Office Of The Special Commissioner, Forests, Environment, Climate Change Management

Proceedings of meeting held on 05-07-2024 under the Chairpersonship of Special Commissioner (Forest, Environment, Climate Change Management) regarding the implementation of Bengaluru Climate Action and Resilience Plan (BCAP)

Date: 05.07.2024   Time: 02:30 PM- 4:30 PM   Venue: BBMP Head Office

Participants:

1. Smt. Preeti Gehlot IAS, Special Commissioner (Forest, Environment, Climate Change Management) BBMP
2. Mr. Vijay Kumar Haridas, Chief Engineer, Lakes, BBMP
3. Mr. Prakash, ACF, BBMP
4. Dr. Priya Narayanan, Senior Program Manager- Urban Development, WRI India
5. Ms. Praseeda Mukundan, Senior Program Research Associate- Urban Development, WRI India
6. Mr. Arun Manohar, Senior Program Associate- Urban Development, WRI India
7. Ms. Suhani Gupta, Senior Program Associate- Sustainable Cities and Transport, WRI India
8. Mr. Zair Belgami, Program Research Associate- Urban Development, WRI India
9. Mr. Maouli, Intern- Urban Development, WRI India
10. Ms. Anukriti, Intern- Urban Development, WRI India

Agenda:

Discussions were held on the following activities taken up by the Climate Action Cell (CAC) and next steps on these were suggested by the Special Commissioner:

- Mapathon Event held on weekends (15th and 16th June), (22nd and 23rd June 2024) at the BBMP office, Bommanahalli zone
- Status of ongoing activities of Climate Action Cell (CAC)
- Documentation of Good Practices

Key decisions and next steps:

1. Mapathon Event

- The Mapathon Event was held on 15th,16th, 22nd and 23rd June 2024 at the BBMP office, Bommanahalli zone. There were around 32 participants for this event who took part in this community led greening initiative. They were from NGOs, civil society organisations, RWAs, etc.
- Following are the suggestions given by Special Commissioner on the next steps to be taken here:

On-Ground Verification:
- o **Importance:** Emphasized the critical nature of on-ground verification.
- o **Timeline:** 7 days allocated for ground truthing.
- o **Responsible Person:** Mr. Babu, Bommanahalli Forest Officer, will lead the efforts.

Plantation Activities:
- o **Post-Verification:** To commence post-verification from 15/07/2024.

- o **Current Status:** Tenders for plantation are already out.
- o **Community Involvement:** Engagement through social media to encourage community participation in plantation and maintenance.
- o **Geo-Tagging:** All plants will be geo-tagged for monitoring.
- o **Potential Planting Sites:** Locations will be updated with latitude and longitude on the CAC website.

Maintenance:
- o **Hasiru Rakshaka (HR) Involvement:** Responsible for maintenance.
- o **Fencing:** Temporary tree guards made of bamboo will be provided by BBMP.

Website Updates:
- o **Regular Updates:** Details of plantation activities to be updated on the website on 15/07/2024.
- o **Monthly Updates:** Continued monthly updates on progress.
- o **Expansion:** Plans to scale activities to other zones based on success.

Urban Forest Focus:
- o **Emphasis:** Focus on urban forest development rather than avenue plantation.
- o **Objective:** Create dense, sustainable urban forests in designated areas.
- o **Timeline:** Plantation activities mainly in the 3rd and 4th weeks of July 2024.
- o **Support:** Friends of CAC could assist in Mapathon Plantation.
- o **Identified Locations:** 35 locations by BBMP for plantation; 100 locations mapped by WRI India covering about 200 hectares.
- o **Temporary Tree Guards:** Bamboo guards by BBMP.

2. Status of CAC Activities:

- *Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting (MER):*
  - o Stocking taking of ongoing departmental activities aligned with BCAP was an ongoing activity. However, only few departments have shared their list of ongoing activities. These are BWSSB, BESCOM, BMRCL, BSWML (partially), BBMP Dept. (Roads, Lakes, Horticulture)
  - o A email is to be sent from CAC with a letter from Chief Commissioner, addressed to all other stakeholder departments to share their list of ongoing activities aligned with BCAP.
  - o Next round of meeting with stakeholder departments will be scheduled in August.
- *Capacity Building- Fellows Programme:*
  - o Notification of the fellows program is to be published in next 2 days.
  - o Detailed discussions on the fellows program will be scheduled for the next CAC meeting.
- *Partner Ecosystem for participation and engagement:*
  - o **Friends of CAC**
    - Total no. of registrations till date is 171.
    - Another CAC meeting is to be scheduled to discuss the modalities, communication channel, engagement, etc. of Friends of CAC.
  - o **Datajam**
    - Opencity.in has shared a note with CAC on conducting a Datajam.
    - A meeting is to be scheduled early next week to discuss the modalities.
- *Adaptation Resilience Finance(ARF) Project:*
  - o To arrive at the AR projects in Bengaluru, WRI India reached out to departments along with the stocktaking exercise. This national level project preparation facility will help the city identify gaps in gaps in implementation of AR projects.

- WRI India in collaboration with the Climate Action Cell will be planning an event/workshop to sensitise the departments on this activity. This will be planned for August 2024.

3. Good Practice Documentation:

- WRI India team presented the good practice documentation template and the draft google form to collect entries. Special Commissioner approved the template and the structure of the google form. The structure of the google form is as follows:
    - Section 1: Introduction and intention of the exercise.
    - Section 2: Respondent details and participation in solution implementation.
    - Section 3: Details of the blue-green solution, partners involved, timeline, sector addressed, process, funding, and maintenance.
    - Section 4: Outcome of the solution, impact on GHG emissions, and resilience.
    - Section 5: Additional information including pictures, videos, and links.
- WRI India team also presented a process for documentation of 'Good Practices', which was approved by the Special Commissioner. It broadly includes:
    - CAC Fellows will be responsible for collecting good practices through the google form.
    - Friends of CAC platform shall be used for gathering good practices.
    - Technical Committee will be responsible for screening and validating the entries received (based on sectors) and select 'Good Practices' from the entries.
    - CAC fellows will be responsible for translating google form entries into the documentation template (post ground truthing)
    - The final templates will be hosted in CAC webpage and social media handles
    - This will be a cyclic process and new good practices will be uploaded on a quarterly basis.
- WRI India will support CAC in developing 2 good practices. These templates will be shared with CAC by August 2024.
- The webpage of CAC should be revised to include a structure to best arrange the documented 'good practices'.
- Special Commissioner suggested that BBMP's media group could be involved in amplifying the 'good practices'.

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