

City-level Loss & Damage Assessment Workshop in Ahmedabad and Surat

*Assessing & Managing Loss & Damage | Local-level evidence to inform
Global-Level Action in India*



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Surat: May 2, 2025 - May 3, 2025

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Invitation to Shape Local Loss & Damage Assessment Workshop in Ahmedabad/Surat

We invite you to join the workshop focused on understanding and addressing Loss and Damage (L&D) due to extreme climatic conditions at the city level. This session, co-organized by GIDR, ICLEI South Asia, and Transitions Research, will take place from 30th April 2025 to 03rd 2025, in Ahmedabad and Surat.

As a representative of an organization working on the frontlines of climate impacts, your insights and experiences are central to shaping how we assess and respond to climate risks, especially urban flooding and extreme heat, in ways that reflect real-life challenges and strengths.

Workshop Schedule

City	Date	Time	Venue
Ahmedabad			
1 Consultation with Public Sector Officials, Parastatals & Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC)	30 th April 2025	10:00am to 04:30 pm	Lakdawala Hall Gujarat Institute of Development Research (GIDR) Campus Near Gota Flyover, Sarkhej Gandhinagar Highway
2 Consultations with CBOs and NGOs.	01 st May 2025	10:00am to 04:30 pm	Ahmedabad Gujarat 380060
Surat			
1 Consultation with Public Sector Officials, Parastatals & Surat Municipal Corporation (SMC)	02 nd May 2025	10:00am to 04:30 pm	Conference Hall, Department of English Veer Narmad South Gujarat University Udhana - Magdalla Rd, Surat Gujarat 395007
2 Consultations with CBOs and NGOs.	03 rd May 2025	10:00am to 04:30 pm	

Objectives

This workshop is part of a broader initiative to build a practical, city-level approach to assessing L&D, led by ICLEI South Asia and supported by the UNOPS Copenhagen Climate Centre. The main objectives of the workshop are:

- Learn from local experiences of L&D assessment and response.
- Reflect on how extreme heat and flooding have impacted lives, livelihoods, and culture.
- Identify current institutional mechanisms and where support is needed.
- Contribute to a locally grounded, action-oriented methodology that can inform city resilience efforts and global action.

Overview of the Project

The project aims to enhance city-level capacities in assessing and managing climate-induced Loss and Damage (L&D), focusing on the cities of Ahmedabad and Surat. Climate hazards such as extreme heat and urban flooding have increasingly disrupted urban systems, causing economic and non-economic losses (ELD and NELD). Recognizing the urgent need for a localized, data-driven approach to assess the impacts of climate risks, this initiative seeks to generate actionable evidence from the ground up. Through multi-stakeholder engagement, this workshop aims to bring together municipal departments, parastatal agencies, and civil society actors to understand the existing city-level damage and loss assessments post extreme events. Potential areas for insight and information exchange, we will engage in the following broad categories to support structured discussions-

1. Post-Disaster Loss & Damage (Records & Datasets)
2. Loss and Damage Assessment Reports (Rapid/Detailed) at the district level
3. Capturing Non-Economic Loss & Damage
4. Health Data with respect to climate events
5. Urban Services Disruption
6. Vulnerable Communities and Social Impacts
7. Emergency Response & Institutional Roles
8. Coping mechanisms, Recovery efforts and Limits of Adaptation

Agenda

Duration	Title	Team
Welcome & Introduction		
10:00 - 11:00	Welcome Introduction and context setting	GIDR/TR/ICLEI SA
11:00 - 11:30	Tea Break	
Session - I		
11:30 - 13:15	Section A: Observations on Impacts of extreme climatic events and social vulnerabilities Section B: Types of Losses and Damage (Economic/ Non- economic) Section C: Measurement and Evidence of L&D	GIDR/TR/ICLEI SA
13:15 - 14:00	Lunch	
Session - II		
14:00 - 16:00	Section D: Coping mechanisms, Recovery efforts and Limits of Adaptation Section E: Recommendations & Next steps	GIDR/TR/ICLEI SA
Closing Session		
16:00 - 16:30	Final comments/feedback Closing Remarks	GIDR/TR/ICLEI SA