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DDRN to Fund Development of South Asian Urban Climate Change Network.

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The Danish Development Research Network has awarded Delhi based NGO, Community Enterprise Forum International funding for a project aimed at consolidating information on Urban Climate Change hot spots in South Asia. The project is to be implemented as a partnership between CEFI and the Danish Environmental Consulting Group.

As part of CEFI's Climate Resilient Centre the project on Urban Climate Change in South Asia aims to disseminate research on urban climate change to the public. "CEFI's research on city tracking has determined that research on South Asian cities and climate change is not shared with the community of practise. Thus, CEFI aims to create a knowledge hub of resources relating to urban climate change and to evolve methods for its uptake by a community of practise, consisting of NGOs, journalists and the private sector," said Leena Chakrabarti, Chief Executive Officer, CEFI.

As part of the enterprise, CEFI will develop a database of at least 10,000 researchers and practitioners of climate change and adaptation, in urban context across Europe, East Asia, South Asia, and Africa. Membership will also be extended to the private sector, which will also be affected by climate change. The database will form an online base for communities of practice on Climate Resilient Cities and will be available at <http://www.cefi.in>.

The project will also involve a meeting between CEFI and the DDRN working group on "Air Quality and Air Pollution Management in Urban Areas in Less Developing Countries". This endeavours to facilitate collaboration between Danish researchers on climate change and South Asian agencies. It also aims to facilitate collaboration between researchers from the developed and developing world.

The project also involves the publication of a newsletter on climate change which will be made available in April 2009 at <http://thesadr.com/>. The project will also rank 10 South Asian cities according to their vulnerability to climate change. CEFI invites members of DDRN to contact it for collaborations on these efforts.

Community Enterprise Forum International is a non-profit development and knowledge management organisation, working towards ensuring sustainable and equitable development. Based in New Delhi CEFI works across South Asia both directly and through partnerships with development stakeholders including communities, governments, NGOs, international institutions as well as private sector counterparts

Danish Development Research Network is a merger of the Research Network for Governance, Economic Policy and Public Administration (GEPPA), the Network for Agricultural Research for Development (NETARD) and the Research Network for Environment and Development (ReNED). DDRN's aims are to enhance North-South

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collaboration and coordination of research for development. DDRN's objectives are to contribute to the inclusion of research and research-based knowledge in development assistance and in partner countries' development activities.

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