

Concept Note:

Approximately half of the world's population resides in urban ecosystems, and forecasts suggest that this may rise to two-thirds by 2050 (UN 2019). The process of urbanisation is unfolding at a particularly rapid pace in low and middle-income countries which poses immense challenges. Expanding cities are increasingly exposed to climatic aberrations such as sea-level rise, coastal flooding, cyclonic storms, etc., while they are already grappling with issues like lack of infrastructure, unemployment, poverty, migration, informal settlements, etc. According to Hallegatte et al. (2013), the average loss due to extreme climatic events in 2005 is around US\$ 6 billion per year at the global level, and this could rise up to US\$ 52 billion by 2050.

However, these figures are likely to be tripled observed by Kulp and Strauss (2019). Keeping in mind the emerging risks policymakers have started focussing on preparing mitigation plans, that envision new institutions aimed at building resilience and that seek to build greater international cooperation (C40 cities and 100 resilient cities) to enhance collective resilience capacities. India and Canada have been at the forefront of the climate action debates and both countries have experimented with innovative interventions at different institutional levels to enhance the resilience capacity of their cities. This conference aims to assess the challenges and opportunities faced by cities in India and Canada with respect to building sustainable and resilient urban ecosystems.

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Submission:

We invite scholars from different disciplines to submit an abstract (maximum 500 words) in line with the broader theme of the international conference.

All the abstracts should be uploaded here:

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Important Dates:

Submission of Abstract: March 10, 2022

Acceptance Notification: March 15, 2022

Registration: March 20, 2022

There is no registration fee for the participants and paper presenters.

An e-certificate will be provided to all the paper presenters.

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