

Peoples Convention on Infrastructure Financing A Response to AIIB Annual Meeting

Mumbai, India | 21- 23 June, 2018

Workshop Schedule

YMCA, 30, Nathalal Parekh Road, Apollo Bandar, Colaba, Mumbai - 400001

YWCA, 18, Madame Cama Road, Fort, Mumbai - 400 001

Event		Time / Location	Organisator / Coorganisator
THURSDAY JUNE 21			
1.	<p>Title: Urban Infrastructure Investment and Public Accountability</p> <p>The workshop would primarily look at the role IFIs are playing in shaping urban infrastructure finance and policy in India. The approaches and methodologies that have been used by the private sector to create alliances within the three tiers of the government. We would also focus on the notions of public accountability guaranteed within IFIs and how global capital must be held responsible to people.</p> <p>Moderator: Amita Bhide</p> <p>Speakers: Prof Amita Bhide (TISS), Raju Bhise (Right to the City Campaign), Nitin Kubal (Janta Jagruthi Manch) Gaurav Dwivedi (CFA)</p>	YMCA Seminar Hall 4.00 - 6.00 pm	<p>Organizers: Right to City Campaign India</p> <p>Co-organizers: YUVA</p>
2.	<p>Title: Gender Impacts of IFI projects</p> <p>The panel comprised of academics, CSO representatives, social movements, and community leaders will bring a feminist perspective to infrastructure investments. It will reflect upon the</p>	YMCA Foyer 4.00 - 6.00 pm	<p>Organizers: BRICS Feminist Watch & NGO Forum on ADB</p>

	<p>development agenda of emerging economies critically and look into how large-scale development projects affect women and girls, especially from marginalized communities. It will explore the role of infrastructure investments in key sectors such as social sector and energy and the role that they can play in achieving gender equality and empowering women and girls</p> <p>Moderator: Speakers: Elaine Zuckerman, Priti Darooka, Ritu Dewan, Nandini Chami,</p>		
3.	<p>Title: Infrastructure funds in Asia: how do we challenge the new model?</p> <p>In India, the IFC-backed India Infrastructure Fund supported the GMR Kamalanga plant which displaced local communities and caused environmental harms. Now the AIIB is investing in infrastructure funds in India and in the Emerging Asia Fund - threatening to repeat the same problems. How can we challenge this new 'hands-off' model of development and ensure the rights of communities are respected?</p> <p>Moderator: Madhuresh Kumar Speakers: Anuradha Munshi (CFA), Petra Kjell (BIC Europe), Vijayan MJ / Aashima (PSA)</p>	<p>YWCA Sapphire Hall 4.00 - 6.00 pm</p>	<p>Organizers: BIC Europe Co-organizers: Centre for Financial Accountability (CFA)</p>
4.	<p>Title: Smart cities and Mega Infrastructure projects</p> <p>As many of you are aware, we ran an intense stakeholder engagement process on Right to the City and the Smart City in India, over a long period of time. This was part of the on-going Campaign on Right to the City and Housing Rights. As a follow up to this we are organizing a two-hour workshop (on 21 June 2018) in Mumbai as part of People's Convention on Infrastructure Financing. This workshop is being held with the objectives of strengthening our capacity to engage in participatory stakeholder engagement processes and is useful to anyone who is interested in Housing Rights Campaign for the Urban Poor in India.</p> <p>Moderator: Abdul Shakeel Basha Speakers: Anand Lakhan (Indore Nav Nirman Manch), Indrashish (Basti Surkasha Manch), Bilal Khan (Ghar Bachao Ghar Banaao Andolan)</p>	<p>YWCA Topaz Hall 4.00 - 6.00 pm</p>	<p>Organizers: Indian Institute for Human Settlements Co-organizers: BSM, Nav Nirman (Indore) and Ghar Bachao Ghar Banao Andolan (Mumbai)</p>

FRIDAY JUNE 22, 2018			
5.	<p>Title: Water for Life- Not Profit IFIs in Urban Water supply</p> <p>The workshop sessions looks to enable discussions on IFI model of reforms in water supply services, including privatisation/ PPPs and commercialisation. The discussion would also include the concepts of right to water and its implementation at the community level and how municipal bodies, trade unions, citizen groups in several cities and towns across the world are resisting privatisation and adopting a pro-people and not for profit approach for delivering universal water services".</p> <p>Moderator: Afsar Jafri (Focus on Global South) Speakers: Rehmat (Manthan) , Benny Kuruvila (TNI), Gaurav Dwivedi (CFA), Sitaram Shelar (Pani Haq Samiti)</p>	YMCA Seminar Hall 9.00 - 11.00 am	<p>Organizers: Pani Haq Samiti</p> <p>Co-organizers: Manthan, YUVA, Focus on Global South</p>
6.	<p>Title: Energy Access and role of IFIs:</p> <p>The IFIs have played a prominent role in directing energy scene by selective financing of destructive mega polluting projects, which also lead to highly wasteful use and loot of public finance This session will look at the need for decarbonizing the IFIs namely ADB and AIIB with learning from lessons from other campaigns on stopping Coal and other fossil fuel energy projects from civil society groups across Asia.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Chetna Joshi Speakers: Soumya Dutta;(Pairavi), Rajesh Kumar (CFA), Sreedhar (Envionics Trust), Wanun Parmpibul, Maha Mirza/ Gerry Arances</p>	YMCA Foyer 9.00 - 11.00 am	<p>Organizers: Pairavi & NGO Forum on ADB</p>
7.	<p>Title: Infrastructure and Development – Case of Amravati Capital City</p> <p>The workshop aims to explore the environmental, economic, legal, political, cultural and social implications of Amaravati Capital City project in Andhra Pradesh. This pipeline project of AIIB and World Bank is an environmental category A project and has garnered much attention in the country owing to the massive land acquisition and ‘voluntary land pooling’ scheme [LPS].</p>	YWCA Sapphire Hall 9.00 - 11.00 am	<p>Organizers: Centre for Financial Accountability (CFA)</p> <p>Co-organizers: BIC USA and NAPM</p>

	<p>Moderator: Meera Sanghamitra (National Alliance of People's Movements)</p> <p>Speakers: Dr. C. Ramachandraiah (Centre for Economic and Social Studies), Elizabeth Summers (BIC, USA), Mallela Seshagiri Rao (Capital Region Farmers Federation), Tani Merlin Alex (Centre for Financial Accountability)</p>		
8.	<p>Title: De-growth and Economics of Wellbeing</p> <p>This workshop will offer a review of the concept of Degrowth -- both with its deep roots in Gandhi and Kumarappa as well as the discourse that has emerged through a series of Degrowth conferences in Europe over the last 10 years. Growth is at present measured largely, if not exclusively, by monitoring the GDP of nations or the volume of business by a private company. This is despite the fact that the World Bank and UN bodies have long acknowledged that GDP growth is not a reliable indicator of actual well being. Now, the fragility of the global financial systems along with the rapid acceleration of the ecological crisis has made degrowth an imperative. The workshop will explore: One, the large frame of this emerging concept – namely that the rich must degrow so that the poor may grow. And, two, some manifestations of hope at the ground level.</p> <p>Moderator: Walter Mendoza (Indian Network on Ethics and Climate Change)</p> <p>Speakers: Rajni Bakshi (author of 'Bazaars, Conversations and Freedom: for a Market Culture beyond Greed and Fear'), John D'Souza (Centre for Education and Documentation.)</p>	YWCA Topaz Hall 9.00 - 11.00 am	Organizers: Centre for Education and Documentation
9.	<p>Title: Growing web of Industrial corridors in India</p> <p>Industrial Corridors are spreading like a plague in this country. Paralyzing the democratic and participatory framework achieved till now through various people's movements. This workshop will be able to demystify the plans, proposals, and realities of the industrial corridors which is going to establish not only industrial areas or investments regions but changing the whole pattern of infrastructure in the country. The proposed model of governance will prove to be fatal at various places subverting the fundamental rights of the people and pushing the natural resources at the verge of privatization and grab by industrialists and foreign players. Through this workshop, we will be attempting to expose the realities of growing web of industrial corridors and its likely impacts.</p>	YMCA Seminar Hall 11.15 -1.15 pm	<p>Organizers: National Alliance of People's Movements</p> <p>Co-organizers: Gujarat Khedut Samaj, Sarvahara Jan Andolan, Kashtakari Sangathana, Paryavaran Suraksha Samiti.</p>

	<p>Moderator: Amit Kumar</p> <p>Speakers: Medha Patkar, Ulka Mahajan, Brian Lobo, Sagar Raberi, Prof C Ramachandraiah</p>		
10.	<p>Title: Asbestos – Occupational Health</p> <p>India Ban Asbestos Network (IBAN), in association with Occupational and Environmental Health Network of India (OEHNI), urges AIIB and other such IFIs to take initiative to ban asbestos by making it mandatory in all their policies and programmes launched through its investments as well as in all the loan and credit agreements. This will go a long way to ensure public health of the concerned communities while addressing its accountability.</p> <p>Moderator: Pooja Gupta (IBAN)</p> <p>Speakers: Sreedhar Ramamurthi (Environics Trust), Jagdish Patel (People Training Research Centre), C.P. Audichya (Former Assistant Labour Commissioner), R. Pevekar (India Ban Asbestos Network), P. Malvadkar (Occupational Health and Safety Centre)</p>	<p>YMCA Foyer 11.15 -1.15 pm</p>	<p>Organizers: Environics Trust</p> <p>Co-organizers: ABAN/IBAN/PTRC, Occupational and Environmental Health Network of India (OEHNI)</p>
11.	<p>Title: AIIB and Interventions in Blue Economy</p> <p>The state in collusion with neoliberal instruments (of which AIIB is an offshoot/branch) in the form of development finance are signing a warrant to improve India's index in terms of international shipping with cargo, competence and capital. This logistical upgrade is designated to improve Indian economy with efficiency in coastal capacity utilization of manufacturing zones, transit networks, and export-import regime. This linearity is to be seriously questioned and critiqued, for buying into the rhetoric of such development is detrimental to coast and people depending on the coast. In what way? is to be the theme for this workshop.</p> <p>Moderator: Narendra Patil (National Fishworkers Forum)</p> <p>Speakers: T Peter, GS, National Fishworkers Forum (NFF), Jesu Rethinam (National Fishworkers Forum, Coastal Action Network), Swathi Seshadri (EQUATIONS), Himanshu Damle (Public Finance Public Accountability Collective), Siddharth Chakravarty (The Research Collective)</p>	<p>YWCA Sapphire Hall 11.15 -1.15 pm</p>	<p>Organizers: National Fishworkers Forum/ The Research Collective / Public Finance Public Accountability Collective</p>

12.	<p>Title: De-constructing the project affected peoples mechanism</p> <p>The mechanism at AIIB is still yet to be approved and has been critiqued widely by various stakeholders including the other IFIs such as ADB, IFC, and the World Bank. While the objectives of the AIIB PPM are ambitious, a deeper reading reveals – lack of independence, weak institutional response to grievance, weak whistleblower protection and no real commitment towards ensuring remedy. At the scale of current AIIB investments in hundreds of millions of dollars through sovereign and non-sovereign facilities, the current PPM is grossly inadequate.</p> <p>The panel will explore this proposed mechanism in comparison to existing standards in other mechanisms and draw from real case experiences of other IFI complaints to establish the real needs and expectations from AIIB's PPM.</p> <p>Moderator: Speakers:</p>	YWCA Topaz Hall 11.15 -1.15 pm	Organizers: NGO Forum on ADB
13.	<p>Title: Projects, Co-financing and role of Financial Intermediaries</p> <p>This session will discuss the necessary steps in making the Bank more accountable that allow for clear guidelines on how communities can access remedy that are impacted by co-financing and financial intermediaries. This panel will share project cases from Myanmar, Bangladesh, Indonesia, India and other countries. Due emphasis will be given to co-financed and stand-alone projects from the lens of transparency, safeguards, and meaningful consultation in the project cycle.</p> <p>Moderator: Speakers:</p>	YMCA Seminar Hall 2.00 - 4.00 pm	Organizers: NGO Forum on ADB
14.	<p>Title: Bullet through the people – The train</p> <p>The workshop will discuss the impact of the proposed high speed rail between Ahmedabad and</p>	YMCA Foyer 2.00 - 4.00 pm	Organizers: Pariyavaran Suraksha Samiti

	<p>Mumbai commonly known as Bullet train. The project is being financed by Japan at a concessional rate. However making a mockery of make in India program, the contracts will go to Japanese firms. The Bullet train will displace farmers, adivasis from their land and livelihood. People are already in the streets and have opposed the project in public hearings for the same. The Bullet train is meant to be a show piece which no financial viability in place. According to a study by IIM Ahmedabad, the proposed bullet train will have to ferry 88,000-118,000 passengers per day, or undertake 100 trips daily, for the Railways to keep it financially viable.</p> <p>Moderator: Speakers: Jayesh Patel, Brian Lobo, Rohit Prajapati, Anand Mazgoankar , Krishnakant</p>		Co-organizers: Gujarat Khedut Samaj
15.	<p>Title: Challenging Legal Impunity granted to IFIs</p> <p>Most of the International Financial Institutions enjoy legal immunity in most of the countries. The immunity enjoyed by IFI's like the World Bank Group raises pertinent questions around the extent of immunity granted to these institutions obstruct people's fundamental right to access justice where people's right to life and livelihood with dignity have been gravely impacted due to the investments of these institutions. The workshop will focus on the two issues whether the immunity still stands when the IFI's are engaging in commercial activities which cause damage to people and environment and also whether the immunity provided is constitutionally valid?</p> <p>Moderator: Joe Athialy (Centre for Financial Accountability) Speakers: Leo Saldhana; Environment Support Group, Sreedhar Ramamurthi; Environics Trust, Bharat Patel; Machimar Adhikar Sangharsh Sangathan, Budha Ismail Jam, Machimar Adhikar Sangharsh Sangathan</p>	YWCA Sapphire Hall 2.00 - 4.00 pm	Organizers: Centre for Financial Accountability (CFA)
16.	<p>Title: IFI investments and Linear projects and Disclosure policy</p> <p>The international financial institutions have funded linear projects for long. The ADB itself has funded multiple such projects which has seen aggressive land-grabbing and loot of natural resources. Gas pipelines, roads, railways, electricity, water supply, etc are projects that are initiated for the welfare of the people but often these very projects stand opposed to the welfare</p>	YWCA Topaz Hall 2.00 - 4.00 pm	Organizers: Environics Trust & NGO Forum on ADB

	<p>of the people. Therefore, one needs to invariably pose this question to the investors that whom do they want to cater to when they fund such projects. This workshop would enable us to communicate with affected people who have already faced the brunt of such investments and only then would we understand the horrific face of development</p> <p>Moderator: Speakers: Jaiprakash Dabhral, Vidya Dinker, Madan Lal</p>		
17.	<p>Title: Challenges and responsibility BEST Mumbai</p> <p>Best is the pioneer bus service in the country and is widely recognized as a symbol of Mumbai. It is being throttled by the Government by privatising it. The people are suffering for the inefficiency of the management and the session will discuss the question of Best Privatisation.</p> <p>Moderator: Sujit Patwardhan, Parisar Speakers: Vidyadhar Date, senior journalist, Sudhir Badami, urban transport planner, Rajendra Ravi, Institute for Democracy and Sustainability, Hussain Indorewala, Aamchi Mumbai Aamchi BEST Campaign</p>	YMCA Seminar Hall 4.15- 6.15 pm	<p>Organizers: National Alliance of People's Movements, SUM- Net</p> <p>Co-organizers: Ghar Bachao Ghar Banao Andolan</p>
18.	<p>Title: Shrinking democratic space and counter movements to create an enabling environment</p> <p>The session will tackle a more active push for an enabling environment – rather than just reacting to restrictions. New coalitions among local players, regional players, stakeholders from different sectors must bind together to create such an environment; making such coordination even more imperative. The focus will also be on sharing perspectives from Kyrgyzstan, Cambodia, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Philippines and other countries.</p> <p>Moderator: Speakers:</p>	YMCA Foyer 4.15- 6.15 pm	<p>Organizers: NGO Forum on ADB</p>
19.	<p>Title: IFIs Hegemonic and Homogenising Financial Interventions perpetuate social inequities and economic disparities</p>	YWCA Sapphire Hall 4.15- 6.15 pm	<p>Organizers: Environment Support Group, Environics Trust,</p>

	<p>It is important to analyse and reflect upon these financial institutions and how their projects have fueled inequality throughout the world. The workshop would have speakers who would speak on various financial institutions and also from the gender perspective.</p> <p>Moderator: Sreedhar R</p> <p>Speakers: Lidy Nacpil, Bittu Sahgal, Leo Saldhana, Ram Wangkheirakpam, Edward Miller</p>		<p>Indigenous Perspectives</p> <p>Co-organizers: Asian Peoples Movement on Debt and Development, Fight Inequality Alliance</p>
SATURDAY JUNE 23			
	Closing Ceremoney	Rangaswar Hall, Y. B. Chawan Centre 9 am – 1 pm	

Venue Map

