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**Subject: Invitation to speak at the "Swiss Innovations for Smart Cities in India" session under Smart Cities Conference, May 11, 2017**

Dear Mr Bhattacharya,

Greetings from the Swiss Cooperation Office India!

The city of Siliguri is a partner of our "Capacity Building for Low Carbon and Climate Resilient City Development in India (CapaCITIES)" project. The Swiss experts and the Indian experts are providing technical assistance for developing quick-win measures and bankable projects on several topics in cooperation with the Siliguri Municipal Corporation. We are confident that the project will be able to create good examples for the city of Siliguri, which with your stated support can be replicated and/or scaled-up by other cities in West Bengal and other cities in India.

As part of the Smart Cities Conference to be held at New Delhi from May 10-12, 2017, the Embassy of Switzerland is organizing a session on "Swiss innovations for smart cities in India". We take this opportunity to invite you as a speaker at this session. Given your vast experience related to urban development, we would request you to kindly make a brief intervention on 'Solutions required by Siliguri and other Indian cities'. A copy of the agenda is enclosed.

We will also organize a bilateral meeting between you and the Ambassador of Switzerland to India, either before or after the Swiss session.

The Embassy of Switzerland will organize your ticket and accommodation in New Delhi. Our implementing agency team from ICLEI would contact your office to finalise the logistics.

We look forward to your confirmation.

Kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

  
Daniel Ziegerer  
Head of Cooperation and Counsellor



CC: Mr Emani Kumar, ICLEI South Asia

# Swiss innovations for smart cities in India

## Agenda

11 May 2017, 11:45 – 13:15

Moderator: Mr. Daniel Ziegerer, Head Swiss Cooperation Office India, Embassy of Switzerland

11:45 Welcome

Dr. Andreas Baum  
Ambassador of Switzerland to India and Bhutan

11:50 Context setting

**Smart city context, challenges and opportunities in India**

Dr. Shirish Sinha  
Deputy Head Swiss Cooperation Office India, Embassy of Switzerland

**Solutions required for Siliguri and other Indian cities**

Mr. Asok Narayan Bhattacharya  
Mayor of Siliguri

12:10 Panel on Swiss innovations for smart cities in India

**Low carbon and climate resilient city development**

Mr. Ashish Rao-Ghorpade, Regional Executive Manager, ICLEI & City Coach, CapaCITIES Project

**Energy efficient building design, technology and regulations**

Dr. Sameer Maithel, Director, Greentech Knowledge Solutions & Co-Team leader Indo-Swiss Building Energy Efficiency Project

**Using technologies to preserve resources in Smart Cities**

Mr. Jean Michel Deckers, CEO Smixin SA

**Smart urban communication networks**

Mr. Jens Hauggaard, Sales Manager, Paradox Engineering - MinebeaMitsumi Group

**The potential of remote metering solutions**

Mr. Cedric Morel, CEO, Sensile Technologies

**Sewage sludge valorization**

Mr. Frederic Juillard, CEO TreaTech

12:40 Question & answers

13:10 Wrap-up

13:15 Closure