

"The City Dialogues"

Cities are the cradles of civilisation. How will they fare as the impact of climate change hits us?

The City Dialogues are the start of a conversation to understand the implications of climate change for India's cities and her people.

They will feature leaders from the following sectors as Panellists in a moderated discussion: politics and municipal administration; arts and culture; business and industry; civil society; science and academe.

The City Dialogues will be filmed before a studio audience and broadcast on local and national networks, including Lok Sabha TV (India's parliament channel) to enable issues raised to be picked up by the nation's elected representatives.

Dialogues will take place in 12 of India's leading cities and regions from late-2007 to early-2008. These include:

BANGALORE

14th September 2007 - 4:00- 6:30 p.m.
at The Auditorium of Indian Institute of Astrophysics
Adjoining Kendriya Sadan, St. John's Junction
Koramangala, Bangalore 560 034, INDIA

- **KOLKATA 8 September 2007**
- **BANGALORE 14 September 2007**
- **PUNE 20 September 2007**
- **MUMBAI 21 September 2007**
- **CHENNAI late-October 2007**
- **HYDERABAD late-October 2007**
- **COCHIN early-November 2007**
- **LAKSHADWEEP early-November 2007**
- **PATNA mid-December 2007**
- **BHUBANESHWAR mid-December 2007**
- **JAIPUR Late-January 2008**
- **NEW DELHI Early-February 2008**

FURTHER INFORMATION

- The **City Dialogues** will be filmed over a six-month period (September 2007 - February 2008) and will go out on air in stages from September 2007 onwards.
- They will be held in English but translated into Hindi and other Indian languages, so that the films can be used as educational tools for further awareness-raising on climate change.
- The programmes will be carried by local and national networks including **Lok Sabha TV** (the parliamentary channel). A compilation of City Dialogues will also be offered to reputed international broadcasters such as **BBC World** and **CNN**.
- The series will be screened just prior to the **United Nations conference on climate change** in Bali (December 2007) a time of intense global attention on climate change- marking as it does 10 years since the Kyoto Protocol, and the beginning of talks towards a new global agreement including nations such as India.
- This series will be accompanied by other CSM broadcast programmes including, **Climate Conversations with CEOs**; **Climate Change: Stories from India's Frontlines**; and, in Spring 2008, an **Indian version** of Al Gore's An Inconvenient Truth.
- These programmes are part of the **Climate Challenge India** initiative. This is an independent, non-partisan, non-political educational effort designed to spread awareness and generate positive energy on climate issues in India.
- Initiated by the India and UK-based non-profit, **Centre for Social Markets** (CSM), it involves a range of organisations, institutions and individuals across the country, and is being supported by national and international donors.

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