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CONGRESS ON URBAN GREEN SPACES

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Creation and management of green spaces (including urban forests) has been gaining importance as urbanization becomes the most significant reason for human migration in the world. UN (1991) figures indicate that in 1990 only 37% of the total population of developing countries was living in urbanized area. It is predicted that by the year 2025 the proportion will be 61%. Indian subcontinent is no exception to this trend. In India alone, cities are home to an estimated 340 million people. By 2030, existing and new Indian cities are expected to provide shelter to 590 million people. There is an urgent need to engage with this reality of Urban future to ensure longterm sustainability and environmental robustness of our cities.

Urban Green Spaces provide town and city dwellers with significant environmental, recreational and material benefits. They are also home to a vast diversity of flora and fauna and are recognized as important repositories of biodiversity. For Urban Green Spaces to contribute their fullest to the quality of our cities, they need to be thoughtfully planned, diligently created and inclusively managed. The reality, with a few welcome exceptions, is far from satisfactory.

CUGS2012 will take a critical look at the interface between urban human habitations and urban green spaces to enrich our understanding of their interconnectedness with quality of life in our fast expanding cities. The Congress will deal with physical, spatial, economic, environmental, aesthetic, and other dimensions of urban green spaces. The above subjects would be captured under the following sub-themes:

- **Urban Green Spaces** : Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Use Optimisation
- **Urban Green Spaces** : Water Conservation and Pollution Control
- **Urban Green Spaces** : Biodiversity, Livelihoods, Economics and Valuation
- **Urban Green Spaces** : Civil Society and Educational Linkages
- **Urban Green Spaces** : Technology, Management and Design - Options and Challenges
- **Urban Green Spaces** : Policy, Planning and Governance

Abstracts Invited

Abstracts are invited for Oral and Poster presentations on topics relevant to any one or more of CUGS sub-themes. Travel grant, or, registration fee waiver will be available for a limited number of Indian participants.

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