

Plenary Roundtable Discussion by INSEE and UNEP on “Sustainable Consumption and Production in South Asian Cities: What? How?”

(This roundtable is being collaboratively organized by INSEE and UNEP)

Rationale:

The discussion will focus on approaches and initiatives that currently exist to promote more sustainable consumption at the city-level, by reducing dependency on natural resources while addressing minimum urban service delivery.

Consumption patterns at the city level, and their impact onto the environment, depend both on the overall provision of urban services and infrastructure (land use regulation, building design and development, network infrastructures), and on the technological, economic and socio-cultural factors that shape the demand for those services (urban lifestyles).

The proposed panel discussion aims to explore both elements, by answering to questions such as: How is sustainable consumption and production understood at the city-level? What shapes the consumption patterns in cities in South Asia especially in small to medium cities? What can individuals, communities, entrepreneurs, planners and governments do to promote sustainable consumption and production?

Discussion Format:

The Round Table Discussion will be a 90-minute plenary event. The discussion will involve four discussants and one moderator/anchor. Time will be broken down as follows:

- Introduction by the Moderator: 5 minutes
- Initial comments from the panelists: 10 minutes each [40 minutes in total]
- Facilitated discussion within the panel: 20 minutes
- Open discussion with questions from the floor: 25 minutes
- Session summary/closing by the Moderator: 5 minutes

Panelists:

1. I.S.A.Baud, Professor in International Development Studies, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
2. A. Atiq Rahman, Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
3. Sagar Dhara, Cerena Foundation, Hyderabad, India.

Moderator:

- Prof. Madhav Badami, McGill School of Environment & School of Urban Planning, Canada.