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# Urban Labs

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## IFHP Urban Labs Perspectives and ideas on urgent urban challenges

IFHP Urban Labs are a way of identifying, understanding and addressing the complexities of urban challenges. Through investigations, workshops and exhibitions our Labs work with specific practical issues within a specific local context. Sourcing the knowledge of the IFHP Community, the Labs apply collaborative, interdisciplinary and creative approaches, involving relevant stakeholders.

### Global partners Bringing the local into the global

As a global partner or sponsor of an Urban Lab you can tap into a strong professional network in cities all over the world. It's a great way to learn about the local context and planning systems, work in a multidisciplinary context and develop relationships with both local stakeholders and global networks.

### Local sponsors Inspirations and inputs from around the world

As a local partner or sponsor of an Urban Lab you have the chance to source inspiration and input from international experts and networks of professionals, businesses and organisations working with housing and planning. Labs offer a unique platform for knowledge exchange, possible solutions and input on how to implement.

### Experience from a Lab The India Urban Lab led to an action plan on how to inform the policy making at city levels

The Urban Lab in Bangalore (October 2015) focused on water resilience. Bangalore is a rapidly urbanising city, with no natural fresh water sources, while subject to heavy floods. The main question for the Lab was to challenge the thinking on the city's ability to secure clean drinking water and at the same time become a livable and flood resilient city.

### The process The India Urban Lab

First stage: Local experts prepared an overview of the water challenges and opportunities facing Bangalore, and identified two investigation sites where they explored how strategic design thinking could integrate natural systems and informal settlements. Second stage: the sectoral, local and international experts created an action plan to critically inform the process of policy-making at the city level.

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