

Urban Climate Film Festival  
24-26 March  
Alliance Française de Delhi

*Brief*

The CITIIS program organised the first Urban Climate Film Festival on 24-26 March at Alliance Française, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi. The festival, held under U20 engagement events, showcased a curated selection of 11 films from 9 countries to create wider awareness of the impact of climate change on life in cities.

The inaugural session was chaired by G20 Sherpa Mr Amitabh Kant. Ms Richa Sharma, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change delivered the keynote address.

The films screened spanned topics like water conservation, clean energy, sustainable architecture, and protecting green cover and biodiversity. These films had been selected out of the 150 entries received through the global call for entries for the festival.

The screenings were complemented by engaging activities as well as a panel discussion with filmmakers Aparna Sanyal and Shaz Syed.

After the launch in Delhi, the festival will travel to Mumbai, Bengaluru, Kolkata, and Ahmedabad in subsequent months.

*Agenda*



**AGENDA**

**Urban Climate Film Festival: Launch Ceremony**

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2023

M.L. Bhartia Auditorium, Alliance Française, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi

TIME	AGENDA
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Registration
5:00 pm	Lighting of the Ceremonial Lamp
5:00 pm – 5:10 pm	<b>Welcome Note</b>  <b>Sh Hitesh Vaidya, Director, NIUA</b>

	<b>Sh Stéphane Amalir</b> , Director, Alliance Française de Delhi
5:10 pm – 5:15 pm	<b>Context Setting</b>  <b>Sh Naim Keruwala</b> , Program Director – CITIIS
5:15 pm – 5:30 pm	<b>The Urban Climate Narrative – The India Story</b>  <b>Smt Richa Sharma</b> , Additional Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
5:30 pm – 6:00 pm	<b>Inaugural Addresses</b>  <b>Sh Franck Viault</b> , Minister Counselor, the European Union to India  <b>Sh Bruno Bosle</b> , Country Director, AFD
6:00 pm – 6:15 pm	<b>Address of the Chair</b>  <b>Sh Amitabh Kant</b> , G20 Sherpa, Government of India
6:15 pm – 6:30 pm	Launch of the Festival Trailer by the Dignitaries
6:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Cultural Event
<b>7:00 onwards</b>	High Tea

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### *Quotes*

#### Address of the Chair: Mr Amitabh Kant

*“Cities are centres of great creativity and growth. But urbanisation is also one of the biggest challenges where climate action is concerned. Cities account for almost 75% of the CO2 emissions in the world. Issues of water, waste, poverty and malnutrition are what common citizens are suffering from. We must make sure that the cities of the future that India creates are based on principles of sustainability. Filmmakers can bring out the challenges of climate change that the people of the world are confronted with, and leave a deep imprint on our minds and hearts. Thus, this film festival is the best way to announce our commitments and bring new energy for driving a new model of urbanisation.”*

Mr Amitabh Kant  
G20 Sherpa, Government of India

## Keynote Address: Ms Richa Sharma

*“The Urban Climate Film Festival is being organised at a time when the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has presented its most comprehensive testament on the science of climate change, and also when India holds the presidency of the G20. Therefore, this is an opportune moment to amplify the climate challenge across sectors. We need to communicate on the multiple dimensions of the climate challenge: the sources of emissions, the solutions, the role of lifestyles, and how to shape our development choices for a better future. I’m sure the Urban Climate Film Festival will play a great role in spreading the message of urban climate action far and wide.”*

Ms Richa Sharma  
Additional Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

## Welcome Note: Mr Hitesh Vaidya

*“Climate change is one of the biggest challenges that urban areas are facing today. To combat it, there is a need to “de-jargonise” to decarbonise. The language of climate action has to become the language of cities. If pictures speak a thousand words, films speak a million words. And that is why a film festival is great for talking to a young generation and everyone else.”*

Mr Hitesh Vaidya  
Director, NIUA

## Screening Schedule



## Screening Schedule for Urban Climate Film Festival 2023 | 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023 | Alliance Française, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi

25<sup>th</sup> MARCH

10:30 AM - 11:30 PM

**Rewild**  
Directed by: Alexis Breton, Cyprien d'Hoese, Thomas Zribi  
Duration: 00:59:12  
Country: France  
Language: French/English

11:30 AM - 12:17 PM

**The Last Drop - India's Water Crisis**  
Directed by: Abhishek, Vijay Makhija  
Duration: 00:47:00  
Country: India  
Language: English/Hindi

12:17 - 01:00 PM

**Loosing Ground**  
Directed by: Angelo Loy, Martino Mazzonis  
Duration: 00:45:00  
Country: Italy  
Language: Bengali

02:00 - 02:30 PM

**The Waste Mountain**  
Directed by: Shaz Syed  
Duration: 00:25:00  
Country: India  
Language: English

03:00 - 04:40 PM

**70/30**  
Directed by: Phie Ambo  
Duration: 01:38:00  
Country: Denmark  
Language: Danish

04:40 - 05:15 PM

**A True Paradise**  
Directed by: Dirk Wiltzky, Mathilde Bonnelroy  
Duration: 00:35:00  
Country: Germany

26<sup>th</sup> MARCH

10:30 AM - 12:05 PM

**Atomic Hope - Inside The Pro-Nuclear Movement**  
Directed by: Frankie Fenton  
Duration: 01:23:03  
Country: Ireland  
Language: English

12:10 - 01:06 PM

**Duty of Care - The Climate Trials**  
Directed by: Nic Balthazar  
Duration: 00:56:11  
Country: Belgium  
Language: Dutch, English

02:00 - 02:27 PM

**New City**  
Directed by: Magdalena Krukowka  
Duration: 00:27:00  
Country: Poland  
Language: English

02:27 - 02:35 PM

**Architecture For Tomorrow's India**  
Directed by: Aparna Sanyal  
Duration: 00:04:58  
Country: India  
Language: English

02:40 - 03:40 PM  
Panel Discussion

03:45 - 05:15 PM

**SEED: The Untold Story**  
Directed by: Taggart Siegel and Jon Betz  
Duration: 01:34:32  
Country: USA  
Language: English



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