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- **126 cities are participating in CSCAF 2.0**
- **27 Alliance Partners**
- **56 Training & Mentoring Sessions conducted**
- **823 queries have been resolved via help desk**
- **1024 City officials participated in Training & Mentoring Sessions**

### KNOWLEDGE HUB

1. C-Cube released its last podcast, ‘Understanding the Future of Biomass for Crop Residue’ with Vidhyt Mohan, Co-founder, Takachar. Check out the podcast [here](#).

2. In the tenth edition of C-Cube Blog, Ms. Revathy Pradeep (WRI India) writes about Digital Ticketing as a way forward for Safer, Cashless Public Transport. Read more [here](#).

3. Dr. Umamaheshwaran Rajasekar, Head, Climate Centre for Cities (C-Cube) was an expert panelist and moderator for the Webinar on “Climate Proofing Smart Cities” on Dec 21, 2020. The Webinar was hosted with the support of C-Cube’s alliance partner WWF-India. The full webinar can be viewed [here](#).

### TESTIMONIALS

"On behalf of AILSG team, it was a grateful experience to work with the C Cube team of NIUA & respective Cities Nodal officers while Interacting with them for Climate Smart Cities Assessment Framework (CSCAF) 2.0. After completing the assessment, the cities are also able to outreach their current parameters on Climate Sensitive development & how they can improve. Ccube also develops a bond or partnership between cities or partner agencies. The virtual & ground participation of partner agencies with cities also helps them to complete assessment on time and it shows a lot of interest in climate change & development. This kind of collaboration also showcases their skills, strengths, sharing knowledge to help out each other to reduce the climate risks reduction in their cities.

The portal has been praised by the officers of Municipal Corporations as it was easy to use and upload the documents. They also praised the classification of the indicators. The questions were very useful for the cities and states to continuously improve for a better the climate in near future."

- **NIMISH JAIN**
  **PROJECT OFFICER**
  **CLIMATE SUSTAINABILITY LEAD, AGILE GROUP**

"It was a very satisfying experience to participate in an important nation-building project and facilitating & advising the Nodal officers of the 10 Smart Cities across different states of India including, Faridabad (Haryana), Imphal (Manipur), Karimnagar (Telangana), Moradabad (Uttar Pradesh), Naya Raipur (Chhattisgarh), New Town Kolkata (West Bengal), Satna (Madhya Pradesh), Solapur (Maharashtra), Srinagar (Jammu & Kashmir) and Ujjain (Madhya Pradesh). The enthusiasm of the nodal officers and their efforts towards the successful deployment of the CSCAF framework was found to be exemplary and is worth appreciation. We also put on record our sincere appreciation for the team of NIUA who has played a pivotal role through its prompt responses, follow-ups and sharing of knowledge expertise. Agile Group looks forward to working as the Training, Advisory and Assessment Partner with C3, NIUA, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and other cities across India and help them achieve their Environmental, Social and Financial Sustainability goals through CSCAF."

- **NEHA KAUL**
  **CONSULTANT AND SUSTAINABILITY LEAD, AGILE GROUP**

"It is extremely encouraging to note the steadfast commitment of cities towards sustained climate actions despite the challenging circumstances this year. Besides, the extensive on-ground support provided by the Climate Smart Cities Alliance partners has been remarkable and, in my opinion, the key to driving the CSCAF 2.0 assessment process."

- **RAINAY SINGH**
  **SENIOR FELLOW, CLIMATE CENTRE FOR CITIES**

"CSCAF2.0 gave a unique opportunity to Capitals and cities with 5 lakh plus population to participate in the assessment. These cities with limited manpower had dedicated extra time and effort for the completion of the assessment. This has been extremely encouraging and makes us feel optimistic about onboarding 500 cities under CSCAF in the coming years."

- **E UDAY KUMAR**
  **RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, C-CUBE**

"One of the best experiences of CSCAF 2.0 has been to observe the cities gradually becoming proactive and engage in the assessment by way of regular communication with the C-Cube team and becoming self-aware of the critical aspects of climate change at the city level."

- **MOHINI BHAISARE**
  **RESEARCH ASSOCIATE**
  **CLIMATE CENTRE FOR CITIES (C-CUBE)**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join our upcoming Podcast on Understanding the Future of Biomass from Crop Residue

In the next episode of the podcast, C-Cube explores the topic of philanthropy and how it can help in combating the climate change. Stay tuned for our conversation with Amita Ramachandran, COO, India Climate Collaborative on the topic, ‘Understanding the Future of Philanthropy and Climate Change’. 