



Greater Bengaluru Authority

Office of the Special Commissioner, Forests, Environment, Climate Change Management

Proceedings of meeting held on 15-09-2025 under the Chairpersonship of Special Commissioner (Forest, Environment, Climate Change Management) regarding the Implementation of Bengaluru Climate Action and Resilience Plan (BCAP)

Date: 15.09.2025

Time: 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Venue: GBA Head office

Participants:

1. Smt. Preeti Gehlot, IAS, Special Commissioner (Forest, Environment, Climate Change Management) GBA
2. Shrimoyee, Praseeda, Manoj from WRI
3. Satish Mallya, Arun Kumar from BAF
4. Chinnaiah, Chinmayi from Hasirudala
5. Bhargavi, Michelle from Socratus
6. Siji Chacko, Basavaraj Samshi, Mamatha from Jansaahas
7. Anam Husain from WELL Labs
8. Anjali Mohan, Justin Andrews from INDE
9. Ankit Bhargava from Sensing local

Agenda

1. Discussion on forming the working group
2. Roles, responsibilities and expectations of member organisations
3. Understanding organisations' opinions and interest in participating

1. Presentation and Context

- A detailed presentation was made to explain the process of shortlisting 10 wards across 5 city corporations. The presentation highlighted the need for a working group to drive the implementation of WCAP and elaborated on the expectations from such a group.
- It was also shared that a Ward Climate Action Plan report will be prepared for each ward. These reports will contain in-depth insights into the current situation, key challenges faced, actions that can be taken, and a prioritisation of these actions for effective implementation.

2. Key Discussion Points from Participants

- Participants suggested that there is a strong need to come up with a specific Apartment Climate Action Plan, as a large proportion of citizens reside in apartment complexes. It was felt that addressing climate action in this segment could ensure wider reach and greater participation from communities.

- It was recommended to develop a phase-wise action plan or a process template which can be used as a ready reference by entities and organisations that are not yet familiar with climate action initiatives.
- A suggestion was made to create a framework that brings together all organisations, along with details of their sector of work, specific expertise and skills. This would enable better alignment of each organisation's strengths with the needs of WCAP implementation.
- Some proposed a project-up approach, whereby specific projects could be identified first and then data could be collected and analysed around these projects. This approach would help in grounding the plan with practical, data-backed insights.
- It was also highlighted that there is a need to identify data gaps across potential projects in all eight sectors under WCAP.
- Color-coded maps showing water flow and the potential for nature-based solutions (NbS) should be developed. Such visual tools would help in better understanding the ward-level situation and in identifying opportunities for practical interventions.

Role and expectations of working group

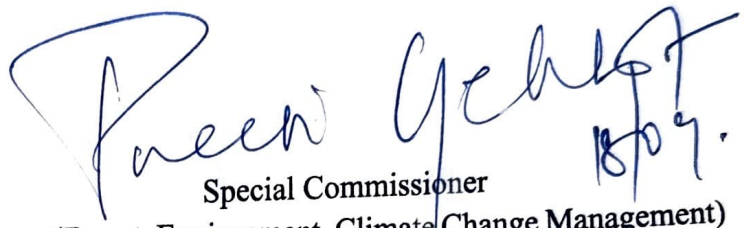
- Provide technical and sectoral expertise, including tools, analysis, local stakeholder engagement, and knowledge partner support.
- Drive the preparation of WCAP Action Plans, curate the report framework, and ensure quality delivery for all 10 shortlisted wards by January 2026.
- Guide and collaborate closely with CAC fellows, while coordinating with other Working Group members for seamless progress.
- Periodically convene to review progress, update CAC, and ensure accountability.
- Commit dedicated resources and take ownership to fulfil these responsibilities effectively.

Special Commissioner's inputs

- The Special Commissioner emphasised the importance of completing the WCAP report within the stipulated time frame, highlighting that timely delivery is critical for further progress.
- The significance of establishing and strengthening the working group was underlined, as it will play a central role in driving the Ward Climate Action Plan forward.
- The Special Commissioner recommended preparing a matrix for the WCAP, which would serve as a structured tool to align actions, responsibilities, and monitoring mechanisms.
- The Special Commissioner further noted that the Ward Climate Action Reports must include a clear and acceptable narrative. This narrative should be drafted in a manner that ward-level officials and engineers can easily understand, relate to and act upon

Next steps

- The Working Group members are to be finalised, along with formal commitment from their respective organisations.
- A meeting of the Working Group will be convened in the fourth week of September to initiate coordination and planning.
- A follow-up meeting between the Special Commissioner and the Working Group will be scheduled in the second week of October to review progress.


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