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PAN-ASIA CAPACITY BUILDING ROUNDTABLE CUM WORKSHOP ON 'WATER – WASTEWATER AND SANITATION SENSITIVE PLANNING FOR CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE BUILDING IN SOUTH ASIAN CITIES'

Date: **9 February, 2022** | Platform: **Zoom** | Time: **2:00 - 4:30** (IST)

PARTICIPATION BY INVITATION ONLY

Today cities in the Global South face the enormous task of dealing with future growth, water scarcity issues, climate change impacts and equitable access to essential health care and better water management. In addition to this, cities are currently grappling with a pandemic; and while we tackle the widespread impacts of COVID-19, it does seem clear that this disruption will make cities (re)-think how we can integrate water and sanitation sensitive urban planning in our development scenarios in wake of climate change.

Water and sanitation sensitive urban planning allows cities to mimic the natural water cycle and helps to address local and city level concerns on water supply management, pollution abatement and urban flooding, that can not only restore the water cycle in urban areas

but also help build urban resilience in the wake of climate change. Strategies with onus on rain/stormwater harvesting, decentralised wastewater treatment and local reuse, lake and wetland rejuvenation, etc. provide an opportunity for equitable access to resources and develop resilience for climate change.

The Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), India under its global water programme has over the past 5 years trained more than 200 practitioners from South Asia and has developed long-term partnerships with various institutions to mainstream sustainable urban water management practices. As we work towards achieving our SDGs, it is important that we develop mechanisms for action research, knowledge-sharing, capacity building and implementation of model/pilot projects.

AIM & OBJECTIVES

The overall aim of this two day workshop is to connect with key water sector players and practitioners (including training courses alumni) and discuss opportunities for developing regional partnerships for mainstreaming sustainable urban water management practices in South Asia.

The key objectives are to:

- Engage in a multi stakeholder dialogue and experience sharing on key water-wastewater and climate change issues and challenges
- Understand existing water and sanitation enabling frameworks – Policy, Planning, Programmes and Projects
- Identify opportunities and challenges in implementing water and sanitation sensitive interventions in South Asian cities
- Identify target areas and sectors for regional partnerships for water-wastewater and climate change issues and challenges

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