

Experience Sharing Workshop at Goa

23rd – 24th July 2010

Experience Sharing Workshop on Strengthening Peer Experience and Reflective Learning (PEARL) under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) was organized by the Ministry of Urban Development (MOUD), National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), World Bank Institute (WBI) and Cities Alliance (CA) to further strengthening PEARL network.

It was attended by over 40 participants representing MOUD, state governments, ULBs, city managers associations, academic institutions, NGOs, international organizations, etc. International organizations included ADB, WBI, CA, WSP, CDIA, GTZ, InWent, etc.

There were extensive interactive discussions at end of session 4. The workshop provided important inputs for strengthening PEARL in near future.

The workshop had five sessions with 13 speakers. Group discussions were held to brainstorm the following:

- What are value-added services and products that PEARL could offer?
- How can PEARL learn what cities need?
- Determine how to measure success of the network?
- How PEARL scale up to become Urban India's knowledge Hub?

Mr. Andre Herzog and Ms. Sheila Jaggannathan from WBI and Mr. Tim Campbell, Chairman, Urban Age made presentations based on study of 38 similar organizations done by World Bank.

Presentations on similar networks in other countries of the world were made by Brazil, Philippines, South Africa, and Bangladesh.

Session 1:

- Peer Experience And Reflective Learning (PEARL) under JNNURM, Prof. VK Dhar, NIUA
- Knowledge Management- Lessons from PEARL-Heritage Cities Network, Prof: Saswat Bandyopadhyay CEPT, Ahmedabad
- Challenges & Constraints as Knowledge Manager in Achieving Goals of PEARL, Dr. (Prof) Sneha Palnitkar Director, RCUES of AILSG, Mumbai
- Group C Mixed Economy, Service/Trade/Institutional Functions, Ms. Renu Handa , HR Social Development Specialist CMA-Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal

Session 2:

- Enhancing Effectiveness through Peer Learning Networks, Ms. Sheila Jagannathan Senior E-Learning Specialist World Bank Institute, Washington DC
- Learning City– Precondition for Success?, Mr. Tim Campbell, PhD Chairman, Urban Age Institute
- How cities learn Stocktaking: Lessons Learned from Experiences, Mr. Andre' Herzog & Ms. Anushay Anjum, World Bank Institute

Session 3:

- The Horizontal Learning Program in Bangladesh, Mr. N. Bhattacharjee Water and Sanitation Program-South Asia (WSP-SA) The World Bank, more on horizontal learning in Bangladesh
- City to City Relationships: The San Fernando City Experience, The Phillipines, Mayor Mary Jane Ortrega Consultant League of Cities of the Phillipines
- Networking – The experience of the ABC region, Ms. Renata C. Boulos, iNCiDE, Brazil
- The South African Cities Network as a model for networking at a local government level Purpose, Structure, Content and Lessons, Mr. Sithole Mbanga, CEO, South African Cities Network (SACN), South Africa