

JOINT DECLARATION
between
*THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA*
and
*THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, BUILDING,
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT OF
THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY*
IN THE FIELD OF
SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

The Ministry of Urban Development of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development of the Federal Republic of Germany (the "Participants") envisage

- promoting discussion and strategies on integrated policies and principles for urban development and revitalization in the two countries;
- fostering fair, equitable and sustainable urban communities in the two countries and the ideals of a democratic society with equal opportunity for all.

They desire to promote bilateral cooperation in the field of sustainable urban development through the exploration of solutions to problems of mutual concern and the exchange of information on their policies, research, and programs in this area;

Therefore they have reached the following understanding:

Section 1

To realize the benefits of this Joint Declaration ("Declaration"), the Ministry of Urban Development of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development of the Federal Republic of Germany intend to develop cooperative programs as specified below, or as may be subsequently decided upon.

Section 2

The bilateral work under this Declaration is to be jointly led by the Minister and Secretary of the Ministry of Urban Development of the Republic of India and the Minister and State Secretary of Transport, Building and Urban Development of the Federal Republic of Germany. Together, they intend to oversee the development of areas of cooperation and to seek the involvement of other experts outside the government working in these and related fields who are concerned with research and policy planning issues on cities.

Section 3

Under the framework of the programs and political principles of relevance for urban development in both countries the topic areas of bilateral cooperation under consideration may include such topics as:

1. Making greater use of integrated urban development policy approaches.
 - a. Creating and ensuring high-quality public spaces
 - b. Modernizing infrastructure networks and improving energy efficiency
2. That special attention is to be paid to deprived neighbourhoods within the context of the city as a whole.
 - a. Pursuing strategies for upgrading the physical environment
 - b. Promotion of efficient and affordable urban transport

Within this framework the topic areas may include:

- (a) Analysis of integrated urban and regional policies relevant to the development and redevelopment of cities, metropolitan communities and rural areas in a broader framework with coordination of spatial, sectoral and temporal aspects.
- (b) Ways to foster the design and development of sustainable communities through integrated and inter-governmental partnerships in a federal system, with particular attention to transit-oriented development planning and finance;
- (c) Public-Private sector investment partnerships, particularly in regard to sustainability and the revitalization of cities in transition (Germany) and fast growing cities (India);
- (d) Urban land use, including green space planning, temporary greening, brown field rehabilitation, as well as the quality of public spaces, urban man-made landscapes and architecture and their role as locational factors;

Section 4

Cooperative activities initiated under this Declaration are to be conducted on the basis of equality, reciprocity, and mutual benefit. Such cooperation may be implemented by the following means, centered on the dual framework and topic areas of interest listed previously:

- (a) Organization of the exchange of delegations, including, where appropriate and feasible, professionals and specialists in the subject areas;

- (b) Exchange of information, including policy research studies, program evaluation reports and monitoring;
- (c) Organization of bilateral conferences, seminars, forums, workshops, prizes, competitions and planning meetings;
- (d) Joint research studies on particular topics; and
- (e) Other means of cooperation as may be jointly approved, for example, an exchange of professionals from both countries.

To give a shape to the cooperative activities and lay down a roadmap for future action under this Declaration of Intent, a ministerial level meeting will be held in the next six months in Germany.

Section 5

Cooperative activities carried out pursuant to this Declaration are subject to the applicable laws and regulations of the Republic of India and the Federal Republic of Germany and to the concurrence of both Governments before the initiation of any activities.

Section 6

The nature and extent of activities carried out pursuant to this Declaration are subject to the availability of personnel and appropriated funds of each government. It is understood that each government will bear the cost for its participation in such activities. This Declaration is an expression of intent only, and it does not obligate funds, personnel, services, or other resources of either Participant, nor does it create any binding obligations under international or domestic law. Each Participant acts independently with respect to the performance of activities under the Declaration and does not represent that it is an employee or agent of the other Participant. The Declaration does not give a third party any benefit, legal or equitable right, remedy, or claim under the Declaration.

Section 7

Overall coordination of this bilateral cooperative program will rests with the respective unit of the Ministry of Urban Development of the Republic of India and with the Urban Development Policy Division of the Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development of the Federal Republic of Germany. Representatives of these offices or their designees should consult with each other and develop plans for specific cooperative activities which should cover the subject, procedures, terms of cooperation to be

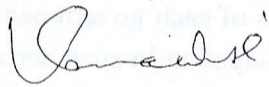
undertaken, the entities involved, other appropriate matters related to the conditions of such cooperation, and should review implementation of any jointly determined activities. Representatives of these offices should be responsible for appropriate coordination and cooperation within their respective governments.

Section 8

Activities under this Declaration of Intent may commence from the day of signature and continue for a period of five years. This Declaration may be altered with approval in writing of both Participants. A Participant should endeavor to provide sixty days advance written notice of its intent to discontinue this arrangement.

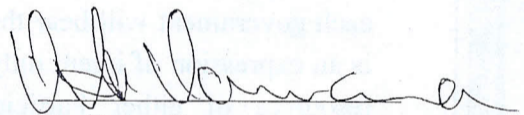
Signed at New Delhi on this 10th of April, 2012, in duplicate, in the English and German languages.

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