



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

Proceedings of meeting held on 28-03-2024 under the Chairpersonship of Special Commissioner (Forest, Environment, Climate Change Management) regarding the implementation of Bengaluru Climate Action and Resilience Plan (BCAP)

Date: 28.3.2024

Time: 3:15 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. Sri. Chandrasekhar M R, Deputy Director, Horticulture, BBMP
4. Smt. Megha, Executive Engineer, Lakes
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. Dr. Priya Narayanan, Senior Program Manager, Urban Development, WRI India
9. Ms. Benjamin John, City Adviser, C40 Cities
10. Mr. Susheel Nair, Artand

**Summary of the discussion:**

Special Commissioner (Forest, Environment, Climate Change Management) started the meeting by going through the draft version of the webpage prepared by BBMP's IT cell with the support from WRI India. She then initiated a discussion on the status of activities discussed by the Climate Action Cell (CAC) in previous meetings. This was followed by a discussion with the WRI India team, who presented the following excel templates:

1. Potential list of institutions and experts who could support the CAC
2. List of nodal officers of CAC from various government departments
3. CAC Activities tracker to be maintained for tracking activities being taken up by the cell

WRI India mentioned that these templates are work in progress and will be further built upon based on inputs received and new developments.

**Key decisions:**

1. **Monitoring, evaluation and reporting of BCAP**
  - One to one discussions to be conducted with all departments to familiarize them on BCAP and to take stock of ongoing activities aligned to BCAP.
2. **Project Preparation and Prioritisation**
  - C40 team to consolidate the requirements from project prioritisation exercise with the Stock-Taking exercise currently being carried out by the cell. Any meetings with stakeholder departments to be conducted by any partner is to be channelised through the Climate Action Cell.

- WRI India, C40 team and one official from the CAC will visit key stakeholder departments for familiarizing them on BCAP actions and gather inputs from stock-taking and C40's project prioritization exercise.
- C40 Cities will update the activities/interactions that they are planning to do with departments in the activities tracker excel shared by WRI India.

### 3. Capacity building for BCAP implementation

- Fellows program:
  1. A virtual meeting to be conducted with the following institutions during the third week of May: Praja, APU, IIHS, IIITB and IISc. WRI India will support CAC in initiating this discussion with these institutions.
  2. WRI India will have a conversation with Praja foundation before initiating this VC.
  3. Other institutions to be invited for such discussions at a later stage: IIT Madras, IIT Mumbai, Bangalore University, PESIT, RV College, University of Agricultural Sciences (GKVK), ICFRE-Institute of Wood Science and Technology
- Knowledge sharing and capacity building activities:
  1. One to one discussions to be conducted with stakeholder departments on (as covered under point-1 and 2)
    - Familiarization of BCAP
    - Stock taking on ongoing initiatives aligned to BCAP
    - Introduction to Project prioritisation
- WRI India will prepare an agenda for these meeting with inputs from C40 Cities and share it with the CAC. CAC will schedule these meetings with each departments. Representatives from CAC, WRI India and C40 will be present in these meetings.
- Meeting notice will be issued by the CAC after finalization of agenda and schedule.

### 4. Climate Budgeting

- C40 Cities and WRI India are jointly organizing a webinar on 'Understanding Mumbai's First Climate Budget' on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- WRI India will facilitate a one-to-one discussion between Bengaluru Climate Action Cell and Mumbai's Climate Budgeting team during May. Bengaluru's CAC team, BBMP's finance and planning department, key officials and finance officers of BBMP's internal departments and stakeholder departments outside BBMP are to join this meeting.

### 5. Exploratory discussion for new initiatives

- Meeting to be organized with KREDL to discuss scope of green transition of public buildings.

### 6. Develop partnerships and create opportunities for participation and engagement:

- List of Experts who could support the CAC to be updated. WRI India will share the excel template.
- CAC will conduct a meeting with NSRCEL(IIMB) on *Techathon*.


### 7. Disseminate BCAP and CAC's activities

- CAC webpage:
  1. The changes suggested by the Special Commissioner on the draft version presented, is to be incorporated.
  2. A tab is to be added on 'Best Practices' which is to be updated post polls.
- Outreach and Communication:
  1. A consultant is to be hired for this purpose.
  2. CE Lakes to check the administrative process for the same.

3. A file is to be prepared for CAC's website management and it is to be moved to Chief Commissioner.

**8. On-ground implementation actions:**

- Lakes:
  1. *Projects:* Installing filter borewells, Plantation Activities, Lake rejuvenation (installing aerators, creating floating wetlands)
  2. CE lakes to reach out to Biome to identify locations for the same.
  3. Installing filter borewells to be integrated with the ongoing works BBMP lakes.
- Parks:
  1. Locations for recharge wells and recharge borewells is to be identified based on hydrological testing.
  2. BWSSB to help identify locations of recharge wells/pits
- Mapathon:
  1. WRI India will be coordinating with DCF on the same.
- Low Emission Zones:
  1. CAC and C40 Cities to meet Joint Commissioner of Police, Traffic to discuss the scope of Low Emission Zones in the city.
- Other projects identified: Urban Farming schools, scope for Energy audit of public buildings (to be discussed with KREDL).

  
Special Commissioner,  
(Forests, Environment, Climate Change Management)  
Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike.

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