

# URBAN-VERSE

## Dialogue and Partnership Forum for Sustainable Urban Development

### Theme for Discussion

### Transforming Cities: Role of Urban Citizen Market

The past and current urban planning paradigm in India relies on landuse planning, centralised lifeline services, large-scale asset & infrastructure creation; resulting in cities that have no boundaries. It follows a linear 'take, make, dispose' economic model, that heavily promotes resource consumption. In our pursuit for economies of scale in urban services, our cities have been facing several challenges and constraints on account of capacities, resources, and solutions that can make cities livable. We therefore need to look at larger engagement of all stakeholders including citizens in addressing some of these challenges. We need to build top-down and bottom-up synergy across scales, sectors and stakeholders. Devolution of functions through application of subsidiarity principle is necessary. Emerging 'collaborative, circular and human economy' can also provide multiple and shared value creation options and in empowering individuals and communities towards addressing pressing urban challenges. Already this is paving way for near-zero marginal cost society reflecting in new paradigms like ride-share, carpooling, peer loaning, crowd sourcing, citizen-led procurement, resource/time sharing, renting items you own but need occasionally, shared home/office spaces; advances in waste-to-resource processes; all have significant potential to impact city life.

In this context clearly there is bigger role of urban citizen market in transforming the cities for better. The **first series of Urban-verse**, therefore will focus on this theme through panel discussion format to understand its role, challenges in promoting it and opportunities. The theme also contextualizes recently published book 'Road to Resilience – II' written by G.K Bhat, Chairperson (TARU) that will be released during the event.

**Date & Time:** 30 March 2017 (4-6 PM)

**Venue:** "Casuarina", Habitat World, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003

### Programme Agenda

Time	Agenda	Speaker
16:00 – 16:10	Welcome and Introduction	Manu Prakash (TARU)
16:10 – 17.30	Opening Address	Jagan Shah (NIUA)
	Launch of 'Road to Resilience – II'	
	Key insights from 'Road to Resilience – II' Book and setting context for panel discussion	G.K Bhat (TARU)
	Panel Discussion on <b>'Transforming Cities: Role of Urban Citizen Market'</b>	<b>Chair</b> Jagan Shah (NIUA)  <b>Panelist</b> G.K Bhat (TARU) Srinivas Kowligi (E&Y) Rahul Savdekar, (Microsoft) Amit Bhatt (EMBARQ India)
17:30 – 18:00	Open House	
18.00 – 18:10	Closing and Vote of Thanks	Paromita Dey (NIUA)
18:10 onwards	High Tea	

**URBAN VERSE: Dialogue and Partnership Forum for Sustainable Urban Development** is a pan-India urban knowledge and partnership platform that brings together professionals, policy makers, development experts, government officials, civil society, institutions & academicians and businesses in a multi-stakeholder platform to discuss issues of urban space with potential to influence our tomorrow. This 'knowledge and dialogue' series seeks to combine available knowledge with practical wisdom by sharing experiences, presenting new insights and findings, and sharing demonstrated models and innovations to bring transformative impact on the urban geographies and communities within smart, resilient and sustainable cities' framework. The platform is supported by National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), and Institute for Smart, Resilient and Future Cities-Taru Leading Edge. The first series is supported by Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network (ACCCRN) of the Rockefeller Foundation.

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