



CALL FOR BACKGROUND PAPERS: SDG11 & Waste Management in Bangladesh

The [Asia-Europe Foundation \(ASEF\)](#) is looking for recognised experts to develop background papers on Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities, and Waste Management in Bangladesh. A financial compensation of up to SGD 1,000 per paper will be granted.

About ASEF and ASEFSU23

ASEF is an intergovernmental not-for-profit organisation which brings together the peoples of Asia and Europe to address common global challenges. The 23rd ASEF Summer University ([ASEFSU23](#)) is a virtual Hackathon programme on “Liveable Cities for a Sustainable Future”, for students and young professionals across, taking place from September to December 2021. The participants, students & young professionals coming from up to 51 Asian & European countries ([ASEM Partner countries](#)), will work in teams to solve urbanisation [challenges](#) in Bangladesh, India & Pakistan. The Challenge in Bangladesh is “Creating Clean Cities: Tackling Urban Waste Management”. Further information can be found in the [Project Overview here](#).

Aim and scope

We are commissioning 2 distinct background papers to be drafted by different experts (or groups of experts). The two background papers aim to provide a solid knowledge foundation on the following topics for a general audience of non-specialists and the youth participants of ASEFSU23:

- **1st background paper:** General overview and contextualisation of the challenges related to sustainable urbanisation and SDG11 in Bangladesh, with a focus on Dhaka.
- **2nd background paper:** Specific overview on the issue of waste management in Bangladesh, with a focus on Dhaka.

Expected format

- **Structure:**
 1. Short summary
 2. Overview of the situation in Bangladesh
 3. Overview of the situation in Dhaka
 4. The way forward
 5. List of selected key further readings/e-learning materials
- **Language:** English, accessible language targeting a general audience of non-specialists and avoiding technical jargon
- **Length:** max. 4,000 words (excluding summary and further readings)

Eligibility

- The author and possible co-authors should be citizen of any of the [51 ASEM Partner countries](#).
- Recognised academic or relevant expertise in the field of sustainable urbanisation and/or waste management in Bangladesh, preferably with sound knowledge on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their interconnections
- Expert from any relevant academic discipline with the capacity to develop clear, concise and cross-disciplinary synthesis on the topic

Application and paper submission timeline

- Application deadline: **Sunday, 29 August 2021**
- Result of application: **Wednesday, 1 September 2021**
- Manuscript submission: **Sunday, 26 September 2021**
- Revised manuscript submission (if needed): **Sunday, 3 October 2021**

Application process

- Application should include an updated CV and at least 2 examples of relevant publication.
- In your application, please specify which topic you will focus on: 1) sustainable urbanisation and SDG11 in Bangladesh, or 2) waste management in Bangladesh.
- You can apply using the [link here](#)

Contact

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Visual Explainer

Yarns are emblematic (or are a symbol) of the cotton production and textile industry in South Asia which greatly contributed to its economy and opening up to the rest of the world. Along with this evolution, the region's growing urbanisation has been a driving force, reshaping modern cities and societies.

Like a fabric with its distinct pattern, a city is a network of interdependencies and intertwined social interactions, and a complex eco-system where every element is closely connected to each other. This intricate crisscross is a fragile equilibrium contingent on every thread which needs to be carefully sewn and integrated within the broader structure. To shape urban images and to (re)place the different wooden pegs orientating the threads, one (urban planners) need(s) intentionality and a comprehensive understanding of all its constituting elements. To weave a sustainable future (to weave and build liveable cities for a sustainable future), holistic and transformative visions are needed. Our ASEFSU23 participants will develop these for Bangladesh, India and Pakistan.