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OPENING SESSION

NOVEMBER 25, 2026, 0930-1045 HRS **VENUE: INFINITY HALL, HOTEL FAIRMONT, MUMBAI**

0830-0920 hrs	**REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES**	
0920-0930 hrs	Arrival of Hon'ble Ministers, Mayors and esteemed delegates	**Received by AIILSG Team and escort to the main hall**
0930-1045 hrs	**Opening Session**	
0930-0935 hrs	Opening Address	**Dr. Jairaj Phatak, IAS (Retd.)** **Director General, AIILSG**
0935-1015 hrs	Special Addresses By Representatives of Invited Countries (A-Z) (2-3 minutes each)	▪ **Mr. Abdulla Rasheed, Director, Legal, Monitoring & Investigation Section, Local Government Authority, Maldives** ▪ **Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, Secretary General, UCLG ASPAC** ▪ **Ms. Diana Torres, Regional Governance Advisor, UNDP Asia-Pacific** ▪ **Mr. Jordi Vaquer, Secretary General, Metropolis** ▪ **Ms. Josy Ita Michaud-Payet, Mayor of Victoria, Seychelles** ▪ **Mr. Kitano Mitsuru, Executive Adviser, Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR), Japan** ▪ **Ms. Lucy Slack, Secretary General, CLGF** ▪ **Hon. S.M.M. Muszhaaraff, Mayor, Pradeshiya Sabha Pottuvil, Sri Lanka** ▪ **Representative, Ethiopia** ▪ **Professor Ms. Parmjot Bains, Chief Medical Officer of the University of New South Wales (UNSW) RNA Institute** ▪ **Mr. Roland Walter Waniek, Managing Director, IKT – Institute for Underground Infrastructure** ▪ **Mr. Ryan Knox, Managing Director, SALAR International, Sweden** ▪ **Dr. Vijay Jagannathan, Secretary General, CITYNET** ▪ **Mr. Vladislav Morozov, Vice Consul, Consulate General of the Russian Federation in Mumbai**
1015-1020 hrs	Special Address	**Dr Debolina Kundu** **Director, National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)-India**
1020-1028 hrs	Guest of Honour Address	**Sh. Vikramaditya Singh, Cabinet Minister, Public Works and Urban Development, Government of Himachal Pradesh**
1028-1036 hrs	Guest of Honour Address	**Smt. Agnimitra Paul, Cabinet Minister, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, West Bengal**
1036-1045 hrs	Guest of Honour Address	**Amb. Saidu Dahiru Mohammad, High Commissioner of the Federal Republic of Nigeria**
1045 hrs	**Closing of Opening Session**	

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INAUGURAL SESSION

NOVEMBER 25, 2026, 1100-1200 HRS **VENUE: INFINITY HALL, HOTEL FAIRMONT, MUMBAI**

1100-1102 hrs	**Arrival of the Chief Guest on the dais & Welcome and introduction of dignitaries**	
1102-1107 hrs	**Felicitation of the Chief Guest and other dignitaries**	
1107-1110 hrs	**Lighting of the ceremonial lamp by dignitaries**	
1110-1114 hrs	AIILSG Centenary address	**Sh. Ranjit S Chavan, President, AIILSG**
1114-1118 hrs	**Release of AIILSG Publications: Compendium of White Papers** **Group Photograph**	
1118-1123 hrs	Host Mayor Address	**Hon'ble Smt. Ritu Tawde, Mayor of Mumbai**
1123-1133 hrs	Guest of Honour Address	**Sh. Tokhan Sahu** **Minister of State, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India**
1133-1143 hrs	Guest of Honour Address	**Sh. Eknath Shinde** **Deputy Chief Minister, Maharashtra**
1143-1158 hrs	Chief Guest Address	**Sh. Devendra Fadnavis** **Chief Minister of Maharashtra**
1158-1200 hrs	Vote of Thanks	**Sh. Ravi Ranjan Guru** **Deputy Director General, AIILSG**
1200-1215 hrs	**Tea/Coffee Break**	

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TECHNICAL SESSION 1
REIMAGINING CITIES: URBAN INDIA@2047

NOVEMBER 25, 2026, 1215-1330 HRS **VENUE: INFINITY HALL, HOTEL FAIRMONT, MUMBAI**

1215-1220 hrs	Welcome and Opening	**Mr. Pashim Tewari (Moderator)** **Technical Director, AIILSG**
1220-1230 hrs	Keynote Address	**Mr. Amitabh Kant** **Former CEO, NITI Aayog**
1230-1237 hrs	Speaker 1: Global Perspective	**Ms. Diana Torres** **Regional Governance Advisor, UNDP Asia-Pacific**
1237-1244 hrs	Speaker 2: The Arithmetic & Technology of 2047	**Sh. Ajay Patel** **Director (Geo-Spatial Applications) at BISAG-N (Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics), under MeitY, Government of India**
1244-1251 hrs	Speaker 3: Institutions and Implementation	**Sh. Gopal Prasad** **Economic Adviser and Joint Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)**
1251-1258 hrs	Speaker 4: Financing the City	**Dr. V N Alok** **Professor, Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA)**
1258-1305 hrs	Speaker 5: The Liveable City	**Sh. Abhilash Khandekar** **Senior Journalist**
1305-1312 hrs	Speaker 6: Who Is the City For?	**Sh. Malhar Kalambe** **Climate Activist and Founder, Beach Please, Mumbai**
1312-1325 hrs	Moderated Discussion and Interactive Q&A with Participants	**Moderator and all Panellists**
1325-1330 hrs	Key Takeaways, Closing and Felicitation of the Speakers	**Mr. Pashim Tewari** **Technical Director, AIILSG**
1330 hrs	**Closing of Technical Session 1**	
1330-1415 hrs	**Networking Lunch**	

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TECHNICAL SESSION 2
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, REAL CITIES: GOVERNING THE TECH-DRIVEN URBAN FUTURE

NOVEMBER 25, 2026, 1415-1545 HRS **VENUE: INFINITY HALL, HOTEL FAIRMONT, MUMBAI**

1415-1420 hrs	Welcome and Introduction of Speakers	**Ms. Nidhi Rahangdale** **Emcee**
1420-1427 hrs	Keynote Address	**Sh. Vikramaditya Singh** **Cabinet Minister, Public Works and Urban Development, Government of Himachal Pradesh**
1427-1432 hrs	Setting the Context: AI and the Future of Urban Governance	**Mr. Hitesh Vaidya (Moderator and Session Chair)** **Former UN-Habitat Country Head and Former Director, NIUA**
1432-1439 hrs	Speaker 1: Elected Leadership and Citizen-Centric Governance	**Dr. Umesh Gautam** **Mayor, Bareilly Municipal Corporation, Uttar Pradesh**
1439-1446 hrs	Speaker 2: Municipal Administration and Implementation	**Ms. Ritu Suhas, IAS** **Additional Director, Urban Local Bodies, Uttar Pradesh**
1446-1453 hrs	Speaker 3: Global Urban Governance and City Networks	**Mr. Jordi Vaquer** **Secretary General, Metropolis**
1453-1500 hrs	Speaker 4: Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies	**Mr. Purshottam Kaushik** **Head, Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution, World Economic Forum (WEF)**
1500-1507 hrs	Speaker 5: Urban Planning, Infrastructure and Investment	**Dr. Shankar Chandrakant Deshpande** **Chief Investment and Planning Officer and Head of TCPO, MMRDA**
1507-1514 hrs	Speaker 6: Sustainable and Data-Driven Urban Development	**Mr. Madhav Pai** **Chief Executive Officer, World Resources Institute (WRI) India**
1514-1521 hrs	Speaker 7: Climate Resilience and Human Settlements	**Ms. Prerana Langa** **Chief Executive Officer, Aga Khan Agency for Habitat (AKAH)**
1521-1540 hrs	Moderated High-Level Discussion and Interactive Q&A	**Mr. Hitesh Vaidya and all Panellists**
1540-1545 hrs	Summary of Key Takeaways and Felicitation of the Speakers	**Mr. Hitesh Vaidya** **Moderator and Session Chair**
1545 hrs	**Closing of Technical Session 2**	
1545-1600 hrs	**Tea/Coffee Break**	

TECHNICAL SESSION 3
URBAN WASTE: CAN CITIES SOLVE THEIR WASTE CRISIS THROUGH CIRCULAR ECONOMY?

NOVEMBER 25, 2026, 1600-1730 HRS **VENUE: INFINITY HALL, HOTEL FAIRMONT, MUMBAI**

Managed by Waste Management Research Centre (WMRC), Maharashtra

1600-1605 hrs	Opening Remarks *Setting the context*	**Dr. (Prof.) Sneha Palnitkar** **Chief Executive Officer, AIILSG – WMRC, Mumbai**
1605-1612 hrs	Chair's Address	**Dr. K. H. Govind Raj, IAS** **Additional Chief Secretary, Urban Development, Government of Maharashtra**
1612-1619 hrs	Keynote Address	**Sh. Siddesh Kadam** **Chairman, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board**
1619-1649 hrs	Round 1 *Moderated Discussion on Understanding the Current Challenges*	**Moderator: Dr. (Prof.) Sneha Palnitkar, CEO, AIILSG – WMRC, Mumbai** **Panellists:** ▪ **Sh. S. Suresh Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Municipal Administration and Urban Development, Andhra Pradesh** ▪ **Dr. T. K. Sreedevi, IAS, Secretary, Municipal Administration Department, Government of Telangana** ▪ **Dr. Upendra Nath Behera, IAS (Retd.), Advisor, Asian Development Bank (ADB)** ▪ **Mr. Kitano Mitsuru, Executive Adviser, Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR), Japan** ▪ **Mr. Puven Akkiah, Sr. Manager, Integrated Development Planning, eThekwini Municipality, Durban, South Africa** ▪ **Dr. Rekha Bhatkhande, Former Dean, Sushrusha Hospital, Mumbai**
1649-1719 hrs	Round 2 *Moderated Discussion on Solutions and the Way Forward*	**Moderator and all Panellists**
1719-1726 hrs	Special Address *'Aesthetics in a City: Important yet Ignored'*	**Sh. Naval Kishore Ram, IAS** **Municipal Commissioner, Pune Municipal Corporation**
1726-1730 hrs	Closing Remarks Summary and Felicitation of the Speakers	**Dr. (Prof.) Sneha Palnitkar** **Chief Executive Officer, AIILSG – WMRC, Mumbai**
1730 hrs	**Closing of Technical Session 3**	
1730-1830 hrs	**Break**	

1600-1605 hrs	Opening Remarks *Setting the context*	**Dr. (Prof.) Sneha Palnitkar** **Chief Executive Officer, AIILSG – WMRC, Mumbai**
1830-2200 hrs	**Cultural Programme and Gala Dinner** ***Venue: Infinity Hall, Hotel Fairmont, Mumbai***	

DAY 2 PRE-SESSION
3RD WORLD MAYORS' FORUM

NOVEMBER 26, 2026, 0945-1000 HRS **VENUE: INFINITY HALL, HOTEL FAIRMONT, MUMBAI**

0945-0955 hrs	Inviting Dignitaries to the Dais ▪ **Unveiling of the AIILSG Innovation: the web-based tool 'MY DIGI Mirror'**
0955-1000 hrs	Unveiling of AIILSG's 3 Centenary Publications ▪ **AIILSG ICEQUI-T's Vision Document for the Next Century (2026–2126)** ▪ **Centenary publication on 'Developing Innovations – Insights from the AIILSG Experience'** ▪ **Centenary publication on 'Enabling Solar Energy for Holistic Development: the AIILSG Experience'**

TECHNICAL SESSION 4
FROM MUMBAI TO THE WORLD: MAKING EVERY CITY SAFER

NOVEMBER 26, 2026, 1000-1130 HRS **VENUE: INFINITY HALL, HOTEL FAIRMONT, MUMBAI**

1000-1005 hrs	Opening Remarks	**Distinguished Prof. Dr. Mukesh Kanaskar (Moderator)** **Director – Corporate Social Responsibility and Director – ICEQUI-T, AIILSG**
1005-1115 hrs	Narration by Speakers *(10 minutes each)*	▪ **Ms. Josy Ita Michaud-Payet, Mayor of Victoria, Seychelles** ▪ **Dr. Mahesh Bhagwat, Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad City** ▪ **Dr. Deepak Kokate, Executive Director, RESCO, MAHAPREIT, Government of Maharashtra** ▪ **Mr. Soumya Garnaik, Country Head, Global Green Growth Institute** ▪ **Mr. Ritesh Sinha, Chief Operating Officer, JSW Foundation** ▪ **Mr. Rakesh Roushan, Chief Manager (MS & CSR), Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.** ▪ **Ms. Shweta Gupta, Sr. Executive Director, AIILSG's ICEQUI-T**
1115-1125 hrs	Plenary Discussion and Q&A	**Anchored by the Moderator**
1125-1130 hrs	Vote of Thanks & Felicitation of the Speakers	**Mr. Daga More** **Regional Director, AIILSG's Pune Centre**
1130 hrs	**Closing of Technical Session 4**	
1130-1145 hrs	**Tea/Coffee Break**	

TECHNICAL SESSION 5
REIMAGINING URBAN MOBILITY: MOVING PEOPLE, NOT JUST VEHICLES

NOVEMBER 26, 2026, 1145-1315 HRS **VENUE: INFINITY HALL, HOTEL FAIRMONT, MUMBAI**

1145-1152 hrs	Session Theme & Speaker Introduction	**Sh. Ravi Ranjan Guru** **Deputy Director General, AIILSG**
1152-1157 hrs	Chairperson's Opening Remarks	**Prof. Amitabh Kundu (Chairperson)** **Distinguished Author, Professor Emeritus at LJ University, JNU, Maulana Azad National Urdu University**
1157-1227 hrs	Round 1 – Understanding the Challenges *Where are Indian cities today, and what needs to change? One focused question per speaker (60–90 seconds each)*	***Moderated by the Chairperson*** ***Panellists:*** ▪ **Mr. Amit Bhatt, Managing Director (India), ICCT** ▪ **Sh. Harnam Singh, IAS (Retd.), Former Joint Secretary to the Prime Minister of India** ▪ **Dr. Sandip Chakrabarti, JSW Endowed Chair Professor, IIM Ahmedabad** ▪ **Dr. Parthaa Bosu, Principal – Infrastructure, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** ▪ **Sh. Tikender Singh Panwar, Former Deputy Mayor, Shimla** ▪ **Dr. Kedar Umesh Dicholkar, Assistant Professor, School of Design, IIT Jodhpur** ▪ **Dr. Arti Roshan Soni, Scientist D, CSIR-NEERI, Mumbai**
1227-1257 hrs	Round 2 – Solutions and the Road to 2047 *What should Indian cities do differently to achieve future-ready urban mobility? Includes cross-panel interaction at the Chairperson's discretion*	**Chairperson and all Panellists**
1257-1307 hrs	Audience Q&A	**Chairperson and Panel**
1307-1311 hrs	Closing Remarks	**Sh. Ravi Ranjan Guru** **Deputy Director General, AIILSG**
1311-1315 hrs	Felicitation of the Speakers	**Mr. Anirudh Shiyal** **Regional Director, AIILSG Ahmedabad**
1315 hrs	**Closing of Technical Session 5**	
1315-1400 hrs	**Lunch**	

TECHNICAL SESSION 6
CITIES ON THE FRONTLINES OF THE CLIMATE CRISIS

NOVEMBER 26, 2026, 1400-1530 HRS **VENUE: INFINITY HALL, HOTEL FAIRMONT, MUMBAI**

1400-1405 hrs	Opening	**Ms. Utkarsha Kavadi** **Sr. Executive Director, All India Institute of Local Self-Government (AIILSG)**
1405-1415 hrs	Chair's Address	**Ms. Sheela Patel** **Founder and Director, Society for the Promotion of Area Resource Centres (SPARC), Mumbai**
1415-1425 hrs	Keynote Address	**Ms. Jayshree Bhoj, IAS** **Secretary, Department of Environment and Climate Change (DoECC), Government of Maharashtra**
1425-1525 hrs	Panel Discussion: Cities on the Frontlines of the Climate Crisis	***Moderator: Ms. Utkarsha Kavadi, Sr. Executive Director, AIILSG*** ***Panellists:*** ▪ **Mr. Pushyamitra Bhargav, Hon. Mayor, Indore Municipal Corporation, Madhya Pradesh** ▪ **Dr. Avinash Dhakne, IAS, Additional Municipal Commissioner, Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC)** ▪ **Mr. Sameer Unhale, Joint Commissioner, Directorate of Municipal Administration, Government of Maharashtra** ▪ **Ms. Pratibha Sharma, Project Specialist – Circular Economy, Chemicals & Waste Management, UNDP India** ▪ **Mr. Ronak Sutaria, Founder & CEO, Respirer Living Sciences, Pune** ▪ **Mr. Jamie Fulbrook, International Communications, Impact Strategist and Film Producer, Made By Jam, Amsterdam, Netherlands** ▪ **Ms. Stephanie uy Tan, Councillor, Catbalogan, Philippines**
1525-1530 hrs	Concluding Remarks by the Chair and Felicitation of the Speakers	**Ms. Sheela Patel** **Session Chair**
1530 hrs	**Closing of Technical Session 6**	
1530-1545 hrs	**Tea/Coffee Break**	

TECHNICAL SESSION 7
ENERGY ACCESS AND TRANSITION: THE ROAD TO NET ZERO CITIES

NOVEMBER 26, 2026, 1545-1715 HRS **VENUE: INFINITY HALL, HOTEL FAIRMONT, MUMBAI**

In Partnership with RCUES

1545-1550 hrs	Welcome & Introduction	**Dr. Ajit Salvi** **Director, RCUES of AIILSG, Mumbai**
1550-1558 hrs	Opening Remarks	**Dr. Sudhir Krishna, IAS (Retd.) (Session Chair)** **Former Secretary, MoUD, Government of India**
1558-1608 hrs	Keynote Address	**Mr. Sanjay Dubey, IAS** **Additional Chief Secretary, Madhya Pradesh**
1608-1633 hrs	Round 1 – Current Challenges *Where are cities getting stuck in delivering energy access while transitioning towards net zero?*	***Moderator: Dr. Ajit Salvi, Director, RCUES of AIILSG, Mumbai*** ***Panellists:*** ▪ **Ms. Sulochana Das, Hon'ble Mayor of Bhubaneswar** ▪ **Dr. Vijay Suryavanshi, IAS, Municipal Commissioner, Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation** ▪ **Mr. Siddhanta Das, IFS (Retd.), Former Director General of Forests and Special Secretary, MoEFCC, Government of India** ▪ **Dr. Prashant Bhave, Professor (Adjunct), Veermata Jijabai Technological Institute (VJTI)** ▪ **Dr. Priyadarshini Karve, CEO, CLEAN (Clean Energy Access Network)** ▪ **Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, Secretary General, UCLG ASPAC**
1633-1658 hrs	Round 2 – Solutions and the Way Forward *How can cities move from energy-transition commitments to implementation at scale?*	**Moderator and all Panellists**
1658-1708 hrs	Round 3 – Cross-Sector Perspectives and Priority Actions	**Moderator and all Panellists**
1708-1713 hrs	Chair's Address *(Summary of the session)*	**Dr. Sudhir Krishna** **Former Secretary, MoUD, Government of India**
1713-1715 hrs	Vote of Thanks and Felicitation of the Speakers	**Dr. Ajit Salvi** **Director, RCUES of AIILSG, Mumbai**
1715 hrs	**Closing of Technical Session 7**	
1715-1720 hrs	**Changeover for the Valedictory Session**	

VALEDICTORY SESSION

NOVEMBER 26, 2026, 1720-1820 HRS **VENUE: INFINITY HALL, HOTEL FAIRMONT, MUMBAI**

1720-1730 hrs	Concluding Remarks	**Sh. Ranjit S Chavan** **President, AIILSG**
1730-1740 hrs	Concluding Remarks	**Dr. Jairaj Phatak, IAS (Retd.)** **Director General, AIILSG**
1740-1755 hrs	Release of 3rd WMF Declaration *with real-time amendments, if any*	**Moderated by Sh. Ravi Ranjan Guru** **Deputy Director General, AIILSG**
1755-1805 hrs	Release of Conclusion Video	**All dignitaries on the dais**
1805-1815 hrs	Host City Remarks	**Hon'ble Smt. Ritu Tawde** **Mayor of Mumbai**
1815-1820 hrs	Vote of Thanks	**Sh. Abhishek Pandey** **Head, International Collaborations, AIILSG**
1820 hrs	**Closing of the 3rd World Mayors' Forum**	

PARALLEL SESSIONS

DAY 1 – 25 NOVEMBER 2026 GRAND TERMINUS HALLS, HOTEL FAIRMONT

TIME	SESSION	SESSION PARTNER	VENUE
1200–1330 hrs	Parallel Session I City-to-City Cooperation in a Changing World	Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF)	Grand Terminus 1-3
Lunch			
1415–1545 hrs	Parallel Session II 3rd World Mayors' Forum	By AIILSG By Invitation only	Grand Terminus 8–10
1415-1545 hrs	Parallel Session III People-Centered Cities: Building Future- Ready Local Governments, through Leadership, Learning and Human Capability Development	IFTDO	Grand Terminus 1-3
Tea Break			
1600–1730 hrs	Parallel Session IV Circular Cities: Rethinking Resources, Waste & Growth	CITYNET	Grand Terminus 8–10
1600-1730 hrs	Parallel Session V Localising Global Gateway: From Global Investment to Local Impact	UCLG ASPAC	Grand Terminus 1-3

DAY 2 – 26 NOVEMBER 2026

TIME	SESSION	SESSION PARTNER	VENUE
1000–1130 hrs	Parallel Session VI River Cities in Focus	National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)	Grand Terminus 1-3
1000–1130 hrs	Parallel Session VII Forum for Local Government Associations	AIILSG	Grand Terminus 8–10
Tea Break			
1145–1315 hrs	Parallel Session VIII The Invisible City – Smart, Safe and Net-Zero Infrastructure Beneath Our Feet	Institut für Unterirdische Infrastruktur (IKT), Germany	Grand Terminus 1-3
1145–1315 hrs	Parallel Session IX 12th Executive Board of Asian Mayors' Forum	Asian Mayors' Forum	Grand Terminus 8–10
Lunch			
1400-1530 hrs	Parallel Session X Beyond Municipal Boundaries: Delivering Metropolitan Governance in India and Around the World	METROPOLIS	Grand Terminus 1-3
1400-1530 hrs	Parallel Session XI Decarbonising of Cities Initiative (DCI)	Urban Administration and Development Department, MP	Grand Terminus 8–10
Tea Break			
1545–1715 hrs	Parallel Session XII Sports Diplomacy and Cities	University of New South Wales (UNSW), Sydney, Australia	Grand Terminus 1-3
1545-1715 hrs	Signing of MoUs	Partner Organisations	Grand Terminus 8-10