

NIUA Partners with the UrbanShift Programme



Valparaiso, Chile

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The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in partnership with the World Resources Institute (WRI), C40 Cities (C40), ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Bank, and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) launched UrbanShift—a global programme working to transform cities for people and planet through integrated urban development. The event was organised virtually on 21 September. Local leaders and stakeholders from more than 20 cities across Asia, Africa and Latin America, are part of this programme.

Speaking on the occasion, Hitesh Vaidya, Director, NIUA highlighted that the Smart Cities Mission spearheaded integrated sustainable urban development in India, and also on how *UrbanShift* programme can help in upscaling the exemplary best practices of the 100 Smart Cities across all the urban local bodies in India. To watch the complete launch video, click [here](#).

NIUA Experts Speak

Integrated Urban Water Management

Rahul Sachdeva, Project Coordinator, Water and Environment Team at NIUA, delivered an expert talk in the **27th Indian Plumbing Conference** on 25 September. He described a framework developed by NIUA and UNESCO for evaluating the status of integrated urban water management for Indian cities, and its application in Delhi. To read the complete framework, click [here](#).



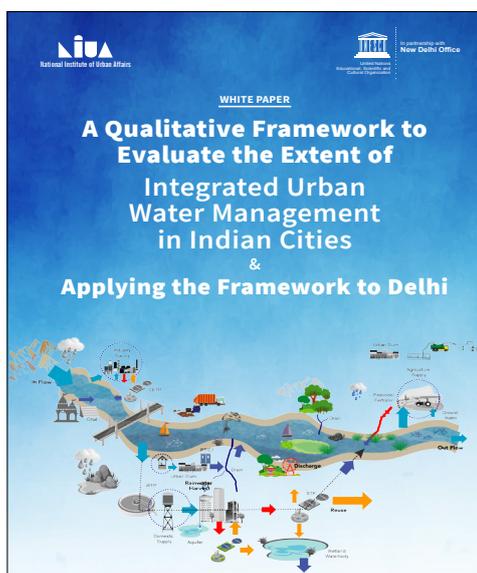
Rahul Sachdeva

Workshop on Developing Project Design Document

Anna Brittas from Morganstadt Global Smart Cities Initiative (MGSCI) at NIUA discussed the examples on sustainable neighborhoods of the Kochi Project in a workshop—**Developing Project Design Document** on 16 September. The purpose was to delineate the learnings from the project. The workshop was organised by the Frankfurt School of Finance to enhance understanding on the principles and processes involved in developing a project design document. For more details about MGSCI, click [here](#).



Anna Brittas



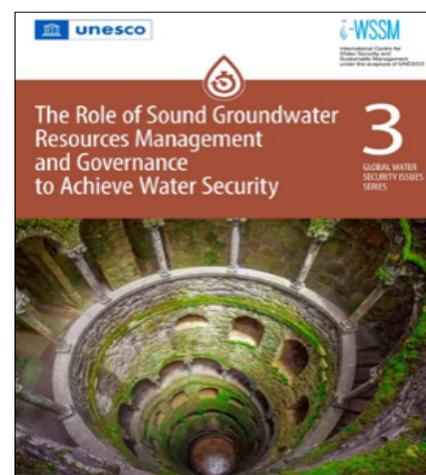
Kochi City

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New Publications

Book Chapter on Groundwater Management

Victor R. Shinde and Lovlesh Sharma from Water and Environment Team at NIUA have co-authored a paper—*Conservation, Protection, and Management of Groundwater through City Master Plans: A case of Indian Cities* for the book published by the International Water Resources Association (IWRA) and UNESCO, Paris. The chapter elaborates on a range of planning tools and their application through the Master Plans of 15 Indian cities. To read the complete book, click [here](#).



NIUA Projects Update

URGENT Initiative Organises Lecture on Sustainable Urban Watershed

The Urban Resilience and Adaptation for India and Mongolia (URGENT) Initiative at NIUA organised a lecture—**Sustainable Urban Watershed** on 25 September. The lecture included discussions on urban watersheds by two distinguished speakers Dr. Daniele La Rosa, Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering and Architecture, University of Catania, Italy, and Prof. R Parthasarathy, Director, Gujarat Institute of Development Research, Ahmedabad. For more information on the URGENT Initiative [here](#).

New Partnerships

ITCN and SPA New Delhi

The Infant, Toddler and Caregiver – Friendly Neighbourhoods (ITCN) Training and Capacity Building Programme at NIUA signed an MoU with SPA, New Delhi on 21 September, to develop and design an academic certification programme on ITCN.