

# TheCityFix Labs Policy Dialogue, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## Agenda

Venue: ITC Kakatiya, Hyderabad

### Welcome & Registration

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

### Financing Sustainable Cities Initiative Context Setting

WRI and Citi

### Background Presentation

WRI

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM

### Key Address: Steering India Towards a Resource-Efficient Future

Chief Guest: Mr. D.S. Mishra, Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary, India (TBC)

Guest of Honor: Mr. Jayesh Ranjan, Principal Secretary of Industries and Commerce and IT, Telangana

Ms. Harichandana Dasari, Addl. Commissioner GHMC

Mr. O.P. Agarwal, WRI India

10:45 AM – 11:30 AM

### TheCityFix Labs

Lead: Ms. Jaya Dhindaw, WRI India

11:30 PM – 11:40PM

### Operationalizing Sustainability: A Conversation with Investors and Entrepreneurs

Moderator – Ms. Kate Owens, WRI

Ms. Priyanka Ahuja, Vihara Innovation Network

Mr. S. Karthikeyan, CII-IGBC

Ms. Wilma Rodrigues, Saahas Zero Waste

Ms. Trina Talukdar, Ashoka Foundation

Mr. Shailesh Vickram Singh, Massive Fund

Mr. Mani Vajipey, Co-founder and CEO, Banyan Nation

Mr. Bharath Visweswariah, Omidyar Network

Mr. Madhav Pai, WRI India

11:40 PM – 1:00 PM

### Lunch

1:00 PM onwards

#### **Policy Address: Steering India towards a Resource-Efficient Future**

India played an important role in the shaping of the Sustainable Development Goals and has since made a strong policy push for sustainable development both at the center and the state level. Goal 9 in particular, with its focus on resilient infrastructure, is seeing support being provided through multiple channels to strengthen provision of infrastructure like water and electricity across the country. Yet with India's unprecedented rates of urbanisation, efforts need to be made to hasten adoption and smooth implementation of these programs. This session will focus on the challenges being faced in these sectors (water, waste, energy), gaps existing in the current policy and regulatory framework around them and the changes and resources needed to address these issues in a timely manner.

#### **Operationalizing Sustainability: In Conversation with Investors and Entrepreneurs**

Urbanization, while bringing prosperity, has also led to environmental degradation and infrastructure problems, like poor quality of air and water, unreliable power, and traffic congestion. Our basic need for clean air, water and environment often appears to be in conflict with those of economic goals of growth but entrepreneurs have been demonstrating solutions to the contrary across the globe. Given that the next decade presents a unique prospect to bring a similar transformation within the sustainability paradigm in India, where do investors identify opportunities and how do entrepreneurs best capitalize on these to the benefit of all stakeholders? This session seeks to find viable solutions, their genesis and potential for scaling results for resource-efficient urbanisation in India.