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**National Conference on ‘Climate Resilient Coastal Cities’**

**10th October 2014**

**Gulmohar Hall, India Habitat Center,**

**Lodhi Road, New Delhi**

As part of its ‘Climate Resilient Infrastructure Services’ (CRIS) Program under the larger ‘Climate Change Resilient Development (CCRD)’ Project, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is supporting low-lying and coastal cities in developing countries to increase the climate resilience of their infrastructure services. In India, USAID is supporting TERI under the CRIS program in helping the cities of Panaji (Goa) and Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) to plan for and implement climate risk management strategies as an integral part of city development.

This National Conference on ‘Climate Resilient Coastal Cities’, being organized by TERI, intends to generate awareness and dialogue on climate change issues and resilience planning of coastal cities in developing countries. It is also intended as a platform for peer knowledge exchange and dissemination of the experiences and learning from the CRIS program as part of the larger CCRD project in India and beyond for up scaling and replication of such initiatives.

The Conference targets participation from policy makers and practitioners, academicians and researchers working in the area of cities, multilateral/ bilateral organizations with a mandate and agenda to support resilience and climate proofing of cities, stakeholders from State and city governments from Panaji and Visakhapatnam, and peer organizations and networks working in the field of climate resilience and cities.

Register here to attend this conference: <http://www.teriin.org/events/climateresilient.php>

# Agenda

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| **Inaugural** |
| 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM | **Registration** |  |
| 10:00 AM - 10:10 AM | **Welcome Address**  | **Dr Prodipto Ghosh**Distinguished Fellow, TERI |
| 10:10 AM - 10:20 AM | **Special Video Address**  | **Dr R K Pachauri**Director General, TERI and Chairman, IPCC |
| 10:20 AM - 10:40 AM | **Key Note Address** | **Mr Vinod C Menon** Former Member, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA),Government of India |
| 10:40 AM - 10:50 AM | **Introduction to TERI-USAID CRIS Project** | **Dr Divya Sharma**Fellow, Sustainable Habitat Division,**TERI** |
| 10:50 AM - 11:15 AM | **Screening of TERI film** |  |
| 11:15 AM - 11:25 AM | **Release of Working Paper, City Case studies and Policy Brief** |  |
| 11:25 AM - 11:45 AM | **Inaugural Address** | **Shri Ashok Lavasa (\*TBC)**Secretary (Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change), Government of India |
| 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM  | **Tea**  |  |
| **Technical Session 1- Climate Resilient Infrastructure Services****The session would focus on the outcomes, learnings and experiences of the work being done under USAID’s CRIS Program in India and beyond. The focus would be on understanding the methodology adopted and lessons learnt during the process.** |
| 12:15 PM - 12:35 PM | **Introductory Presentation on USAID’s CCRD and CRIS program**  | **Mr Christopher Evans,**Deputy Program Manager,CRIS Program |
| **Presentations on CRIS cities:** |
| 12:35 PM - 12:55 PM | **Panaji and Visakhapatnam** | **Ms Raina Singh,**Associate Fellow, TERI and**Ms Rozita Singh,**Research Associate, TERI |
| 12:55 PM - 13:15 PM | **Cities beyond India** | **Mr Christopher Evans,**Deputy Program Manager,CRIS Program |
| 13:15 PM - 13:45 PM | **Discussion** |  |
| 13:45 PM - 14:45 PM | **Lunch** |  |
| **Technical Session 2- Planning for Climate Resilient Coastal Cities****The session would talk about the available knowledge on sea level rise and climate resilience as it applies to coastal cities and would bring forth various concepts and approaches that are being tested and applied in various coastal cities to make them climate resilient.** |
| 14:45 PM -15:00 PM | **Understanding regional SLR scenarios for Indian subcontinent**  | **Dr AS Unnikrishnan**Scientist, NIO and Author, IPCC  |
| 15:00 PM -15:15 PM | **Climate risk management in urban areas** | **Mr G. Padmanabhan**Emergency Analyst andOfficer in Charge DM Unit, UNDP |
| 15:15 PM -15:30 PM | **Climate change impacts and tropical cyclone****associated inundation in coastal cities** | **Dr P K Mohanty**Professor, Department of Marine Sciences, Berhampur University |
| 15:30 PM -15:45 PM | **Presentation on World Bank funded Coastal Embankment Improvement Project in Bangladesh** | **Mr Md. Sarafat Hossain Khan**Project Director, PMU, Coastal Embankment Improvement Project-I, Bangladesh Water Development Board, Dhaka |
| 15:45 PM -16:00 PM | **Managing coastal ecosystems in urban areas** | **Dr. Fraddry D'Souza**Fellow, The Coastal Ecology & Marine Resources Centre, TERI |
| 16:00 PM -16:30 PM  | **Discussion** |  |
| 16:30 PM – 16:45 PM | **Tea** |  |
| **Panel Discussion- Taking forward the resilience agenda** **The discussion will focus on implementation, policy and governance issues in managing built and natural ecosystems in coastal cities in wake of climate change and sea level rise and how different initiatives like the CRIS program may be up scaled for climate resilient coastal cities.** |
| 16:45 PM - 17:30 PM | **Panel Discussion**Distinguished members of the Panel:1. Dr. P G Dhar Chakraborti, Distinguished Fellow, TERI (Moderator and Panelist)
2. Mr Deepak Singh, Senior DRM Specialist, World Bank
3. Dr A K Gupta, National Institute of Disaster Management
4. Mr Sohan Hatangadi, Independent Consultant and Civil Society Representative, Visakhapatnam
5. Shri Sanjit Rodrigues, Commissioner, Panaji
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| 17:30 PM | **Vote of Thanks** | **Ms Mili Majumdar**Director, Sustainable Habitat Division,**TERI** |