

INTERACTIVE SESSION

MANIT TO MANHATTAN
A JOURNEY

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UMANG AGRAWAL

Environmental Management System Coordinator,
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Umang Agrawal is an architect who wears multiple hats albeit all for a sustainable development. He works on a wide range of cross-cutting domains of energy, water and resource efficiency with interdisciplinary aspects of engineering and management. Umang studied Bachelor of Architecture at MANIT between 2003- 2008. During the internship, he was intrigued by the idea of adaptive reuse and developed a thesis on Adaptive Reuse of Mills Land in Mumbai.

After graduating, he worked with a premier modern architecture design studio in Mumbai. Finding that sustainability touches all eras of Indian architecture from past to contemporary and foreseeable future, he decided to pursue masters from the Bartlett School, University College London in Environmental Design & Engineering. He continued work in London before returning to India to start his own sustainable design & certification consultancy. In 2014, Umang joined UNDP as a green building expert and there has been no looking back. Since then Umang has worked in various interesting positions for UNDP, UNOPS, UNEP and currently is with the UN WFP. The most amazing part of his job is social solutions for environmental sustainability and the ability to change lives of the most underprivileged section of the global society. He gets to travel to countries and locations inaccessible to common people and in that sense, it is the road less travelled.

He has a range of sustainability accreditation and runs along a bunch of international projects through his own consultancy company. He is an EMS Coordinator for the worldwide operations of the UN WFP. From holding a diplomatic passport, travelling frequently and having global pool of colleagues, he enjoys the satisfaction and fun that his job brings along, and the highlight is being a part of the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize winning team.



IN CONVERSATION WITH

SAURAV CHOWDHURY

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Saurav Chowdhury is a Senior Programme Officer (Climate Change & Cities) at WWF-India. He has completed his B. Architecture (B.Arch) from MANIT, Bhopal in 2012 and his Masters in Urban and Rural Planning (MURP) from CEPT University, Ahmedabad in 2018.

At WWF-India, Saurav primarily manages the WWF's flagship One Planet City Challenge (OPCC), which is a biennial competition to guide cities towards the most effective climate action, along with mobilizing them to deliver on the Paris Agreement. In addition to that, he has also developed policy/advocacy strategies for integration of climate change issues in city-level plans & actions, in alignment with global & national commitments. Prior to this, Saurav has worked under the DFID-funded Action on Climate Today (ACT) initiative, where he has supported the Government of Assam towards developing strategies to build resilience from the impacts of climate change. Previously, he has also worked with the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), New Delhi for the Sanitation Capacity Building Platform (SCBP) initiative, which is supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Saurav has been awarded as one of the five 'Best Paper Presenter' award, among 70 other students, academicians and practitioners working on climate change within the legal sector across India, at National Seminar on Climate Change Challenges in India organized by NLSIU, Bengaluru. His areas of interests include Climate Change, Flood Resilience, Disaster Risk Reduction, Urban Infrastructure Planning, WASH, Solid Waste Management, Smart Cities, Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Architecture.



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