling Cities to Implement Innovative Sustainable Urban Solutions'***.
- Panel discussion on ***'Sustainable Urban Transformation of Cities through Innovative Approaches'*** to enhance the perspectives and talk about innovations for integrating and mainstreaming sustainable development across sectors.
- Building partnerships to create synergies, while integrating innovative ideas into the management and operations of cities.

Guiding Questions:

Q1. How can we broaden the city's capacity to design, implement and finance innovative sustainable and climate resilient urban solutions?

Q2. To meet the infrastructure demand of the future, cities need to have a far sighted vision. How can cities prepare themselves to manoeuvre their assets and resources in providing so?

Q3. How can diverse stakeholders (citizens, private sector, civil society organisations) contribute in the sustainable urban transformation of the cities?

Q4. How can a data-driven governance approach enable city governments in sustainable urban transformation?