Welcome to Snapshots, a quarterly newsletter highlighting WRI India's activities, achievements and upcoming opportunities.

**Ken O’Flaherty**

Ken O’Flaherty, Ambassador of Ireland to India, addressed the gathering at the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) event organized by WRI India in collaboration with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India. Attendees included the Hon’ble Prime Minister, Hon’ble Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, Dr. Ruchika Singh (Chief Economist, WRI India), and Bijal Brahmbhatt (Director, Cities, WRI India). The event was organized by The Land Accelerator South Asia (TLA-SA) and supported by the EU Urban Cohesion Programme (EUCP).

**Back Better Together**

WRI India partnered with the EU International Urban Cooperation Programme (IUCP) and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India for the “Back Better Together” event on 24 February 2021. The event focused on sustainable urban planning for the post-COVID-19 period. A panel discussion featuring experts from the World Resources Institute (WRI) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO) shed light on the need for a cohesive and resource-efficient urban planning approach.

**Vivekananda Hallekere**

Vivekananda Hallekere, CEO of the World Resources Institute (WRI), and Ross Center, delivered the keynotes for the Back Better Together event. They emphasized the importance of sustainable urban planning and the need for collaboration between different sectors to achieve a resilient urban future.

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