

National Workshop on Low-emission Zones in Cities

Royal Ballroom, The Imperial, New Delhi, 19th February 2024

Transportation is one of the fastest-growing sources of global emissions and the largest source of black carbon, which is particularly damaging to our health, straining our economic growth, and compromising our quality of life. Studies have shown that tail-pipe emissions from road transport result in significant increase in premature deaths in urban areas. Recent research suggests that both electric vehicles and compact cities anchored by transit, cycling, and walking are critical to achieving a 1.5°C warming scenario. Low-emission Zones (LEZs) are a high-impact conjunction of these two strategies to rapidly scale up transportation decarbonisation. LEZs are geographically demarcated areas in cities where the movement of polluting vehicles is regulated, and a series of mobility interventions are put in place to further control and mitigate vehicular emissions and improve air quality. With this background, the International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT), in collaboration with the NITI Aayog, is organising this Workshop.

Agenda

09:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Registration
10:00 AM – 10:05 AM	Welcome Address by Shri Amit Bhatt, India Managing Director, ICCT
10:05 AM – 10:15 AM	Special Address by Shri Sudhendu J Sinha, Adviser, NITI Aayog
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	Keynote Address by Shri Amitabh Kant, G20 Sherpa
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Tea Break
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Low emission zones – understanding the concept <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Shri Kranti Sambhav, Editor, OVERDRIVE - Network18 Media– Ms Sonal Jain, Urban and Regional Development Advisor, GIZ– Shri Vivek Vaidyanathan, Principal, Artha Global– Smt Aswathy Dilip, South-Asia Director, Institute for Transportation & Development Policy

Moderator: **Shri Amit Bhatt**, India Managing Director, ICCT

*Background Presentation by Shri **Moorthy Nair**, Associate Researcher, ICCT*

12:00 PM – 13:00 PM **Implementing Low emission zones in India**

- **Shri Hitesh Vaidya**, Former Director, National Institute of Urban Affairs
- **Shri S K Lohia**, Senior Advisor (Rail & Urban Mobility), World Bank
- **Shri S S Bajaj IFS**, Chairman, Naya Raipur Development Authority
- **Smt Sarika Panda**, Co-founder, Raahgiri Day; and Associate Director, Nagarro

Moderator: **Smt Anumita Roychowdhury**, Executive Director, Research & Advocacy, Centre for Science & Environment

*Background Presentation by Shri **Vaibhav Kush**, Researcher, ICCT*

13:00 PM – 14:00 PM **Lunch**

14:00 PM – 15:00 PM **Technology and data for Low-emission Zones**

- **Smt Namita Gupta**, Founder, AirVeda
- **Shri Vikash Mishra**, Founder & CEO, moEVing
- **Shri Siddharth Sinha**, Geo and Climate Policy Lead, Google India
- **Shri Abhijeet Sinha**, Project Director - National Highways for Electric Vehicles

Moderator: **Shri Ashok Deo**, Senior Researcher, ICCT

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15:00 PM – 16:00 PM **Enabling Low-emission Zones in India**

- **Shri Arindam Roy**, Climate Science Advisor, Clean Air Fund
- **Shri Sudeept Maiti**, Independent Consultant,
- **Shri Nitin Panigrahi**, DGM (Projects), Shahjahanabad Redevelopment Corporation, Government of NCT of Delhi
- **Smt Nidhi Madan**, Associate Director–Climate Policy, Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation

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16:00 PM – 16:05 PM **Closing Remarks & Vote of Thanks**
by Shri Vaibhav Kush, Researcher, ICCT

** Speaker confirmation awaited*