

Statement for ISOCARP Board Member Elections, 2019

Applicant name: Mahak Agrawal

Nationality: India

I am an urban planner from India, working on the issue of sanitation deprivation and climate crisis response in coastal districts and the north-east region of India.

I have served as an expert reviewer to the Second Order Draft of the IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Land. I am a Local Pathways Fellow to the United Nations Sustainable Development Solution Network. I am also working with Change.org on a petition that holds the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi accountable for right to sanitation to urban poor. In November 2019, I will be working on SDG 6 with UNLEASH Innovation Lab in Shenzhen, on invitation by Shenzhen Industrial Design Profession Association (SIDA) and nomination by UN-SDSN.

I have been an active member of ISOCARP since May 2016. In 2016, I provided research assistance for urban-transportation aspect of Synthesis report submitted by ISOCARP to Moscow Urban Forum. Since 2017, I have been working as an Associate Editor to the ISOCARP Review. In 2018, I also served as an editor to the YPP Bodø report, and in 2019, as a jury member to the ISOCARP Student Awards.

As a Board member to the ISOCARP, I am motivated to serve and support the Society in building a stronger, expansive community of professionals, particularly from Asia and India, which is home to 54% of the world's urban population and the area where urban growth is creating pressing challenges of climate crisis, environmental pollution, and inequalities.

It is my goal to guide ISOCARP to play an expanded role in Asia and India. I would work to increase membership from this region to find ways for the Society to play a vital role to achieve orderly growth, liveability and resilience of Indian and other Asian cities.