

Start of the main phase of the project: Climate and Energy in a Complex Transition Process towards Sustainable Hyderabad - Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies by Changing Institutions, Governance Structures, Lifestyles and Consumption Patterns"

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Climate Change and Resource Depletion are urgent global challenges. A number of different, tailored approaches are required in order to tackle them. This project addresses these challenges in the context of so-called "Megacities" by taking account of their complex social and economic characteristics. The Indian city of Hyderabad is the focus of the project. To this end, a consortium of Indian and German Research Institutes, partners from the public and private sectors as well as NGOs has been formed. Among the project partners from Germany are for instance the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK), the Department of Cultural Geography from the University of Freiburg (CULT-GEO), PTV (Traffic Mobility Logistics) in Karlsruhe, NEXUS GmbH in Berlin and the Institute for Cooperative Sciences at the Humboldt University in Berlin (IfG). Partners from the Indian side include such renowned institutes as the „Center for Economic and Social Sciences" (CESS), the „Regional Center for Environment and Urban Studies", the „Osmania University" (RCEUS-OU), and the „International Crop Research Institute for Semi-Arid Tropics" (ICRISAT) in Patancheru (all from Hyderabad). Lead partner and project coordinator is the Division of Resource Economics at the Humboldt University of Berlin.

In close cooperation with the Indian government, the aim of the project is to develop a "Perspective Action Plan" that will establish Hyderabad as a "Low Emission City in Asia" in 30 years time. The project is expected to run over the next five years. For further information, please contact Dr. Ramesh Chennamaneni (r.chennamaneni@rz.hu-berlin.de) or Dr. Tilman Hertz (tilman.hertz@staff.hu-berlin.de) and visit our website: www.sustainable-hyderabad.de