

## **PROGRAMME**

**Centre for Science and Environment and  
Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority**

### **Kolkata City Dialogue on Air Quality and Transportation Challenge: An Agenda for Action**

**March 16, 2011  
Royal Bengal Auditorium, City Centre, Salt Lake City  
Kolkata**

**10.00-10.30 AM: Registration**

**10.30-10.45 AM: Welcome address**

*Vivek Bhardwaj, chief executive officer, Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority (KMDA)*

**10.45-11.15 AM: Citizens' report on air quality and mobility challenges and the agenda for debate**

*Anumita Roychowdhury, executive director-research and advocacy, Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)*

**11.15-11.30 AM: Address** by *Debashis Sen, principal secretary, Urban Development Department, Government of West Bengal*

**11.30-11.45 AM: Address** by *R P S Kahlon, principal secretary, Transport Department, Government of West Bengal*

**11.45 AM-12.00: Address** by *Samar Ghosh, chief secretary, Government of West Bengal*

**12.00-12.05 PM: Vote of thanks**

**12.05-12.15 PM: Tea break**

**12.15-1.30 PM: Setting the action agenda for clean air and sustainable mobility in Kolkata – 1**

- Emerging public health, air quality issues in the city: *Manas Ranjan Ray, head, Department of Experimental Hematology, Chittaranjan National Cancer Research Institute*
- Emerging air quality challenges in Kolkata: *Ujjal Mukhopadhyay, chief scientist, West Bengal Pollution Control Board*
- Challenges and strategy under city mobility plan for Kolkata: *T K Mitra, advisor, planning, KMDA*
- Towards sustainable mobility in Indian cities: *Dinesh Mohan, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi*

**1.30-2.15 PM: Lunch**

2.15-3.30 PM: **Setting the agenda – 2**

- Strategies to reduce dependence on cars and congestion: *Gautam Mohan Chakraborty, commissioner of police, Kolkata*
- Role of KMC in making the city more walkable and livable: *Arnab Roy, commissioner, KMC*
- Role of public action for clean air: *Subhash Datta, environmentalist*
- Role of tramways in future mobility transition of Kolkata: *Debasish Bhattacharyya, scientist, Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, Kolkata*
- Parking policy as a travel demand management tool: *KMDA*

3.30-4.15 PM: **Open forum** (discussions and conclusion)