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NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON PPPs IN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT (3-4 JUNE 2011)

National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) in collaboration with Ministry of Urban Development

(MoUD), World Bank Institute (WBI) and Cities Alliance had organized a practitioner learning event of Solid Waste Management (SWM) professionals currently implementing Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects under Jawaharal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) but are facing challenges in project preparation, structuring and implementation. This workshop was held as part of its mandate to support capacity building through the Peer Experience and Reflective Learning (PEARL) network under JNNURM, to disseminate knowledge to sector professionals. The purpose of the action learning event and exchange was to discuss project issues, and provide practitioners with practical tips and guidance for addressing on ground issues.

The workshop saw the participation of sector professionals including State Secretaries, Commissioners of local bodies, Nodal Officers of projects, key project developers and international and national SWM experts.



Ms. Nisha Singh, Joint Secretary, MoUD

Prof. Chetan Vaidya, Director, NIUA welcomed the participants to the workshop. He outlined the vision of PEARL programme and briefly highlighted the various activities being undertaken. Ms. Bhavna Bhatia, Regional Coordinator South Asia, WBI, guided the deliberations of the workshop.

Ms. Nisha Singh, Joint Secretary, MoUD, welcoming the participants, acknowledged the commendable work being undertaken by PEARL. She mentioned that pollution, climate change, solid waste management and environment are themes that are inter-linked and are areas of concern. Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) have to undertake collection, segregation, storage, transportation, processing and disposal of municipal solid waste generated within its jurisdiction in a more scientific and cost-effective manner. She also mentioned that Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation (MHUPA) and MoUD together are taking up a capacity building training programmes for the ULBs in similar areas and wished the programme great success.

Mr. Hubert Jasserand, Operations Advisor, WB, mentioned that PPP projects in SWM have been successful in Europe. He felt that such projects could be successful in India also and would bring more efficiency and discipline to the sector followed by financial benefits.

The workshop was divided into seven sessions and elaborated on issues and challenges faced by ULBs while designing an appropriate system of primary and secondary collection of waste, its transportation and disposal. Revenue models considered by various cities and key issues for structuring financially viable transactions were also discussed. A session was also dedicated to developing regional landfill sites.

International good practices including those from Europe, Maldives and Singapore were shared. The perspectives of the private sector and lending institutions for PPP projects in the SWM sector were also highlighted.



City officials interacting during a session moderated by Ms. Bhavna Bhatia, WBI

The last session on panel discussion looked to identify knowledge and capacity gaps constraining effective design and implementation of PPP projects in SWM. It identified priority areas and approaches for knowledge collaboration across cities, and also discussed international experiences. The workshop ended with vote of thanks from Prof. V. K. Dhar, NIUA.

CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP ON RESOURCE-BASED APPROACH TO URBAN DEVELOPMENT

The Indian Heritage Cities Network (IHCN) in association with MoUD and NIUA organized the above workshop on 2 September 2011.

Mr. Takahiko Makino, UNESCO, spoke about UNESCO's association with the Ministry and gave a detailed background about the joint project 'Moving Towards Heritage-based Urban Development' focusing on the heritage aspects of JNNURM especially in CDP and DPR toolkits, its evolution, and documents prepared so far. He emphasised the need to make culture and heritage an integral part of the development process.

Ms. Nisha Singh, in her inaugural address congratulated UNESCO for the work produced for heritage-friendly activities under JNNURM. She highlighted the importance of economic and sustainable development through conservation in Indian cities and the need to create good public environment and spaces that help foster social interaction between residents.

The workshop had a session on City Development Plans wherein findings of an CDP Review were presented by Mr. Rajender Singh (Madurai), Ms. Meera Dass (Varanasi), Ms. Shikha Jain presented an overview of CDPs of all 65 cities with regard to heritage. Ms. Shalini Mahajan introduced the revisions done to the JNNURM CDP Toolkit by UNESCO-IHCN. The other session was on Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) developed for heritage projects. Mr. Divay Gupta gave a presentation on Varanasi Heritage DPRs.



Interactive session in progress at NIUA on 14 November 2011

WORKSHOP ON INSTITUTIONAL TIE-UPS FOR CAPACITY BUILDING UNDER JNNURM

MoUD in association with NIUA organized a workshop to review the Capacity Building Programmes for Urban Local Bodies for the year 2012-13 at NIUA on 14 November 2011. The workshop was attended by around 30 participants representing Ministry JNNURM technical cell and various training organizations.

Ms. Nisha Singh, MoUD, guided the deliberations of the workshop. She urged that urban training institutions need to develop and strengthen urban management skills and capacities in an earnest way so that city managers can govern their cities efficiently. She stressed on the need for effective orientation of elected representatives, as it would lead to better results and improved efficiency among ULB staff.

The participating institutions such as AIT, Mysore RCUES, Hyderabad, AILSG, Mumbai, YASHADA Pune, IIT-Madras, IIM Bangalore presented brief description of capacity building strategy to be undertaken by them for the coming year.

EVENTS

NIUA under PEARL is organizing Exposure Visit cum Group Workshops under JNNURM with partner organizations aiming to share and transfer learning's.

24, 25 November 2011

Exposure Visit for JNNURM Projects to Ahmedabad, Gujarat

A two day workshop and exposure visit is being organized in association with CEPT Ahmedabad for Mayors and Elected member at Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation.

28, 29 November 2011

Exposure cum Group Workshops for Women Councillors from mission cities under JNNURM Maharashtra

A one and a half day workshop and exposure visit is being organized for Women Councillors at Pune / Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation in collaboration with YASHDA Pune

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