



PEER REVIEW

AFTER 3rd ANNUAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

With reference to Advisory board meeting held on 12.06.2021 via online mode, following information was submitted under WP 5. The following Institute partners replied on various comments and suggestions for compilation:

- School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada
- School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal
- National institute of technology, Hamirpur
- Kamla Raheja Vidyanidhi Institute for Architecture and Environmental Studies, Mumbai

The comments and suggestions of advisory board members are compiled below for the reference. Various Institute partners mentioned/provide information on the level of incorporation w.r.t. advisory board comments and suggestions in the column given below.

Name of Advisory Board Member	Question	Name of Institution	Reply from the Institute
Dr. Pradipta	System Dynamics is a mathematical subject. How does this subject justify its understanding for the varied audience of PDPs	SPAB	The idea of system dynamics is explored primarily through actor-network diagrams and other visual means so that varied participants can relate to it easily.
		SPAV	The basics of System Dynamics was introduced to the participants who were all graduates. For instance, how to project “population projection” etc.
	How did you get feedback of PDPs conducted? How the feedback is planned to be incorporated in future PDPs?	SPAB	Overall feedback from different PDPs essentially highlighted two aspects namely; 1) interactive assignments 2) value addition to practice and research. Both the aspects were addressed in subsequent PDPs.
		SPAV	The feedback of PDP participants were taken through google forms, and subsequently has been analyzed for its incorporation in future PDPs.
		NITH	All participants were required to respond to an online feedback form (which is a mandatory requirement for certification). Suggestions were discussed and content of latest PDP modified accordingly.
		KRVIA	All participants are required to respond to an online feedback form (which is a mandatory requirement for certification). The feedback form



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			<p>consists of questions that were developed by WP5, and are standard across all PDPs and partner institutions.</p> <p>Every time KRVIA runs a PDP, the feedback of previous PDPs is considered, and steps are taken to ensure that any issues are resolved in the PDP planning process.</p>
Dr. Arunava	How many participants of one Institute/PDP participated in another PDP hosted by another institute	SPAV (WP4 coordinator)	The participant database for each institute is unique and exclusive, however, the data shall be collated for comparison.
	Was there a prerequisite knowledge required by a participant of a PDPs ? E.g., PDP on GIS	SPAB	No prerequisite knowledge was required. Since many participants came from the background of spatial studies and social studies, it was relatively easy for them to relate to exercises such as mapping, visual documentation.
		SPAV	The participants of the PDPs were selected based on their applications. They were all graduates from planning, architecture, engineering backgrounds.
		NITH	There was no prerequisite knowledge required by a participant.
		KRVIA	For most of the KRVIA PDPs, no knowledge of specialised software or concepts was required, the exception being PDP 3 & 4. Even in those PDPs, the workshop itself initiated the participants into the platform by running 101 sessions to acquaint the participants, before going to more advanced functions.
	How did the socioecological aspect of resilience cover for Hills	NITH	Experts from the social, economic and climatic resilience background discussed various issues and methods for socioecological aspect of resilience.
Has the PDPs became the platform for cross sharing of knowledge	SPAB	Yes. There was a diverse range of background of participants. Since participants were from both undergraduate and postgraduate studies, peer to peer learning was quite critical.	
	SPAV	The participants and the experts were from diverse background and hence there was substantial cross sharing of knowledge	



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		NITH	PDPs were really of great importance and it helped not only the participants but also the organisers in gaining knowledge for varied fields.
		KRVIA	The PDPs have been wonderfully adept at information sharing. And KRVIA is happy that the flow of knowledge has not been one-way either. Responses from the participants, conversations during discussion sessions, etc. have also enabled us to enrich our own understanding of various situations, especially since a lot of participants were from Tier II cities, and offered invaluable insight into the context.
Anshu Sharma	How to monitor the change a PDP knowledge will bring in working of participants after attending the PDP?	SPAB	Revisiting the PDP contents as well as feedback by the participants periodically
		SPAV	The PDPs are designed to influence the participants towards capacity building, we believe that our sessions were helpful in their practice.
		NITH	It's a continuous knowledge gain process. We hope that knowledge gained during these interactions will help participants as evident from feedback also.
		KRVIA	We are already in the process of getting in touch with past PDP participants. Through email interviews or questionnaires, as well as a few video interviews, we're trying to assess the impact of the PDPs in the academic and professional lives of the participants
	What is the strategy adopted to refine the future PDPs	SPAB	Many of the PDPs may be further extended into short term course and conferences
		NITH	Incorporation of feedback from the previous PDPs along with more specific discussions will be part of future PDPs.
KRVIA		Incorporation of feedback from the previous PDPs along with an engagement with a wider range of issues pertinent to the global south will help sharpen the PDPs even more.	
Prof. Devadas	How the PDPs are made dynamic to include	SPAB	Site visits and hands on exercises could not be done due to online mode



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	workshops on hands on exercises?	SPAV	PDPs conducted by SPAV had hands-on exercise and short assignments for making participants involved in the program.
		NITH	Latest PDP conducted in the series included 4 days' time problem exercise as hand on workshop for all participants.
		KRVIA	3 out of the 5 PDPs at KRVIA included a substantial workshop component. For this, the participants worked closely with instructors in break-out rooms over the course of the PDP. 24x7 access to the collaboration tools on MS Teams, was provided to the participants to allow for group work. Most importantly, the PDPs included deliverables that the participants themselves worked on. (like mapping and querying exercises for PDP 3 and 4, and white paper exercises for PDP 5)
Dr. HK Vinalyak	Participation of Entrepreneurs as experts in future PDPs to be seen?	SPAB	Will surely consider the participation of entrepreneurs.
		SPAV	We will surely consider the participation of entrepreneurs.
		NITH	Still in the process to incorporate the suggestion.
		KRVIA	We are considered broadening the range of experts we engage with through the PDPs as instructors. This includes several experts whose work has been entrepreneurial and self-driven. This aligns well with the nature of architectural practice that is taught at the school as well.
	How are the Institute planning to align their courses with the existing policies of Govt.?	SPAB	Many of the electives and full time courses at the institute are already focusing on resilience and content from PDP will be also included subsequently.
		SPAV	Institute is aligning with the National Education Policy and other initiatives of the government.
NITH		We are looking into various issues related with research and participants were made aware about the role and	



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			importance of resilience and sustainability goals of GOI.
		KRVIA	The PDPs have engaged with several aspects of smart urbanism, and questions of social equity, that are embodied in many Govt, initiatives such as the SMART CITY MISSION, HRIDAY, etc. In fact, many of the lectures in the PDPs, directly engaged with the potential of new and existing Govt. policies to transform Indian cities for the better, and innovative ways in which urban practitioners could contribute to the same.

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