

UNDRR MCR2030 – CBI – 1st Webinar

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Organizers:

United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction - Office in Incheon for Northeast Asia and Global Education and Training Institute for Disaster Risk Reduction
Climate Bonds Initiative

The Power of Resilience: Developing Local Sustainable Finance

Climate Bonds Initiative (CBI) has joined the programme Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030), a 10-year long initiative to strengthen the resilience of cities around the world.

This webinar brings together the main organisations supporting cities and municipalities around the world, as well as partners of the MCR2030. We will discuss how the challenges and opportunities for cities to become greener are impacted by the pandemic, and how resilience can set the tone and pace of developing sustainable finance.

Opening Remarks: Sanjaya Bhatia, Head of Office UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) Global Education and Training Institute (GETI)

- **Moderator:** Sean Kidney, CEO, Climate Bonds Initiative
- Emani Kumar - Deputy Secretary General, ICLEI and Executive Director, ICLEI South Asia
- Émilie Maehara, Deputy Executive Director of the Global Fund for Cities Development (FMDV), UCLG
- Idan Sasson – Project Coordinator at Climate Policy Initiative, Leadership for Urban Climate Investment (LUCI), CCFLA
- Aditya Bahadur, Research Associate, Global Risks and Resilience, ODI
- C40 representative TBC

This session will be recorded, and the video will be available publicly at the CBI You Tube Channel as well as in the CBI UNDRR MCR2030 Platform.

About Climate Bonds Initiative:

Over the last decade, Climate Bonds Initiative has worked extensively to mobilise action and finance into climate change, creating green bond definitions and certification scheme with \$34 trillion of assets represented engaging around 200 organisations. CBI also Provides comprehensive market data and analysis, supporting China's central bank with growing a green bonds market in China; Green bond market development programs in Brazil, Mexico, Colombia, India, ASEAN and East Africa. Another activity is the Climate Bond Partnership scheme gathering organisations from over 30 countries to reduce market friction and improve risk differentiation for green investments. That involves advocacy around standards; issuer support for bond market development; and policy interventions that promote green finance solutions. Partners include major investors such as BlackRock, SSGA, PIMCO, Allianz GI and PGGM; major banks such as HSBC, Standard Chartered, Citi, Barclays, BNP Paribas and RBC; and Government Ministries in Switzerland and France.

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Biographies

Sanjaya Bhatia, Head of Office UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) Global Education and Training Institute (GETI)

United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction's (UNDRR) mandate is to serve as the focal point in the United Nations system for the coordination of disaster risk reduction and to ensure synergies among disaster risk reduction activities. Sanjaya Bhatia is the Head of the Office in Incheon, Republic of Korea, where he has guided the training of over 9000 government officials globally.

Before taking this position Sanjaya Bhatia worked as head of the International Recovery Platform (IRP) - Secretariat at Kobe, Japan where he led a capacity building program for national and local governments.

He has worked with the Government of India (Indian Administrative Service), the World Bank, and the United Nations in the field of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation for over 30 years.

He holds a degree in law and a master's degree in Public Administration from New York University.

Sean Kidney, Co-founder and CEO, Climate Bonds Initiative

Sean is a board member of various influential organisations including work with the European Commission's Platform on Sustainable Finance, French government's Green Sovereign Bond Evaluation Council, Sustainability Fellow at the Nordic Institute for Finance, Technology and Sustainability, Astana International Finance Centre's Green Advisory Committee, Advisory Network to the High-Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy, which aims to accelerate progress towards a healthy ocean, European Advisory Board of the SMARTER Finance for Families (energy efficiency) initiative to name a few.

He is the Climate Bonds representative at the Future of Sustainable Data Alliance, Mexico Climate Finance Consultative Board amongst others.

He has previously been a Consultant on green bonds to the United Nations Secretary-General, Member of the EU Technical Expert Group on Sustainable Finance, Member of the European Commission's High-Level Expert Group on Sustainable Finance, Member of the People's Bank of China Green Finance Task Force, Member of the Commonwealth Secretariat's Expert Committee on Climate Finance, Member of the Blended Finance Task Force.

He is a Professor in Practice at SOAS University of London. In 2016 he was named Environmental Finance magazine's "Personality of the Year" and in from 2017 to 2019 was voted GlobalCapital magazine's "Most Influential Champion" of the sustainable finance market.

Emani Kumar - Deputy Secretary General, ICLEI and Executive Director, ICLEI South Asia

Mr. Emani Kumar has been the Executive Director of ICLEI South Asia since its founding in 2005. He was also appointed as Deputy Secretary General of ICLEI in the year 2013. With degrees in Environmental Management, Environmental Planning and Civil Engineering, Emani has more than twenty five years of professional experience on issues related to climate change policy and planning, local governance, renewable energy and energy efficiency, social accountability, systems management and auditing.

Previously, Mr. Kumar worked with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and also with the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA). Apart from overseeing the organisation's strategic development, he also coordinates various multi-year & small scale projects and research work supported by various donor and UN agencies; state and national governments of India and research organizations, across several aspects such as urban planning and governance, sustainable transport, biodiversity, renewable energy and energy efficiency, sustainable waste management and integrated water resource management.

In his role as ICLEI Deputy Secretary General, Emani Kumar works with all the offices in Asia, to ensure cohesion in implementation of ICLEI's agendas and spearhead advocacy activities in the region.

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Émilie Maehara is the Deputy Executive Director of the Global Fund for Cities Development (FMDV),

Émilie Maehara is the Deputy Executive Director of the Global Fund for Cities Development (FMDV), an international network of local and regional governments dedicated to promoting solutions for financing and investing in cities. FMDV support all levels of governments (local, national and regional) through technical assistance and operational programmes. FMDV also pilots multi-stakeholder dialogues and partnerships, as well as knowledge production and international advocacy. She has over 18 years of experience in the field of international relations and urban and sustainable development policies, including 13 years in the French public administration. As an Advisor in charge of urban development at the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, she drafted and negotiated the Sustainable Development Goal - SDG 11 on sustainable cities, managed urban cooperation projects in Africa and coordinated a multi-stakeholder platform gathering French urban expertise. She also served as an Advisor to the French Minister in charge of Urban policy in deprived areas in charge of international relations and culture. As Head of office for Sustainable Development at the Prefecture of Seine-Saint-Denis (40 cities, Paris region), she was in charge of supervising the environmental regulation of 4000 factories, the rehabilitation of polluted industrial sites and major urban projects: Olympic facilities, Grand Paris Express public (new metro lines in the Paris metropolitan area). She managed legal advice, environmental litigation, and coordinated the relations with local governments, companies, environmental associations, the public and the media.

Idan Sasson – Project Coordinator at Climate Policy Initiative, Leadership for Urban Climate Investment (LUCI), CCFLA

Idan Sasson is a Project Coordinator at Climate Policy Initiative, based in London. At CPI, he is responsible for coordinating the implementation of the Leadership for Urban Climate Investment (LUCI), a commitments-based framework of the [Cities Climate Finance Leadership Alliance](#) which seeks to strengthen the capacity of 2000 cities in project preparation, creating 1000 bankable climate-smart urban projects by 2025 while building new, innovative financing mechanisms.

Prior to CPI, Idan worked as a Project Manager for Rebuild by Design, in partnership with 100 Resilient Cities, developing strategies for inclusive community and stakeholder engagement to address urban resilience challenges. Idan also worked for the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, developing initiatives to engage youth in New York's 1000+ community gardens.

Idan holds a Master's Degree from the London School of Economics and Political Science in Environment and Development and a B.A. from New York University's Gallatin School in Sustainable Urban Development.

Aditya Bahadur, Principal Researcher, International Institute for Environment and Development

Dr. Aditya Bahadur is a Principal Researcher at the International Institute for Environment and Development, UK. He has 15 years of experience in research, evaluation and practice of DRR, climate change and development. He has published extensively on these issues and his work has been cited widely, including by the IPCC. Previously he worked with the DFID funded Action on Climate Today Programme based at Oxford Policy Management and with the Overseas Development Institute, UK as Research Fellow. He has an MA and a PhD in Development Studies from the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK. He completed his Postdoctoral Research at the Earth Institute, Columbia University and is the author of a new book 'Resilience Reset: Creating Resilient Cities in the Global South' (Routledge, 2021).