



Foreword

September was an exciting month for us! We have been working on some fun and insightful reports that are scheduled to be released in October. Read on to find out what the team has been up to and meet the new members who have joined us. Follow us as we document the career journeys of sustainability professionals on MAP - the Monsoon Academy Podcast - and discover how you can help save the world.

[Navigating your sustainability career: Check out the Monsoon Academy Podcast for tips from leading figures in sustainability!](#)

The September episodes of MAP offer advice on choosing the right career in sustainability, standing out among a sea of applicants, tips to fundraise for one's climate start-up, and much more.

In the first episode of September, [Sidhant Pai](#), Co-Founder and Chief Science Officer at [StepChange](#), invites listeners to reflect on their motivations and how this can guide the development of necessary skills in their career paths. Listen to Episode 5 of MAP, '[An Entrepreneur's Guide to Innovation](#)' to learn how you can turn your motivation into innovation.

Also in September, [Karthik Ganesan](#), Fellow and Director (Strategic Partnerships) at the [Council on Energy, Environment and Water \(CEEW\)](#), shares how he transformed his career from the aviation industry to the clean energy sector. Karthik discusses the skills that are essential for aspiring professionals and the qualities that impress recruiters. Tune in to '[Entering a Career in Sustainability](#)' to learn how to carve out your own space in this field.

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Upcoming at Transitions

Visions report



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[PULL](#) Net Zero will be launching our *Visions Report for Panaji's Net-Zero Future* in late October. Visioning is a critical exercise that invites citizens and other stakeholders to imagine what they want their city to look like and how we can get there. PULL's visioning work in Panaji aims to help the city meet its ambitious climate goal of achieving net zero by 2050, while placing people, rather than carbon, at the forefront of climate action. Our comprehensive visions report chronicles our collaborative efforts in 2023-2024 to create a shared vision for a sustainable, low-carbon future for Panaji. [Click here](#) to get the report delivered to you in your inboxes.

Learning journeys and event reports

As part of our partnership with [Adaptation Research Alliance \(ARA\)](#), we facilitated peer-to-peer learning sessions in the Global South this month. This work helps us monitor ARA member organisations' progress towards achieving ARA's outcomes.

Based on the insights gained through these and other engagements with the ARA community, we are excited to launch our outcome documents – four learning journey reports and two event reports. These resources offer valuable insights into the challenges, some shared and some unique, faced by organisations working in adaptation and resilience, and offer case studies showcasing innovative solutions members have developed. Get all our ARA reports delivered to your inbox by [signing up here](#).

Events

Talking about transitions: 'Transitioning Transport for Low Carbon Futures in Indian Cities' on Friday, 4 October 2024, at 5.30 p.m. (IST)

The way we move contributes to almost a [quarter of our greenhouse gas emissions](#). Over the last twenty years, India has experienced a surge in mobility and transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions, with [total emissions increasing 224 per cent between 2000 and 2019](#). Cities, growing rapidly, have borne the brunt of this mobility shift, with many cities experiencing unbearable congestion, inadequate options for public transport, and rising air pollution. Given that only [30 per cent of urban residents currently rely on private vehicles](#), and that this figure is quickly rising, India is at a pivotal moment to shape the future of its transport emissions.

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Well-being is at the core of adaptation efforts: Lessons from Climate Week

Programme Director, Climate Adaptation Learning Lab, Prerna Singh, was in New York City this month to attend the Climate Week and engage and network with, and learn from climate leaders from around the globe. Prerna's takeaways from Climate Week focused on individual well-being, social cohesion, the need for strong metrics systems, and more. [\[Read more here.\]](#)

Publications

Can AI Light Up India's Energy Shift? A Pragmatic Look at India's AI and Energy Transitions

India's energy landscape is in a state of flux. This transition is also accompanied by calls for a rapid integration of digital technologies and AI in the energy sector. Based on the insights derived from the latest Talking About Transitions dialogue featuring [Priya Donti](#), [Simran Grover](#), [Siddharth Sareen](#) and [Angelina Chamuah](#), this blog outlines some challenges and scalable steps in harnessing artificial intelligence to meet India's energy goals. Read [here](#).

Research updates

The PULL Net Zero team met with the [Goa Energy Development Agency \(GEDA\)](#) to discuss takeaways from the recently completed fieldwork on rooftop solar adoption in Panaji. This research explored why households and commercial establishments in the city have been slow to adopt rooftop solar panels, despite lucrative financial incentives from the government. The PULL team is now designing interventions to help increase awareness and uptake. Stay tuned for updates on our insights and next steps.

New joinees

[Teenu J. Thaikattil](#) is an architect and urban designer with over a decade of experience in urban development. She has worked on decarbonising the built environment and enhancing sustainable tourism infrastructure and also served as an assistant professor



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in both government and private institutions, where she gained valuable experience in capacity building. She is joining us as an Urban Planning Fellow.

[Nupur Khanter](#) is an urban strategist and designer. Her work focuses on equity in climate resilience and building stewardship in communities. Her experience includes teaching the embARC Summer Design Academy and reviewing undergraduate studio work at the College of Environmental Design, UC Berkeley.

[Niyatee Khinvasara](#) is a designer. Her work aims to leverage her expertise in visual storytelling and design research to curate effective communication products. A graduate of NIFT Mumbai, with a specialisation in Communication design, she has honed her skills in experimental film making, documentaries, and graphic design.

What we've been reading/watching/listening to

"Picked up Payal Arora's book [From Pessimism to Promise: Lessons from the Global South on Designing Inclusive Tech \(2024\)](#), which challenges the prevailing narrative around technology, especially within the context of the Global South." – [Angelina Chamuah](#), Programme Director, Future Foresight

"I've been exploring the work of [Women of the Wild India](#). This Instagram community publishes short profiles of women in India who work in conservation, a field that's fascinated me since I watched the animated *Captain Planet* series as a child. I'm hoping to learn more about the work in this field, which, compared to climate action, is radically under-funded, with legal protections collapsing." – [Amita Basu](#), Research Fellow

Call to action

Follow us on [social media](#). Subscribe to our [newsletter](#). Visit our [website](#). Get in touch [for collaborations](#). [Write to us](#) to join the conversation around the transition to an equitable and livable future.
