

Joint Declaration of Intent

between

**The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
of the Republic of India**

and

**The Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community
of the Federal Republic of Germany**

**On cooperation within the
International Smart Cities Network**

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs of the Republic of India and The Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community of the Federal Republic of Germany, following up on the Joint Declaration of Intent (JDI) on Cooperation in the Field of Sustainable Urban Development of 16 April 2015 between the Republic of India and the Federal Republic of Germany, wish to intensify and further develop their cooperation in the area of smart cities.

They have thus come to the following understanding:

Section I: Objectives

The International Smart Cities Network has been launched by the German Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community to encourage international, multilateral experience-sharing and mutual learning on the subject of smart cities.

The activities with the network are based on the concept of Smart Cities as an urban model where technology is in service to the people. The thematic focus of the network lies on strategic directions for defining policies and programs geared towards sustainable development, economic growth, social inclusion and overall a better quality of life for citizens. The members of the network jointly and equally define topics, contents and activities of the network. The network will comprise a maximum of 15 permanent partner countries and is coordinated by Germany's Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community.

India's Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and the Indian cities of Bhubaneswar, Coimbatore and Kochi intend to become permanent members of the International Smart Cities Network.

Section II: Types of cooperation

The two sides intend to carry out joint activities on the basis of this JDI in a spirit of equality, reciprocity, mutual respect, and mutual benefit. The two sides intend to conduct their participation within the International Smart Cities Network by:

- holding annual meetings with members of the International Smart Cities Network,
- organizing events and visits relevant to the topic of Smart Cities,
- creating joint publications on the topic of Smart Cities,
- continuously engaging in other forms of cooperation to be agreed, as and when required.

Section III: Implementation

The participation of the Indian side with in the international Smart Cities Network will be coordinated by the India's Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs through MoUs/Agreements.

For the implementation of this JDI, India's Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs will designate, in writing, up to four representatives to take part in the International Smart Cities Network, including one representative of each of the cities Bhubaneswar, Coimbatore and Kochi.

Germany's Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community will designate, in writing, contact persons at the ministry for matters relating to the International Smart Cities Network.

Section IV: Costs

The nature and extent of activities carried out under this JDI are subject to the funds available for this purpose. The two sides understand that each side will bear the cost for its participation in such activities.

Section V: Responsibilities

This document is a Declaration of Intent. As such, it is neither designed to oblige either sides to provide funds, personnel, services or other resources, nor is it meant to create legally binding entitlements or obligations under international or national law. The two sides have jointly decided that they will each act independently in carrying out activities under the JDI, and not act as staff or representatives of the other side.

Section VI: Revisions

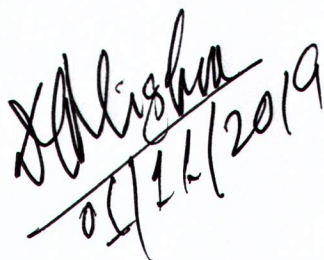
The provisions of this JDI may be revised at any time by mutual written consent.

All activities launched before the discontinuation of cooperation under the present JDI should continue to be carried out until the end of these activities.

This JDI comes into effect on the date of its signature by the representatives of the two sides.

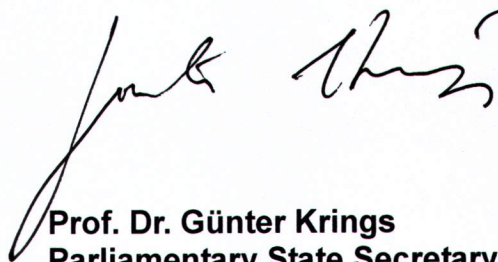
This JDI was signed in New Delhi on 1st November 2019.

**For the Ministry of Housing and Urban
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