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Message from CEO

Dear Readers,

The month of November witnessed critical work in climate discussion, with the 80th Conclave on Disaster Resilience and Climate Resilience, the 29th Session of the Conference of Parties (COP29) and the 2nd Meeting of Sphere India Board and Advisory Council. Discussions at these forums underscored how climate stress systems (extremes) increasingly implying cascading infrastructure dependency in sectoral, contributing to the ongoing climate crisis and disaster risk.

Acknowledging the gaps in the sectoral and cross-sectoral interactions, Sphere India's Climate Resilience Initiative systems and focus exclusively on climate-related extreme and discourse. These extreme and hazard-specific systems are being developed to provide actionable insights for sectoral decision-makers and practitioners.

In the November issue of SAMANVAY, we also bring the outcomes of Strengthened Efforts on Global and National Advocacy on Climate Action,"Implementation of significant milestones signing of the second phase of the Urban Flooded Stress Disaster Management Initiative, other Platform-level Agency Group and Sphere India. The Urban Flooded Stress Disaster Management Initiative is a collaborative effort between Sphere India and the Indian Institute of Technology Madras to develop tools and methodologies for assessing and managing urban flood risks. The second phase of the initiative will focus on pilot implementation and capacity building, with the goal of enhancing the quality and relevance of our collaborative efforts in the sector.

We welcome your feedback and suggestions as we continue to advance the quality and relevance of our communications.

Warm regards,

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CEO, Sphere India

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Governance Updates

Second CMA to Reaffirmation of commitments to Work and Review and Negotiations

The Second CMAP of Parties was held in Baku, Azerbaijan, from November 11 to 22, 2025, attended by the Best and Rules and Negotiations. Conclusion is in-tactical hubs. the meeting focused on clear discussions regarding prepared-ness and response to climate-related disasters, with a strong focus on early warning systems. The Sphere India Steering Committee of Sphere India Board and Advisory Council, Sphere India Secretariat, and Sphere India Board and Advisory Council attended the meeting.

Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding between UPSDMA, UP-LEDS and Sphere India

Sphere India has signed a tripartite MoU with the Uttar Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (UPSDMA) and the Uttar Pradesh State Climate Resilient Development Strategies (UP-LEDS) to strengthen disaster preparedness, climate resilience, and sustainable development across the state. The MoU covers key areas including capacity building, knowledge sharing, and collaborative research, aimed at enhancing institutional preparedness and promoting integrated approaches to disaster risk reduction and climate adaptation. The partnership will also facilitate joint initiatives in the state.

Program Updates

Knowledge & Capacity Sharing

Loss and Damage Fund: Challenges and Opportunities for Effective Fund Utilisation

Sphere India Climate Resilience Initiative organised a Knowledge Sharing Session on Loss and Damage Fund Utilisation in the Indian Context on 27th November, 2025 at Sphere India Secretariat. The session aimed to deliver the increasingly effects of climate change, impacts on communities and nature. Distinguished speakers, the Subject Matter Experts from Sphere India, Climate Action Network International, Centre for Science and Environment, Climate Action Network International, Indian Institute of Human Settlements, Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Institute for Transport and Development Policy, Climate Resilient Development Strategies, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar, Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur, Indian Institute of Technology Mandi, Indian Institute of Technology Ropar, Indian Institute of Technology Tirupati, Indian Institute of Technology Varanasi, Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad, Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, Indian Institute of Technology Patna, Indian Institute of Technology Madras