



School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi



Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs  
Government of India



# Call For Papers

## International Conference on Competitive City Economic Regions for Future Urbanisation

1st -3rd  
December, 2026

### About the Conference

The Government of India has taken cognisance of the expected rapid, large-scale urbanisation in India and has identified seven City Economic Regions for future development, to start with. City Economic Regions (CERs) represent a strategic shift from city-centric planning to region-based economic development. They are expected to deliver balanced urban growth, increased private investment, employment generation, and improved liveability standards. By strengthening secondary and intermediate cities, the initiative seeks to reduce pressure on mega-cities and promote regional competitiveness. Conceived as functional economic agglomerations, CERs integrate clusters of Tier II and Tier III cities, temple towns, and emerging urban centres that share labour markets, infrastructure networks, industrial ecosystems, and economic linkages.

### Collaborators

- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)
- State Governments of the 7 selected CERs

### Event Aim

The event aims to explore how interconnected urban nodes can be transformed into cohesive regional growth engines through sustainable, outcome-based planning.

### Themes

1. Structure and Typologies of CERs
2. Economic opportunities and employment generation for CERs
3. Governance, Policy, and Financing for CERs
4. Environmental Sustainability and Inclusion
5. Role of Digital Technologies and AI in CERs
6. Housing and supporting infrastructure for CER
7. Transportation and logistics need for CER
8. Project Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanisms for CERs
9. Land Value Capture for CERs
10. Land Development Models for CERs

### Important Dates

- Abstract Submission Deadline  
**May 25, 2026**
- Notification of Acceptance  
**June 5, 2026**
- Registration  
**June 6, 2026**
- Full Paper Submission  
**September 15, 2026**
- Decision on Full Paper Submission  
**October 30, 2026**
- Registration Deadline  
**November 15, 2026**
- Submission of Camera Ready papers  
**November 15, 2026**

### Registration Fee

- Corporate/Industry Professionals **₹ 10,000**
  - Academicians/ Research Scholars/Students **₹ 5,500**
  - International Participants **\$150**
- Fees are inclusive of GST*

### Publication Opportunity

Selected Papers shall be Published in SCOPUS- indexed series in Partnership with the publishing group

### Submission Link

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