

The City Planning and Governance Summit
Wednesday, 24th to 26th November, Lavasa International Convention Centre, Lavasa City

Conference Program

Day 1 : Wednesday, 24 November	
Time	Session
	Meeting of the Lavasa Governance Advisory Committee
12:00 Noon and Onward	Registration and Tours of Lavasa
	Opening Session: Remarks by Guest of Honour
7:00 pm	<p>Showcasing Environmental Stewardship at Lavasa : Cocktails and Dinner to Follow</p> <p>Environmental stewardship and Lavasa’s commitment to restoring the Sahyadri mountains’ moist deciduous forest ecosystem has been a priority since project inception. This session reviews some of the findings and practices Lavasa has found most effective in meeting its environmental goals, and the lessons learned so far.</p> <p>Presentation by : Krunal Negandhi, Lavasa Operations Dept. Environmental Manager</p>
Day 2 : Thursday, 25 November	
0930 hrs	Registration
1000 hrs	<p>For over a year the Lavasa Corporation has been at the centre of a public dialogue asking citizens from all walks of life what cities of the future should look like, how they should be run, how they should be planned and governed, and what Indians must do to make sure their 21st Century cities meet pressing and ever-more demanding urban challenges. Now comes an event that drills down to more of the real-world specifics. Lavasa is an urban practices laboratory for answering some of these questions, so the program will be held in Lavasa. The program includes a mix of educational programming and tours of Lavasa to highlight the progress of the new city to date.</p> <p>Inaugural Session</p> <p>Welcome Address by Rajgopal Nogja, President – Lavasa Corporation Ltd</p>
1030-1135 hrs	<p>Session I :From Concept to Reality: Making Smart-Grids and Smart Connected Communities work for local governments in India</p> <p>The idea of fully integrating all elements of service delivery onto a technology grid, and even making the electric grid itself adapt to different inputs and demands, seems a bit like science fiction. So how much of the hype can become reality in the next 5 years, and what can practically be implemented in Indian cities based on expected improvements in infrastructure, and how can cities like Lavasa and others plan for the “smart connected community” goals that best fit their cities?</p> <p>Moderator: Vinod Vyas, Lavasa Corporation ICT Director Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aamer Azeemi, Senior Director, Cisco Systems, India • Sabiha Kidwai, General Manager, Panasonic India • Vinod Vyas, Lavasa Corporation ICT Director

The City Planning and Governance Summit

Wednesday, 24th to 26th November, Lavasa International Convention Centre, Lavasa City

1135-1150 hrs	Tea / Coffee
1150-1255 hrs	<p>Session II : How Flexible should the Master Plan be? What governance mechanisms can be used to assure greater implementation of the Master Plan?</p> <p>A well-conceived master plan is a key element for efficiently operating, developing and managing a city. But without the ability to make the plan a reality on the ground the Master Plan is just a theoretical exercise. The mechanisms, legislative and political, existing to insure the plan is implemented are key elements of good governance. This session explores what can be learned about plan implementation strategies based on the Lavasa experience</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suresh Pendharkar, Executive Director, Lavasa Special Planning Authority • Sebastian Morris, Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad • Ajit. P. Khatri, immediate Past President, Practicing Engineers, Architects and Town Planners Association
1255–1400 hrs	Networking Lunch
1400–1505 hrs	<p>Session III : Using Performance and Outcome Measurement to manage the city and improve citizen accountability</p> <p>Citizens are not as concerned with goals and monthly reports from their local governments as they are about actual performance outcomes. So how can local service delivery be measured in ways that are meaningful to citizens and urban decision-makers? What Indian urban performance management best practices have yielded the most accountability?</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vishal Jain, Director, Janwani, Pune • Manvita Baradi, Urban Management Centre, Ahmedabad
1505- 1520 hrs	Tea / Coffee
1520–1625 hrs	<p>Session IV : Applying Good Governance: Reconciling Public-Private Partnerships with the need for inclusive and democratic local government</p> <p>To develop new cities at a faster rate requires new strategies; one of these is the use of public-private partnerships. But making sure that investors receive a reasonable return on their investment cannot derail the need for inclusive and democratic governance. This session examines how public-private partnerships can and have been utilized in ways that engage citizens in policy-making.</p> <p>Moderator: Bob Jean, manager of new cities, city management consultant</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayank Gandhi, Secretary, Remaking of Mumbai Federation • Hansel Dsouza, Management Professor, University of Mumbai • Nathan Andrews, Executive Vice-President, Lavasa Corp.
1625–1640 hrs	Break

The City Planning and Governance Summit

Wednesday, 24th to 26th November, Lavasa International Convention Centre, Lavasa City

1640–1745 hrs	<p>Session V: How should Urban Sustainability be Measured? How is it being measured now? What do citizens want in a “sustainable city”?</p> <p>Cities across the world are talking more and more about sustainability; but how can sustainability outcomes be measured in ways that are objective and comparable from one city to the next? Since most cities decide for themselves what sustainability initiatives to pursue, how can cities compare progress? Evidence is beginning to emerge suggesting that what citizens want and expect in a sustainable city may not always be what the scientists and green-activists say it is.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Phillip Jones, Head, Welsh School of Architecture • Scot Wrighton, Lavasa City Manager • Mahesh Zagade*
1745–1800 hrs	<p>Vote of Thanks : Rajgopal Nogja, President, Lavasa Corporation Ltd.</p>