

e-Certificate Course on Mainstreaming Urban Climate Action

Launch Event | 29th September

Background:

Climate change impacts such as sea-level rise, erratic rainfall patterns, and warmer temperatures are increasingly affecting habitats and ecosystems in varying ways. Such impacts have costly repercussions on essential services, infrastructure, livelihoods, and the overall health of cities. Moreover, cities are the key contributors to climate change while also being the most vulnerable towards its impacts. It is thus imperative for cities to actively work towards mainstreaming climate action in urban planning, policy, and practice. However, in order for cities to drive the climate agenda forward, it is crucial that climate science and knowledge should not be limited to technical experts and government authorities. With an understanding of climate change impacts, adaptation and mitigation strategies and interventions, policy makers/analysts, city officials, youth and early career researchers engaged in the urban space can utilize this climate knowledge and strengthen the mainstreaming of climate action at city level.

It is in this context that the Delegation of the European Union in India (EUD India), The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), and the European Union International Urban and Regional Cooperation (IURC) programme, have partnered to develop an *e-Certificate Course on Mainstreaming Urban Climate Action*. The course builds on the 4-part *Webinar Series on Mainstreaming Urban Climate Action* designed and delivered by TERI and the European Union International Urban Cooperation (IUC) programme in 2020 (See: <https://www.teriin.org/project/webinars-series-mainstreaming-urban-climate-action>).

To sustain the momentum of the Webinar series and amplify the knowledge on climate change, this course transforms the Webinars' resource modules and videos into self-paced e-Modules, along with assessment questionnaires to validate the certification. The e-certificate course is accessible on the National Urban Learning Platform (NULP) of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) implemented by the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA).

Event Objective:

This event aims to formally launch the e-certificate course on the NULP portal, highlight the importance of climate action in cities and empower the audience to gauge the application of climate change knowledge in decision-making, urban policymaking, and governance processes.

Target Audience:

The target audience of this event will include practitioners engaged in the urban space, policy makers, researchers, civil society representatives, students, and other key stakeholders.