



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

Proceedings of meeting held on 21-03-2024 under the Chairpersonship of Special Commissioner (Forest, Environment, Climate Change Management) regarding the implementation of Bengaluru Climate Action and Resilience Plan (BCAP)

Date: 21.3.2024

Time: 12:10 PM- 2:45 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. Sri. Chandrasekhar M R, Deputy Director, Horticulture, BBMP
4. Smt. Megha H S Executive Engineer, Lakes, BBMP
5. Ms Shrimoyee Bhattacharya, Program Head, Urban Development, WRI India
6. Mr. Srinivas Alavilli, Fellow, Integrated Transport & Road Safety, WRI India
7. Ms. Praseeda Mukundan, Senior Program Research Associate- Urban Development, WRI India
8. Ms. Suma, Biome Environmental Trust

**Summary of the discussion:**

Special Commissioner (Forest, Environment, Climate Change Management) had a discussion with official from Biome on immediate actions to address water security in the city. This was followed by a discussion with the WRI India team, who presented an outline of action plan recommended for the Climate Action Cell (CAC) covering the following and how these can lead to a long term role for the CAC to develop protocols and processes:

1. Monitoring, evaluation and reporting of BCAP: Taking stock of ongoing initiatives w.r.t BCAP by stakeholder departments
2. Demonstrate actions on ground: decide on a set of low hanging, high impact actions
3. Develop partnerships, Create a platform for participation
4. Capacity building of CAC and stakeholder departments
5. Disseminate BCAP and CAC's activities (IEC- information, education communication activities)
6. Exploratory discussion for new initiatives: Develop a pool of fundable and implementable projects in discussion with stakeholders
7. Climate Budgeting

**Key decisions:**

**1. Water security related actions:**

- Biome will support CAC in devising methodologies and formulating Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the following actions:
  1. Rejuvenation of open wells
  2. Creating recharge wells and rejuvenation of defunct borewells
  3. Installing filter borewells in lakes

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## 2. **Taking stock of ongoing initiatives aligned with BCAP**

- WRI India will continue to coordinate with stakeholder departments on collecting status of BCAP actions on the excel template shared during the VCs' conducted on 26th and 28th of February.

## 3. **Demonstrate actions on-ground**

- The following actions were finalized for on-ground implementation:

### 1. Parks:

- Activities: Recharge borewells, plantation, placement/creation of sumps
- This is to be done across the city

### 2. Lakes:

- Activities: Installing filter borewells, plantation activities, aerators, floating wetlands
- CE Lakes will be sharing the list of lakes in which these activities are to be taken up.

### 3. Schools:

- Activities: Urban farming
- This action is to be piloted in few BBMP schools. The SOPs will be shared with all educational institutions withing BBMP (public and private schools, colleges, universities, etc.)
- WRI India will support CAC in developing a SOP for urban farming schools.

### 4. Wastewater value chain mapping:

- Activities: BBMP and BWSSB are supposed to map Govt. STPs, take stock of current usage of wastewater from private and public STPs.
- This is to be done across the city.

### 5. Open well rejuvenation:

- Activities: Potential locations to be identified based on discussions with citizens at ward levels. Implementation to take up based on the SOPs developed by Biome.

### 6. Rejuvenation of borewells:

- BBMP and BWSSB are supposed to take this up. Engineers from these organizations with identify the locations.

### 7. Afforestation:

- Mapathon to be conducted to identify potential locations for plantation activities.

- For implementing the above activities, Dasarahalli/Bommanhalli/Yelahanka zones will be prioritized.

## 4. **Develop partnerships and create opportunities for participation and engagement**

- CAC will engage with academia, institutions, industry, corporates, etc. to build partnerships and create opportunities for participation.
- CAC will start to setup meetings with such potential partners in the coming weeks. WRI India to suggest potential partners.
- CAC will setup a meeting with KREDL to discuss green transition of buildings.

5. **Capacity building for BCAP implementation**
  - CAC will organize capacity building workshops, facilitate access to knowledge resources to stakeholder departments.
  - CAC will require more human resources to take up its activities.
  - CAC will onboard 'fellows' to help execute projects and deliver on ground. CAC/WRI India will have a discussion with Praja Foundation to explore the possibilities of hiring fellows.
6. **Disseminate BCAP and CAC's activities**
  - For supporting regular outreach and communication activities of the cell, services of a consultant will be hired by CAC.
7. **Exploratory discussion for new initiatives**
  - CAC will initiate exploratory discussions with experts/practitioners/agencies/institutions who can support CAC in identifying new initiatives to be taken up.
  - WRI India will support CAC in developing a potential list of technical experts/agencies/institutions.
8. **Climate Budgeting**
  - Ongoing stock taking exercise (carried out by WRI India) on status of BCAP actions' status updation will provide a base for the climate budgeting exercise.
  - CAC, WRI India and C40 Cities will meet next week to identify further activities and responsibilities.
9. The above will be further detailed-out with a set of activities in a trackable format in an excel sheet for discussion in the next meeting.



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