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NETWORKING EVENT REPORT

Submitted by Lead Organization	
Name of lead organization	Indo-German Centre for Sustainability at Indian Institute of Technology Madras
City and country where lead organization is based	Chennai, India
Title of the event	Integrated urban planning for resilient cities: How cities can cope with the challenges of urbanization and climate change
Date of Networking Event	10/20/2016
Networking Event room number	R12
Name of partner organizations with city and country where these organizations are based	Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Germany
Number of participants	40
Percentage of women participants	30%
Background information on Networking Event (themes, issues, context).	<p>Many cities around the world are significantly challenged by increasing impacts of climate change and the fast pace of urban growth. Through their high density and concentration of economic assets and human life, cities face heightened risk exposure and vulnerability to extreme climatic events. Perhaps the worst affected are predominantly vulnerable populations who live in informal settlements and areas that are high at risk from extreme events. Urban areas are projected to face unprecedented environmental challenges, requiring innovative responses. Integrated urban planning that takes into account the interconnectedness of urban and environmental systems will ultimately help creating the resilient cities of the future. Many cities around the world have already started to adapt their instruments and planning policies to the changing circumstances. They demonstrate that integrated urban planning taking into account climate change can help cities become more liveable today and resilient towards future shocks. This event and some of the involved individuals/organisations are part of a GIZ project titled Cities fit for Climate Change with partner cities in India (Chennai), South Africa (Durban) and Chile (Santiago de Chile).</p>



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<p>Concise summary of the event proceedings, including key points discussed.</p>	<p>This networking session offered a space for delegates from cities to interact with and learn from each other various approaches to address the threat of climate change and climate related disaster risks. The event was structured as an interactive dialogue between research and city-level urban resilience practitioners, to explore lessons learnt and arising opportunities with regard to making urban planning more resilience oriented. The event was framed by short inputs from city practitioners and academia of selected cities from Asia, Latin America, Europe and Africa followed by a facilitated panel discussion. Some of the key themes discussed were: - flood disaster risk management in Chennai, especially the recent experience in Dec. 2015 - integrated and collaborative planning across the countries and in these specific cities. - eThekwini municipality's experience in establishing a department for environmental planning and climate change mitigation several years ago - regional development planning and the relationship between local (Providencia) and the supralocal level in Chile - City of Leipzig climate change and urban development challenges, as well as transport modes -bottom-up and citizens' involvement and participation versus top-down, and the combination of both</p>
<p>Recommendations emerged from discussions at the Networking Event .</p>	<p>the common denominator was a stress on functioning and well organised, inclusive, collaborative governance that takes into account public participation and local government/administration in a regional perspective (climate change cannot be confined to municipal boundaries)</p>
<p>Full name, title, and organization of the 1st speaker</p>	<p>Dr. Oliver Weigel, Germany, Head of the Urban Development Division, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety</p>
<p>Full name, title, and organization of the 2nd speaker</p>	<p>Dr. Daphne Frank, GIZ, Director Cities fit for Climate Change</p>
<p>Full name, title, and organization of the 3rd speaker</p>	<p>Adrian Peters, Chief Strategy Officer, eThekwini Municipality</p>
<p>Full name, title, and organization of the 4th speaker</p>	<p>Camila Sepúlveda, Urban Planning Department of the Municipality of Providencia in Santiago, Chile</p>
<p>Full name, title, and organization of the 5th speaker</p>	<p>Kirtee Shah, architect and social/housing activist, Ahmedabad Study Action Group, Way Forward Chennai</p>
<p>Full name, title, and organization of the 6th speaker</p>	<p>Torben Heinemann, Head of Department for General Planning, City of Leipzig</p>