

# International Conference on Climate Action in Heidelberg on 22 and 23 May 2019

Mr. Mudit Kumar Singh, Nodal Officer, Chhattisgarh State Centre for Climate Change attended the International Conference on Climate Action in Heidelberg on 22 and 23 May 2019 and Hosted by the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety together with the Federal State of Baden Württemberg and the City of Heidelberg. During the Conference, over 1,000 participants from over 100 countries worked together intensively for climate action. Above all, it became clear how crucial it is to have the right framework conditions that allow cities and municipalities to exercise their roles as players in climate action and sustainable development. Such framework conditions range from expertise on financial resources through to regulatory conditions. In addition, the conference participants all agreed these conditions need to be improved quickly.



A significant result of ICCA2019 is the Partnership Declaration on Collaborative Climate Action across all levels of government. In the declaration, states, cities, municipalities, federal states, regions and networks committed to more cooperation, communication and support in the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and set out priority actions to achieve this. The declaration was adopted during the high-level round table by

representatives of all the levels of government and their networks.

Another outcome of the Conference in Heidelberg is practical recommendations for action for better collaboration for more ambitious climate action and sustainable development e.g. regarding the removal of obstacles in financing local projects or the participation of citizens in implementing municipal climate action programmes. Furthermore, work was carried out on initiatives which will enable cities and municipalities to take ambitious climate action and promote the development of sustainable infrastructures.

