

GCoM South Asia Session during the 6th Asian Cities Summit 2023

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Local Actions and Global Collaboration discussed at GCoM Session

The Global Covenant of Mayors South Asia (GCoM SA) session was conducted during the 6th Asian Cities Summit with the theme 'Local Actions and Global Collaboration' held on April 07, 2023 in New Delhi, India. GCoM is the largest global alliance for city climate leadership, built upon the commitment of over 12,500 cities and local governments.

The session was attended by over 20 South Asian city mayors of which 15 mayors were representing the GCoM SA signatory cities including cities of Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal. The session consisted of eminent speakers such as Mr. Piero Remitti, Co-managing Director at GCoM for Climate Change and Energy; Mr. Ravi Ranjan Guru DDG, AIILSG - Networking and Governance coordinator GCoM SA; Mr. Ashish Verma, Country Coordinator India, GCoM South Asia Project; Mr. Keshav Jha, Manager Research and Advocacy ICLEI SA- GCoM SA Technical Coordinator; and Mr. Abhishek Pandey, Team Leader, GCoM SA AIILSG.

The Co-managing director at GCoM for Climate & Energy delivered the keynote address, briefing about the Global Covenant of Mayors Alliance, its global presence and opportunities of knowledge exchange. The benefits of joining the GCoM Network were discussed along with an overview of Climate Action Plan (CAP) development process. The next presentation was by the project manager, ICLEI SA - Technical Coordinator GCoM SA about the technical support activities to GCoM signatory cities. The process and importance of Climate Action plan was highlighted along with the opportunities of knowledge exchange through webinars, conferences etc.

The city mayors actively took part in the Tour de table on the discussion of Need for accelerating Local Climate Actions in South Asia, sharing their core challenges, actions taken in their cities and the GCoM support they require. Indore was announced to be the regional secretary city for GCoM SA and the Hon'ble mayor of Indore Municipal Corporation, Mr. Pushyamitra Bhargava joined the stage and pointed out the importance of preparation of Climate Action plans for Asian cities.

The knowledge exchange and learning of the session is best concluded as the saying- 'If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together'.