

India Forum for Nature-based Solutions

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In news– India's first national coalition platform for urban nature-based solutions (NbS) was launched at the 11th World Urban Forum in Poland.

About the forum-

- The forum is led by the National Institute of Urban Affairs' Climate Centre for Cities (NIUA C-Cube) and anchored by World Resources Institute India (WRI India) under the Cities4Forests initiative.
- It is supported by Caterpillar Foundation, Department of Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA), Govt. of the United Kingdom and Norway's International Climate and Forest Initiative (NICFI).
- Established with support from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), **the Climate Centre for Cities (C-Cube) at NIUA has been set up as a one stop shop to support capacity building** and knowledge retention for mainstreaming climate change action in Indian cities.
- It aims to create synergy across all climate actions which are being undertaken in Indian cities by various stakeholders.
- **Forum aims to create a collective of NbS entrepreneurs**, government entities and like-minded organisations, to help scale urban nature-based solutions by-
- **Defining a shared language and by communicating benefits** that inform actions at the local level including scaling up of existing NbS interventions.
- **Driving investment and strengthening delivery mechanisms** through multi-stakeholder coordination.
- **Mainstreaming urban ecosystem-based services** and nature-based solutions in India through informing policy, plans

and project interventions

- Along with mitigating the impact of climate change, **NBS also helps in providing multiple ecosystem benefits along with addressing various societal challenges including building resilience of the underserved and vulnerable urban communities** who are most affected by climate change induced catastrophes.

World Urban Forum(WUF)-

- The **WUF was established in 2001 by the United Nations** to examine rapid urbanisation and its impact on communities, cities, economies, climate change and policies.
- **As a non-legislative forum open to all**, it provides the opportunity for thousands of participants involved in all aspects of urbanisation to share practices and knowledge on how cities are built, planned and managed.
- WUF is convened by UN-Habitat.
- The **first WUF was held in Nairobi, Kenya in 2002** and has been held around the world ever since.
- **11th WUF was co-organized by UN-Habitat, Poland's Ministry of Development Funds** and Regional Policy and the Municipal Office of Katowice.