



CITIES FIT FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

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OBJECTIVE AND ACTIVITIES

The project aims to support cities in tackling the challenges presented by climate change. It advises city governments on how to adapt their development plans (land-use plans and binding development plans), urban development strategies, and urban design ideas etc. and put them into practice in a way that creates cities fit for climate change. Cities need to take into account new risk like increased flood hazards, for example by creating runoff and retention systems. The project analyses and processes existing concepts for resilient and low-emission urban development. Selected cities in India, Chile and South Africa are supported in developing their climate-sensitive strategies and their own financing options. Furthermore, they are able to communicate their experiences at international events and debates. The project supports the Habitat III process aimed at creating a new urban agenda, among other initiatives.

STATE OF IMPLEMENTATION/RESULTS

- Contributed actively to the UN HABITAT Conference in Quito - Study on Urban Climate Financing - South Africa supported the development of a Climate Plan, which now complements the Spatial Plan

- 4/2018: Project presentation as part of the congress "The Resilient Metropolitan Area - Changed Planning and Adaptable Building" at the Frankfurt Research Institute for Architecture, Civil Engineering and Geomatics (FFin). By participating in the congress, the project relations to the German science, German municipalities and the German private sector were strengthened. -- In June 2018 the project in cooperation with UN Environment organized a Special Session within the framework of the „Adaptation Futures 2018 - Dialogues for Solutions“ conference. The Special Session "Learning and action: Building Climate

PROJECT DATA

Country:

Chile, Indien, Südafrika

Implementing organisation:

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

Partner institution(s):

- Ministry of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs - South Africa, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MINVU) - Chile, Ministry of Urban Development (MOUD) - India
- Diverse partner institutions (governmental institutions and non-governmental organisations)

BMU grant:

€ 4,250,000

Duration:

11/2015 till 06/2019

Website(s):

<http://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/43392.html>

Fact sheet:

[Cities Fit for Climate Change \(PDF | 961 KB\)](#)

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Resilience in Cities" brought together several African stakeholders who discussed climate change and urban development.

- From August 25th to 30th, 2018, the multi-day event of a tripartite international dialogue forum series of the project took place in Chennai. The first event was in February 2017 in Durban, South Africa, the second event was in Santiago in September 2017; both with the participation of Head of Unit, Dr. Ing. Oliver Weigel (SW I 1) and the second also with senior representative of the Chilean Government and the Greater Chennai Corporation. The dialogue forum in Chennai brought together high-ranking representatives from Chennai and Tamil Nadu as well as representatives of the project partner cities and city representatives from Munich, Leipzig, Frankfurt and Malmö to discuss climate-friendly urban development.
- 9/2018: a field trip for a Chilean mayor was held at the 12th National Conference on National Urban Development Policy on "Together with Social Responsibility for Town and Country".-- 10/2018: In the twin city of Chennai, the winners of an urban ideas competition were chosen for the desired climate-friendly development of Buckingham Canal, one of the most important waterways within Chennai. The competition was conducted in cooperation with local NGOs and in cooperation with the Greater Chennai Corporation as part of the "Eyes on the Canal" initiative.
- 11/2018: The project organized a study trip to Germany with Chilean participants who met with German local representatives in Leipzig, Halle and Berlin and exchanged views on topics of climate-friendly urban development.-- 12/2018: At the BMU-Side event "Collaborative Climate Action" at COP 24, a project partner of the Chilean Ministry of the Environment spoke on the topic of climate-friendly urban development and the project.
- 12/2018: As part of COP24, two articles about the project were published, in the GIZ „Akzente“ magazine entitled "Network for Urban Future" and the article "Cities as a





pioneer in climate protection" on the portal of the Federal Foreign Office.-- 02/2019: A four-day Urban Design Climate Workshop was held in the twin city of Durban in cooperation with the city administration ' eThekwinini ' and the Urban Climate Change Research Network.

- 03/2019: A final workshop of the urban planning competition was held in the twin city of Chennai. During the workshop, the three winning teams of the Buckingham Canal Ideas Competition presented their further developed results to members of the local and federal government governments.

