

Empowering Climate Leadership: MaGC's Role in a National Capacity-Building Initiative

The Client and their Vision ...

[WRI India](#) partnered with the [National Institute of Urban Affairs](#), Government of India, in a nationwide initiative to strengthen climate leadership. The Leaders in [Climate Change Management \(LCCM\)](#) programme under the Smart Cities Mission sought to build a cadre of climate leaders across the country. WRI India turned to MaGC for our expertise in climate finance and capacity building.

The Brief ...

The LCCM programme follows a four-phase blended learning approach: online modules, face-to-face sessions, capstone projects, and community building. MaGC was engaged to design and deliver specialised sessions on Climate Finance for three cohorts. This involved developing high-quality training content and conducting interactive sessions for senior officials from various government departments and local bodies. Additionally, MaGC played a key role in transforming the entire module into an activity-based learning format and contributed to the development of a comprehensive teaching guide for trainers to support wider implementation.

From Plan to Practice: MaGC's Implementation Journey ...

MaGC translated conceptual frameworks related to Climate Finance into structured, **practitioner-oriented training modules**.

- The slide decks were meticulously designed to cover **foundational and advanced aspects**, including the definition and sources of climate finance, distinguishing features, typology of eligible projects, regulatory and compliance requirements, and critical enablers for mobilising climate finance effectively.
- The delivery approach emphasised **active learning**—each session incorporated scenario-based case studies, moderated group discussions, and dynamic quizzes tailored to reinforce key concepts and **encourage real-time application**.
- Recognising the importance of sustained capacity building, MaGC supplemented the sessions with comprehensive learning aids such as information briefs and technical notes, enabling participants to revisit and apply their **learning in professional contexts post-training**.

Outcomes that Matter ...

- The training sessions **sparked a strong interest in the participants to understand the complexities** of climate finance and enabled them to identify avenues for funding climate initiatives—namely, concessional finance from development finance institutions, green bonds, and carbon credit markets.

Igniting Financial Curiosity Beyond the Numbers!

Despite a majority being from a non-finance background, participants engaged deeply with the subject matter to understand the nuances of different climate finance options.

- The sessions **prompted critical reflections** on institutional readiness, with participants recognising the need for capable and reliable (preferably state-owned) intermediaries to support local bodies in accessing and managing climate finance.
- The training not only **enhanced awareness** but also **encouraged practical thinking** on how to implement climate investments in the state.
- The teaching guide was **instrumental in training a cadre of master trainers**, who subsequently delivered the programme across multiple Indian states.