

# Urban-LEDS II

## Newsletter

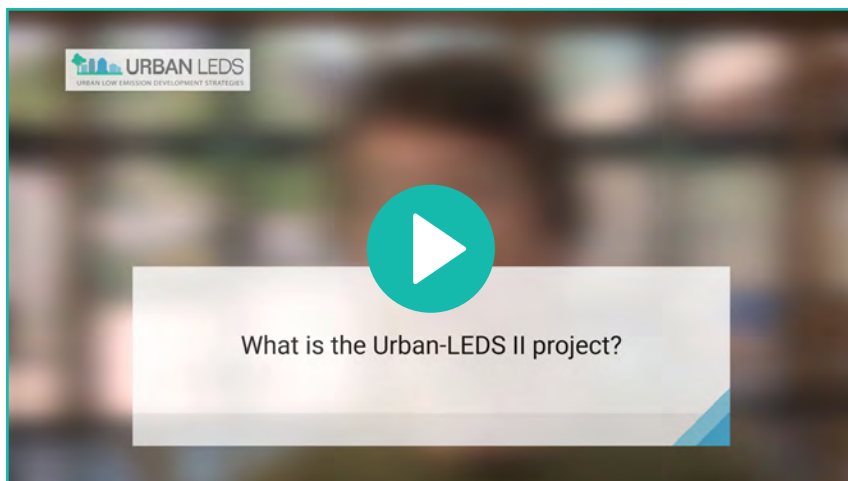
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Participants at the European study tour, June 2019

## Urban-LEDS II project: what's it all about?

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City in focus: Rajshahi, Bangladesh

Urban Champion: Alice Umuhorakeye, City of  
Kigali, Rwanda

**Name:** Accelerating  
climate action through the  
promotion of Urban Low  
Emission Development  
Strategies (Urban-LEDS II)

**Start Date:** 01/04/2017

**End date:** 31/03/2021

**Duration:** 48 months

**Total Budget:** 8,000,000 €

**Funding mechanism:**  
European Union (DCI-  
ENV/2017/384-555)

**Consortium:** UN-Habitat  
HQ and regional offices  
in Lao, Rwanda and  
Colombia, ICLEI World  
Secretariat and 5 ICLEI  
regional offices active in  
Europe, Bangladesh, Brazil,  
Colombia, Indonesia, India,  
Lao PDR, Rwanda and  
South Africa



Participants during the 2019 Urban-LEDS European Study Tour

## European study tour a big success

Peer learning is a core component in the Urban-LEDS II project. 28 representatives from 24 Urban-LEDS II cities from 16 countries enjoyed an intense European Study Tour in June 2019. The ambitious 8-day programme included visits to Helsinki (Finland), Bologna (Italy) and Warsaw (Poland) – all leaders in climate action. It brought together Urban-LEDS cities, supported by staff from ICLEI and UN-Habitat, helping to not only learn from relevant activities but also to foster peer exchange and build climate partnerships in countries around the globe.

The three European host cities shared their most replicable and front running integrated climate action solutions, as well as their challenges and climate change-induced risks, with their peers coming from 16 different countries.

**First stop -Helsinki:** One of Europe's most ambitious cities aiming for **climate** neutrality by 2035, the Finnish capital introduced its peers from across the world to the City's "Climate-Smart Helsinki" Action Plan.

**Next stop - Bologna:** Participants focused on the benefits of active involvement and integration of citizens and the role of culture in the development and implementation of local sustainability action plans and strategies.

**Last stop - Warsaw:** The capital city of Poland shared its experience in managing the largest District Heating System (DES) in Europe and, reflecting on a long history of coal dependence, provided valuable and practicable lessons for transforming energy markets and embedding sustainability in urban planning processes.

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The direct exchange with peers from across the world and across sectors left Urban-LEDS cities with new ideas and inspiration, and strengthened partnerships and cooperation opportunities for the development of their low-emission development and adaptation strategies.



## Project synergies: Ambitious City Promises project

The [Ambitious City Promises](#) (ACP) project (2017-2020), funded by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, and Nuclear Safety (BMU) through the International Climate Initiative and led by ICLEI is designed to advance sustainability in large cities in Southeast Asia by enabling local governments, engaging citizens, and driving climate action through Low Emission Development Strategies. In Indonesia, a mutual project country, Urban-LEDS

II cities have gained valuable lessons related to citizen engagement and low emission measures from [DKI Jakarta](#), which serves as model city of the ACP project. Cities from both projects took part in the [Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogue](#) series organized by Urban-LEDS II in 2018 and 2019, including the [City-to-City Dialogue](#), [City-to-Province Dialogue](#), and the [SIGN-SMART training](#) (the national GHG inventory system) that took place in April 2019. Cities have also shared experiences during the Urban-

LEDS [Indonesian Study Tour](#) (April 2019) and the [EU study Tour](#) (June 2019). The two projects also share the same [National Advisory Group](#) to ensure national coordination and to reduce duplication. Further opportunities for capitalizing on synergies are explored in 2020.

**AMBITIOUS CITY PROMISES**  
Engaging citizens. Driving climate action.

## Country News in Brief

### Bangladesh: shared learning dialogues help to assess climate risks to urban systems in Bangladesh

ICLEI South Asia recently organised two Shared Learning Dialogues in Rajshahi and Narayanganj to conduct detailed climate vulnerability assessments, including validation of climate trends and past hazards, identification of climate-impacted urban systems, vulnerable places and actors and their risk assessment, as well as adaptive capacities. Read the full story [here](#)



Participants in Rajshahi, Bangladesh take part in a Shared Learning Dialogue

### Brazil: Fortaleza's climate action plan shared as good practice example

Fortaleza, Urban-LEDS model city, hosted a group of 20 students from Boston-based Northeastern North American University to learn about the successes and challenges of taking climate action in the city. Read the full story [here](#) (in Portuguese)

### Colombia: Local governments trained on Municipal GHG inventories in South America

230 participants from 47 cities and 7 countries in South America, including many Urban-LEDS cities, took part in a Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) inventory training between 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

The training demonstrated the practical application of the Global Protocol for GHG emissions at the community level (CPG). Read the full story [here](#) (in Spanish).

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Participants at the Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogue in Indonesia

### Indonesia: 2<sup>nd</sup> Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogue held in Indonesia

The Urban-LEDS project, the Ministry of Environment and Forestry (KLHK), the Association of Indonesian Municipalities (APEKSI), and Sustainable Districts Association (LTKL), organized the 2nd Indonesian Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogue on 9 April 2019 in Jakarta, with the theme, Breaking Barriers and Working Together to Ensure the Achievement of Indonesia's Climate Commitment. Read the full story [here](#)

### India: Project Advisory Group assembled for the first time

The PAG bring together relevant stakeholders as an expert group that provides practical and strategic advice to the country project team for effective implementation of the project. The Indian PAG met for the first time in May 2019. Read the full story [here](#)



Participants at the first Indian NPAG meeting



### Lao PDR: 1st Climate change training conducted

The first in a series of capacity building training on climate change and low emission development was completed in Pakse. Over 40 individuals representing national, provincial, and local governments participated in the activity. Read the full story [here](#)

Participants presenting the outcomes of group work exercise

### Rwanda: 3<sup>rd</sup> National Urban Forum in Rwanda

The Third National Urban Forum “NUF3” was held on 6-7 February 2019 at the Kigali Convention Center and convened 300 hundred participants from different countries. It was led by the Ministry of Infrastructure of Rwanda (MININFRA) and received support from different stakeholders in the urban sector, including UN-Habitat, Global Green Growth Institute, International Growth Centre, World Bank, Enabel and ICLEI Africa. Read the full story [here](#).



UN-Habitat's Executive Director shares her thoughts during the NUF in Rwanda



Unpacking integrated MRV in South Africa

### South Africa: Integrated MRV Workshop in South Africa

In order to unpack the opportunities and challenges the different spheres of government are faced with during the process of developing a greenhouse gas inventory, ICLEI Africa together with Sustainable Energy Africa (SEA) held an Integrated Measuring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) workshop on 11 June 2019 in Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, Mpumalanga, South Africa. Text Read the full story [here](#)





## City in focus: The green city of Rajshahi, Bangladesh steps up its climate action

"Our vision started with making Rajshahi City clean, healthy and ecofriendly, which led us to undertake a number of actions, including those involving the environment and climate change. With these actions, Rajshahi is currently the greenest city in Bangladesh. One can find cheerful living spaces, social harmonious neighborhoods and well-connected mobility everywhere in this city. People respect and support each other and it is a place where citizens and government share power."

**Ashrafur Haque,**  
Chief Engineer, Rajshahi City Corporation

Rajshahi is a city located in west-central Bangladesh. close

- The Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) runs a programme called Zero Soil, which aims to cover all open spaces and pavements with plants to reduce the amount of dust particles. The city's Mayor A H M Khairuzzaman Liton recently offered to give property tax waivers to residents who plant trees in their premises and build rooftop gardens.
- The city's government has focused on adopting low emission solutions in its street lighting infrastructure. About 180 solar streetlights have been installed within the municipal area, supporting the country's Solar Street Lighting programme and the national target that aims at 10% electricity consumption from renewable energy sources by 2020. To further scale up this action, the RCC has recently submitted a proposal to the Government of Bangladesh for modernization of its entire street lighting

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