Climate Smart Cities Assessment Framework (CSCAF 2.0)

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The objective of CSCAF is to provide a clear roadmap for cities towards combating climate change while planning and implementing their actions, including investments. In the last decade, an increasing frequency of cyclones, floods, heat waves, water scarcity and drought-like conditions have had adverse impacts on many of the cities.

CSCAF 2.0

- The ClimateSmart Cities Assessment Framework is a firstof-its-kind assessment framework on climate relevant parameters
- CSCAF 1.0 was formulated with focus on indicators across
 5 sectors
- . Energy and Green Buildings
- . Urban Planning, Biodiversity and Green Cover
- . Mobility and Air
- . Water Resource Management
- . Waste Management
 - The CSCAF 2.0 has been revised based on the experience of phase 1 implementation and feedback received from cities
 - The framework has 28 indicators across the five categories and is implemented by the Climate Center for Cities.
 - As a way forward to mainstream learnings from various

projects and to mainstream climate action in Indian cities, National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) with support from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has established the Climate Centre for Cities.

 Cities are ranked at 5 levels: Climate warriors; Climate explorers; Climate trendsetters; Climate leaders and Climate champions.

<u>Evaluation Across the 5 Sectors</u>

- Energy and Green Buildings: The indicator assesses the amount of electricity that is used by the city and encourages lower consumption in comparison to the best performing cities.
- Urban Planning, Green Cover and Biodiversity: Is the city undertaking rejuvenation and conservation of water bodies & open areas, thus trying to combat the heatisland effect.
- Mobility and Air Quality: The indicator assesses the percentage of shared vehicles that operate on clean fuels like CNG, LPG, biofuels or are hybrid or electric vehicles.

Water Management:

. This indicator is to assess whether the city is on course to meet the future water demand. The indicator requires an assessment of both current and future water availability; and corresponding current and future water demand.

. Given that many cities depend significantly on ground water resources to augment piped water supply, it is expected that both **surface and groundwater assessments** would have been conducted.

Waste Management:

. This indicator highlights the interventions made to **minimize** waste generation per capita through various methods and

incentives to reduce the waste generation at source.

. Aligning to the Swach Survekshan the indicator focuses on capturing the measures adopted in implementing Plastic Waste Management Rules 2016, initiatives taken to reduce dry/ wet waste, treatment of domestic hazard waste, on-site wet waste processing by non-bulk waste generators, and measures taken by bulk waste generators to treat dry and process wet waste.

. This will include the efforts made by the citizens on one hand in reducing generation of waste at source and efforts by the municipal authorities in promoting decentralized & centralized processing of waste and setting up facilities for salvaging recyclable & combustible waste.