



Resource Efficiency for an Urbanising India

Round Table Discussion
10th October 2015

09:00 - 09:30	Registration and Tea/Coffee
	Introduction
09:30 - 09:45	Welcome and Expectation Setting Share Field Visit Experience
09:45 - 11:00	Discussion Round 1: How do we build resource synergies and mitigate trade-offs across sectors to avoid exploiting critical resources? Moderated Deliberations
11:00 - 11:15	Tea/Coffee Break
11:15 - 12:30	Discussion Round 2: What investments and changes can catalyse the movement towards a resource efficient development pathway in the construction sector? Moderated Deliberations
	Concluding Discussion
12:30 - 12:50	Summary on suggested investments in terms of regulation, finance, technology and capacity that will maximise resources synergies in an urban context.
12:50 - 13:00	Next Steps Vote of Thanks
13:00	Lunch

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Structure: Round Table Discussion

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Objective

The discussion aims to collectively understand, identify and elaborate on investments in sustainability required to adopt resource efficiency in an urban environment. These would include natural resources like land, water, energy and building materials; and necessary mechanisms like policy, institutions, technology, finance and capacities. Further the half day discuss aims to deliberate on the possible pathways to achieve the same, while exploring different needs and roles key stakeholders play in triggering this change.

Participant will bring in perspectives of innovating, practicing or decision making. The discussion will be guided by the following two key questions and there will be no individual presentation in order to maximise discussion time:

- 1. How do we build synergies and mitigate trade-offs across sectors to reduce stress on critical resources?** (i.e. regional planning [resources and land-use], resource substitution, localised production [SCP], circular economy *et cetera*). Increasing conflicts over limited natural resources to satisfy demands from various sectors are becoming the norm in the urban landscape. Thus, this segment will include discussions on possible solutions for resource implications in urban India.
- 2. What investments and changes can catalyse the movement towards a resource efficient development pathway in the construction sector?** (i.e. public private partnerships, policy regulation, quality control, strengthening institutions, systems and capacities, awareness creation *et cetera*). This segment will include discussions to identify key agents of change that need to be promoted to achieve this pathway and the role they play to make this transition smooth and inclusive.

Expected Outcome

The insights and recommendations brought forth during the discussion will be condensed into imperatives that highlight investments required for achieving sustainability. These investments would range from regulation to finance, from technology to capacities in defining a direction for maximising resource synergies in urban India context.

The outcomes of the discussion would be shared with decision makers and actors engaged in urban transformation processes, for example Smart Cities Mission, Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) and Housing for All by 2022 (Urban) to develop well thought out strategies to ensure resource efficiency in the urbanisation pathway. These would include both government officials as well as private players who form a key part in design and implementation of these missions.

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