



Development Alternatives Contributes to an International Deliberation on Circular Economy

Development Alternatives (DA) participated in the Ninth Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF9) that took place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 7th to 13th February 2018. World Urban Forum (WUF) is a non-legislative technical forum convened by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) in 2002. The theme for the Ninth Session was "Cities 2030, Cities for All: Implementing the New Urban Agenda". The DA Group partook at two platforms. Dr. Soumen Maity, Assistant Vice President, DA, gave a presentation on the India and Malawi experience on barriers and incentives for production of waste-based building materials, at the Networking Event on 'Circular Economy in Built Environment' organised by the Ministry of Environment - Finland, UN-Habitat and DA. The objective was to share feasible and replicable practices, and to have a facilitated discussion around the global impact and opportunities of the aforementioned theme. The second contribution was by Pratibha Ruth Caleb, Deputy Manager, DA, who shared lessons from 'Mainstreaming Sustainable Social Housing in India Project' (MaS-SHIP) in the Panel Discussion, 'Green is Affordable: Environmentally Sustainable Housing for All'.