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# The *Euro*India Forum

*Joining hands for a shared future*

2008 theme:

## URBAN INDIA 2020: THE NEW FRONTIER

Creating efficient and sustainable cities  
Building Euro-Indian Partnerships

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## JOIN INDIA'S URBAN REVOLUTION...

Rapid economic growth and the corresponding rise in aspiration levels have created daunting challenges for Indian cities and local governments. In order to help them cope with pressing demands for vastly improved infrastructure and better living in cities, the Government of India launched the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) in December 2005. This mission offers co-financing of urban infrastructure projects to 60-odd select cities, provided they present a credible and up-to-date City Development Plan (C.D.P.) and sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with a time-frame for undertaking regulatory and governance reforms.

As of mid-June 2007, C.D.P.s have been prepared for all JNNURM cities; over 370 projects with a total cost of over € 5 billion have been approved; 51 cities have signed MoAs.

This is arguably the most dramatic change in India at the sub-national level since economic reforms were first initiated in 1991. The JNNURM provides an impulse to the whole urban sector and mobilises cities and States to move away from the piecemeal and quickfix approach of the past and finally address their huge pent-up urban development and management needs in a comprehensive way.

Other rapid transformations stem from large public-private partnerships: cities are at the core of India's revolution in services and experience a very fast economic growth. Several hundreds special economic zones are being planned. Peri-urban areas experience a unique industrial, service and housing development, while city centres are facing the challenge of modernizing while retaining their cultural, social and built heritage.

## ... AND RIDE THE SUCCESS OF THE FIRST GOA FORUM:

*"This challenging mission [the JNNURM] would be greatly facilitated if our cities could imbibe the vast experience and the state-of-the-art technologies and know-how that European cities have developed over decades of being confronted to similar social and economic pressures".*

Taking a cue from the words of Dr Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India and one of its two founding co-Presidents together with late Mr Raymond Barre, former French Prime Minister, The EuroIndia Centre, with the Confederation of Indian Industry as its Associate Partner, organized the first Forum in February 2007 in Goa dedicated to the future of Indian cities, leveraging European expertise for their renewal.



The Forum enjoyed the strong support of the Indian Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the Indian Ministry of Urban Development, the Government of Goa and the European Delegation in India.

Over 200 senior representatives of European and Indian cities and states, companies, academic and research institutions, N.G.O.s and international institutions had a rich and productive exchange in the special atmosphere of Goa: Nine plenary sessions and twelve workshops were organised over three days on urban issues of mutual concern, with the objective to share knowledge and best practices and trigger Euro-Indian co-operation projects.

The discussions brought about a consensus on several issues and opened the way to possible co-operation avenues and joint priority initiatives, which are now being explored through return visits by Indian partner cities to their European counterparts. (See summary report on [www.the-euroindia-centre.org](http://www.the-euroindia-centre.org)).

The Forum met with success and ended with a standing ovation. As a result, key institutional participants have committed themselves to implement the agreed resolutions and to participate in the next Goa Forum.



Inaugural session with Chief Minister of Goa, Pratapsingh Raoji Rane, Dr. Alexander Spachis, Deputy Head of the European Delegation, Co-Presidents Colette Mathur and Anand Mahindra, Forum partners: Mukesh Ambani, Chairman of Reliance Industries and Bertrand Collomb, Chairman of Lafarge, Dr. Carlos Fontão de Carvalho, Vice-Mayor of Lisbon, Prof. Isabelle Milbert, Graduate Institute of Development Studies, Geneva, Soprano Patricia Rozario and pianist Charles Owen and Centre members.



## **PARTICIPATE IN THE SECOND GOA FORUM:**

Join these pioneer participants if you have an interest (business, administrative, academic, research, co-operation...) in transforming Indian cities and boosting Euro-Indian urban co-operation.

Executive Co-Presidents Colette Mathur, Senior Advisor for South-Asia, World Economic Forum, and Jamshyd Godrej, Chairman & Managing Director, Godrej & Boyce Manufacturing Company Ltd., invite you to be part of the fast growing momentum of India's urban revolution triggered by the JNNURM and to contribute to the budding Euro-Indian urban co-operation movement triggered by the first Forum.

Over two days you will have opportunities to interact with a cross section of 250 top stakeholders, decision-makers and opinion leaders in the urban domain from Europe and India in the special atmosphere of Goa and get a quick and condensed in-depth domain update and business opportunities through informal networking.

Several means of public visibility and dissemination and private facilities for one-to-one or small group meetings will give you a unique opportunity to have your say on decisions, policies and prospects.

The Goa Forum results will be publicly reported in Delhi on the following Monday, April 7, before national and international media, key officials in the Government of India and Indian States, European representations and India-based city stake-holders.

## **JOIN AS A PARTNER:**

32 European and Indian institutional Partners, be it cities or companies, contributed to the success of the first Forum by sharing their needed human, technical and financial resources.

Their specific reasons for partnership may vary, but all would agree with the need to BUILD STRONG PARTNERSHIPS at this path-breaking Forum in order to build up long term ties and pave the way for a fruitful and enduring co-operation.

As a corporate or city Partner, you will be involved in the preparation of the Forum and entitled to special attention, exposure and multiple benefits (refer to our Website for details).

If you wish to be invited to play a visible leading role in the Forum and be seen as a key partner in JNNURM-led Indian urban revolution, we invite you to join the Forum as a Strategic Partner, if you are a company, or as a Centre Member, if you are a city, with enhanced Partnership benefits.





## MORE INFORMATION:

### Programme

The programme was conceived after an extensive consultation of participants and partners of the first Forum by our high-level in-house Euro-Indian think-tank led by:

- Professor Isabelle Milbert, Graduate Institute for Development Studies, Geneva
- Professor Om Prakash Mathur, Urban Economics and Finance, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, Delhi.

It reflects the conclusions of the first Forum and topical Indian and European concerns and revolves around the following core issues :

- 1) How to ensure environmental and social sustainability of India's urban modernization?
- 2) How to boost and upgrade the human capital required by India's urban development?
- 3) Why and how making new out of old in the city?
- 4) Why an integrated urban reform process and how?

### Registration

Will be online and start on 1st October.

### Venue

The Forum will again take place at the Taj Exotica in Goa.

### Transport

By air, Goa is 40 minutes away from Mumbai and two hours from Delhi.

For overseas participants, Mumbai is better transit point than Delhi as it has more flights to Goa. Our official Forum carriers can be accessed through our website. Please consult your own travel agent for booking.

Local transport is by taxis to be hired at the airport or by private cars provided by your hotel.

### Accommodation

Both for their overnight transit at Mumbai and their stay at Goa, participants will be provided with a list of hotels and guest houses online which must be contacted directly for booking.

For additional information, please log on to [www.the-euroindia-centre.org](http://www.the-euroindia-centre.org) or contact:

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