

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

Proceedings of meeting held on 05-03-2025 under the Chairpersonship of Special Commissioner (Forest, Environment, Climate Change Management) regarding the Implementation of Bengaluru Climate Action and Resilience Plan (BCAP)

Date: 05.03.2025

Time: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Venue: War Room (VC)

Participants:

- 1. Smt. Preeti Gehlot, IAS, Special Commissioner (Forest, Environment, Climate Change Management) BBMP
- 2. Mr. Srinivas Alavalli, Fellow, Integrated Transport & Road Safety, WRI India
- 3. Ms. Shrimoyee Bhattacharya, Program Head, Urban development, WRI India
- 4. Ms Praseeda Mukundan, Senior Program Research Associate- Urban Development, WRI India
- 5. Mr. Zair Belgami, Program Research Associate- Urban Development, WRI India
- 6. Mr. Sharath, B.PAC
- 7. Mr. Yukesh, EFI
- 8. Ms. Neelam Manjunath
- 9. Mr. Achutha TD, Asar Foundation
- 10. Mr. Sidharth S, Asar Foundation
- 11. Mr. Brikesh Singh, Asar Foundation
- 12. Ms. Shruti, Social Alpha
- 13. Mr. Badri Sridharan, Suster Foundation
- 14. Mr. Meghana, CAC Fellow, BBMP

Agenda

 The Climate Action Cell (CAC) has received several proposals for potential collaboration with CAC. The agenda of this meeting chaired by Special Commissioner was to review the proposals and to decide next steps on it.

Following are the organisations who had presented their proposals to CAC:

- 1. B.PAC.
- 2. EFI.
- 3. CGBMT.
- ASAR.
- 5. Social Alpha.
- 6. Sustera Foundation

Review of Collaboration Proposals-

> B.PAC (Mr Sharath)

Proposal: Yuva Hasiru Rakshaka Program

 B.PAC was asked to do pilot sessions and collect feedbacks before starting the training sessions from new academic year 2025-26.



- Pilot session was conducted for 3 days at BBMP Higher Primary & High School K V
 Temple Street, near Corporation Girls High School, Sultan PeteWas
- Special Commissioner suggested to create a detailed plan as to how it would be done for the new academic year 2025-26 along with locations of the school.
- It was suggested that they start with High school students of 8th, 9th, 10th.
- Feedbacks was shared by special commissioner regarding the content and sessions as part of the visit to the BBMP school for pilot session conducted on 28th February.
- Sessions and videos to be contextualised to the Bengaluru city so that students can relate much to the ground level.

EFI (Mr.Yukesh)

Proposal: Blue Green Bengaluru - Scientific & Community-based Environment Systems

- Bengaluru-Focused Climate Orientation Programs:
 - Conducted at BBMP First Grade College, Cleveland Town.
 - Conducted at BBMP PU College, Uttarahalli.
- Workshops and Activities:
 - Water Crisis Management Workshop Focused on equipping students with strategies to address water scarcity issues.
 - Film Screening Related to climate awareness and adaptation measures.
 - Identifying Symptoms of Climate Change Guided students to recognize climate change indicators around Bengaluru and encouraged objective responses.
- EFI was asked to give a written report about all the activities accomplished and events conducted.

CGBMT (Ms Neelam Manjunath)

Proposal: The Bamboo City

- Special commissioner suggested that the proposal represents the plan for long term but not clear on what are the immediate work or activities that the team would be doing.
- Special Commissioner suggested that they give us the plan of action as part of long term and short-term goals and achievements.
- > ASAR Foundation (Mr. Achuthan TD & Siddharth S)
 - Proposal: Create an integrated spatial database for transport.
 - Establish a centralized database accessible and regularly updated by key stakeholder departments (DULT, BBMP, State Transport Department)
 - The database will serve as a platform to measure and report annual greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the transport sector.



- Special commissioner suggested to submit a report which comprises of all the details about the proposal and to verify regarding other initiatives that have been working towards the same idea.
 - Proposal: Build an EV transition roadmap for transitioning to cleaner and greener private bus fleets and freight services in the city
- The team explained that they will actively engage with the extensive stakeholder ecosystem in this space to identify pathways for accelerating transition of fleet vehicles by companies in the city.
- Facilitating conversations to co-create a clear roadmap for the transition to EVs, considering the challenges mapped and the support needed at various levels—financial, technological, and policy-related.
- Special commissioner suggested that the they submit a detailed report to understand the long term and short term outcomings from the proposal.
 - o Proposal: IEC support for Bengaluru Climate action Plan
- Mainstreaming CAC vision and objectives through creation and dissemination of IEC materials.
- To educate and engage citizens on climate action initiatives in Bangalore through short, impactful explainer videos and general awareness content.
- Special commissioner agreed to the proposal and suggested CAC fellows to follow up on the same.

Social Alpha (Ms Shruti)

Proposal: Proposal to onboard CAC, BBMP as a Partner for Social Alpha's Urban Program

- Special Commissioner primarily approved the proposal and detailed discussions would be done in person /VC going forward to finalise the engagement with Climate action cell.
- A formal letter to be shared by the team to the special commissioner as part of engagement.

Sustera Foundation (Mr Badri Sridharan)

Proposal: Implementing Climate Resilience Projects in collaboration with the Bangalore Climate Action Cell (BCAC)

- Points discussed:
 - 1. Capacity building for youth for BCAP.
 - 2.Strengthening Climate-Resilient Health Systems.
 - 3. Urban Sustainable Farming Project.
 - 4. Sustainable Sundays.
 - 5. Rainwater Harvesting as a Policy Imperative.
 - 6. Managing Flower Waste Management.
- Revised proposal to be shared by the team with detailed approach and way Forward.
- Special Commissioner suggested that details to be presented in terms of what are the set of activities or initiatives were planned and what are the long- and short-term outcomes pf the same.



Special Commissioner
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