



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

Proceedings of meeting held on 20-12-2024 under the Chairpersonship of Special Commissioner (Forest, Environment, Climate Change Management) regarding the Implementation of Bengaluru Climate Action and Resilience Plan (BCAP)

Date: 20.12.2024

Time: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Venue: East Zone office

**Participants:**

1. Smt. Preeti Gehlot, IAS, Special Commissioner (Forest, Environment, Climate Change Management) BBMP
2. Ms Praseeda Mukundan, Senior Program Research Associate - Urban Development, WRI India
3. Mr. Zair Belgami, Program Research Associate, WRI India
4. Ms. Sharada, Program Manager for B-CAC
5. Ms. Meghana, CAC Fellow, BBMP
6. Mr. Sanjay, CAC Fellow, BBMP
7. Mr. Suraj, CAC Fellow, BBMP
8. Ms. Bhuvana, CAC Fellow, BBMP

**Agenda**

1. To Follow-up on the ideation session held on 18th December at WRI office.
2. To focus on gathering inputs and strategies for actionable steps towards localised climate action

**Key discussions**

**1. Overarching approach/ methodology:**

- a. The Action research approach identifies 3 key stages for localizing climate action:
  - 1) Evidence building, 2) Action implementation and 3) Enabling scale-up.
    - 1) Evidence building aims to get micro level data from wards which would help in setting the base for local action, identifying the unit/ local area of work for implementing climate action and to understand ground realities, key issues and risks.
    - 2) Action implementation will depend on the evidence building activity through which the actions to be implemented at the respective unit can be decided, followed by the detailing and identifying the scope of the action.
    - 3) Enabling scale-up will include replicating the above two steps along with the learnings and corrections wherever required.
  - b. The key outputs of this exercise of localizing climate action will be to - Demonstrate local climate actions and prepare a 'Guidance Document' which will

guide the city to replicate and scale up localized climate actions. This approach was mutually agreed upon.

## 2. 'Ward Factsheet' to support the evidence building process

- a. Participating organisations (on 18<sup>th</sup>), deliberated upon ways to integrate the 'Ward Factsheet' in the 'Evidence Building' stage.
- b. It was suggested that, there should be two sets of datapoints:
  - Basic factsheet* (like demography, social infrastructure, ward details etc which is common for all wards)
  - Deep-dive factsheet* (for selected/shortlisted wards- based on the problem/ sector of intervention selected for demonstrating action in that ward )
- c. Datapoints from the Ward Factsheet could be referred as a starting point to come up with the above-mentioned factsheets.
- d. The ward factsheet to be altered focusing on what is needed in the lens of BCAP
- e. Specific 'Working groups' could be formed to develop the *Deep-dive factsheets*.
- f. Ward fellows to come up with the first draft of template for basic data set and deep-dive data set in discussion with respective stakeholder organisation
- g. Special Commissioner mentioned that the *basic factsheet* should be collected for all wards in the city and not limited to the shortlisted wards. G-form can be circulated to the BBMP ward officers to fill in the data. For the shortlisted wards, the CAC fellows will collect information on the *Deep-dive factsheets*

## 3. Shortlisting of wards for pilots

- a. Following are the criteria listed for Ward Selection:
  - Spatial heterogeneity – Core / Periphery / Area cover
  - Medium to high exposure to hazards
  - Ecosystem presence/engagement – Friends of CAC working in particular wards
  - Political backing
- b. A map was shown overlaying the data of wards which are exposed to high hazards and the distribution of friends of CAC group who are working at respective wards
- c. This approach was accepted by Special Commissioner. She also highlighted the importance of political backing in ward selection. Special Commissioner will discuss this with her higher authorities. A meeting with DCM and CC will be planned for next week.



#### 4. Arrive at a broad consensus on: What does hyperlocal climate action look like

Following are the priorities/realistic outcomes for one-year, that came out of the ideation session:

- a. Water & BGIN Related
  - Minimize flooding through measures including stormwater management
  - Stop entry of sewage into lakes
  - Increase in rainwater harvesting (for both public & private buildings)
  - Increase in Blue-Green Infrastructure: Recharge wells, groundwater recharge, etc., Sapling plantation, Lake rejuvenation including effective STPs (explore the possibility of grey water circular economy, development of Parks, Rejuvenation of open wells)
- b. Solid Waste
  - Increase waste segregation at source
  - Increased waste processing inside the ward
  - In-situ waste management for BBMP buildings
  - Construction and Demolition waste
- c. Mobility
  - Improved bus connectivity
  - Increase in NMT infrastructure (footpaths, cycling tracks, etc.)
- d. Energy
  - Renewable energy (solar panels) in all Government buildings, schools, hospitals, clinics, etc
  - Increase in uptake of Cool Roofs

Special commissioner suggested on adding C&D waste and development of parks as part of the actions (added above)

#### 5. Tools that can be used for evidence building & community engagement

- a. The *Samaja App* by Reap Benefit could be used as a platform for data collection & evidence building.
- b. There are various other ways of community engagement – best practices from partners could be integrated in the process. E.g. Card-based tools, Games, Citizen jury
- c. Special Commissioner agreed to this.





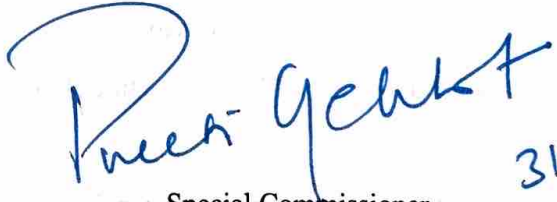
## 6. Way Forward:

Following are the immediate next steps:

- a. **Selection of wards:** WRI India will work on the shortlisting few wards based on hazard risk and geography of 'Friends of CAC' based on information received over G-form. Final ward selection will be done by CAC. Special commissioner suggested on taking 2 wards per fellow.

Special commissioner insisted on having a discussion with the CC and DCM regarding ward selection before reaching out to the MLAs or Ward Officers.

- b. **Template for data collection** - First draft by first week of January, 2025
- c. **Development of Deep-dive fact sheet:** Different partner organisations will be invited to contribute to the development of deep-dive (subject-specific) fact sheets.
- d. **Masterclass for fellows** - In January, 2025
- e. **Factsheet** - Will be renamed and revised based on the data that CAC needs
- f. **Co-creation session:** Is being planned tentatively during 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January to take this discussion forward. More organization will be invited to this session, where the larger plan of localizing climate action will be discussed and finalized.

  
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