

**Session Plan**  
**Conference on Infrastructure Finance, 4<sup>th</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019, Nagpur**

	Session	Speakers	Time
	Day 1		
	Registration and Tea		9.30 – 10.00
1	<b>Opening Panel - Infrastructure Finance – Overview of Politics, Policy and Emerging Issues</b>	Chair - <i>Dhirendra Panda</i> Overview of Infrastructure Projects, Finance, Institutions, Policy changes, implications in India - <i>Dunu Roy</i> Infrastructure Finance and Stressed Assets - <i>Vishwas Utagi</i> Financing Mega Infrastructure Projects - <i>Gaurav Dwivedi</i>	10.00 – 11.30
	Session Brief	<i>The inaugural session will deal with the political economy of infrastructure and its financing and will discuss why infrastructure has become the site of global capital investment and who the driving forces behind the same are. The session will also see presentation on how infrastructure financing has resulted in stressed assets and why due diligence is not being followed by national financial institutions while extending funding to Infrastructure sector. A brief overview of infrastructure financing of major projects will be presented.</i>	
	Tea Break		11.30 -11.45
2	<b>Urban Infrastructure - Exploring linkages of finances and public policies</b>	Chair - <i>Jammu Anand</i> Predatory Finance in Urban Infrastructure - <i>Vinay Baindur</i> Cities as sites of Global Capital - <i>Shweta Damle</i> Financial Analysis of Public Transportation Projects - <i>Ashok Dattar</i>	11.45 – 01.30
	Session Brief	<i>The session will look into the nature of private capital which is coming into the urban sector particularly for creating urban infrastructure and the changes the finance is bringing to the landscape of cities and the kind of projects are they looking into for investments. The session will look into two key urban areas such as housing and transport to understand this change.</i>	
	Lunch Break		1.30 – 2.15

3	<b>Urban Infrastructure and impact on urban poor - Experiences from cities</b>	Chair - <i>Sitaram Shelar</i> Financialising Urban Commons - <i>Rajendran Prabhakar</i> A case study of Bhopal Smart City - <i>Vijay Kumar</i> PPPs in urban housing and resettlement - <i>Marina Joseph</i> Digital Infrastructure and Smart Cities - <i>Susana Barria</i>	2.15 – 4.00
	Session Brief	<i>Taking a clue from the previous session, this session will look into specific areas and case studies of the changes in urban scenario. This would include discussions on privatisation and commodification of resources such as land and water. The smart city related projects in Bhopal as well as discussion on financing mechanisms for urban housing and resettlement looking into PPP models and connected issues. Installation of digital gadgets for data collection forms an important part of the smart cities project, what it means and implications will be discussed.</i>	
	Tea Break		4.00 - 4.15
4	<b>Changing nature of mega infrastructure - politics, economics and impact</b>	Chair - <i>Jaideep Hardikar (TBC)</i> Changing Energy Policy and Implications on Infrastructure - <i>Shailendra Dubey</i> Industrial Corridors Transforming Geographies - <i>Viren Lobo</i> Coastal Infrastructure under Sagarmala Program - <i>Jesu Rethinam</i> Critical Evaluation of Bullet Train Project - <i>Krishnakant</i>	4.15 – 5.45
	Session Brief	<i>The session will provide insights into the development of large infrastructure projects such as industrial corridors, Sagarmala, bullet train, power projects and their impacts on people and natural resources across various regions of the country. The various dimensions of these Mega Infrastructure as they pan out will be discussed in this session.</i>	
	<b>Day 2</b>		
5	<b>Infrastructure Projects - Impacts and community resistance</b>	Chair - <i>Sreedevi Lakshmikutty</i> Coastal Infrastructure and community resistance - <i>T. Peter</i> , Mining infrastructure, implications and communities - <i>Philip Kujur</i> , Infrastructure projects through forests and forest rights - <i>Praveen Mote</i> , Infrastructure projects and impact on informal economy - <i>Macanzy Dabre</i>	9.30 – 11.15

	Session Brief	<i>This session will discuss the impacts of mining, coastal infrastructure and other development projects on forest, coastal and informal communities. Sharing experiences from regions across the country. The session will integrate the voices of resistance with voices being raised on finance and social and environmental issues.</i>	
	Tea Break		11.15 - 11.30
6	<b>Finance and Financial Accountability – Tracking the lenders and the finances</b>	Chair - <i>Joe Athialy</i> Sagarmala - <i>Jesu Rethinam</i> Bullet train - <i>Krishna Kant</i> Power Projects - <i>Rajesh Kumar</i> Smart Cities and Industrial corridors - <i>Gaurav Dwivedi</i>	11.45 – 1.00
	Session Brief	<i>In this session we will look at the financial actors and financial data related to specific infrastructure projects in the country, the finances, the institutions and what does this financial information mean for the various sectors. This will link the earlier presentations of impacts with finances.</i>	
	Lunch Break		1.00 - 2.00
7	<b>Brainstorming ideas for developing a broad strategy</b>	Chair - <i>Krishnakant</i> Panel - <i>Shweta Damle, Jammu Anand, T. Peter, Macanzy Dabre</i>  Planning/ Strategy for a coordinated response Questions/ points for developing strategies	2.00 – 3.30
	Vote of Thanks		