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Opening and welcome



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Setting the context



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Impacts of Climate Change are clear and evident more so in the Global South





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Global South is extremely vulnerable to Climate Change: Lack of capacities further accelerates the challenges





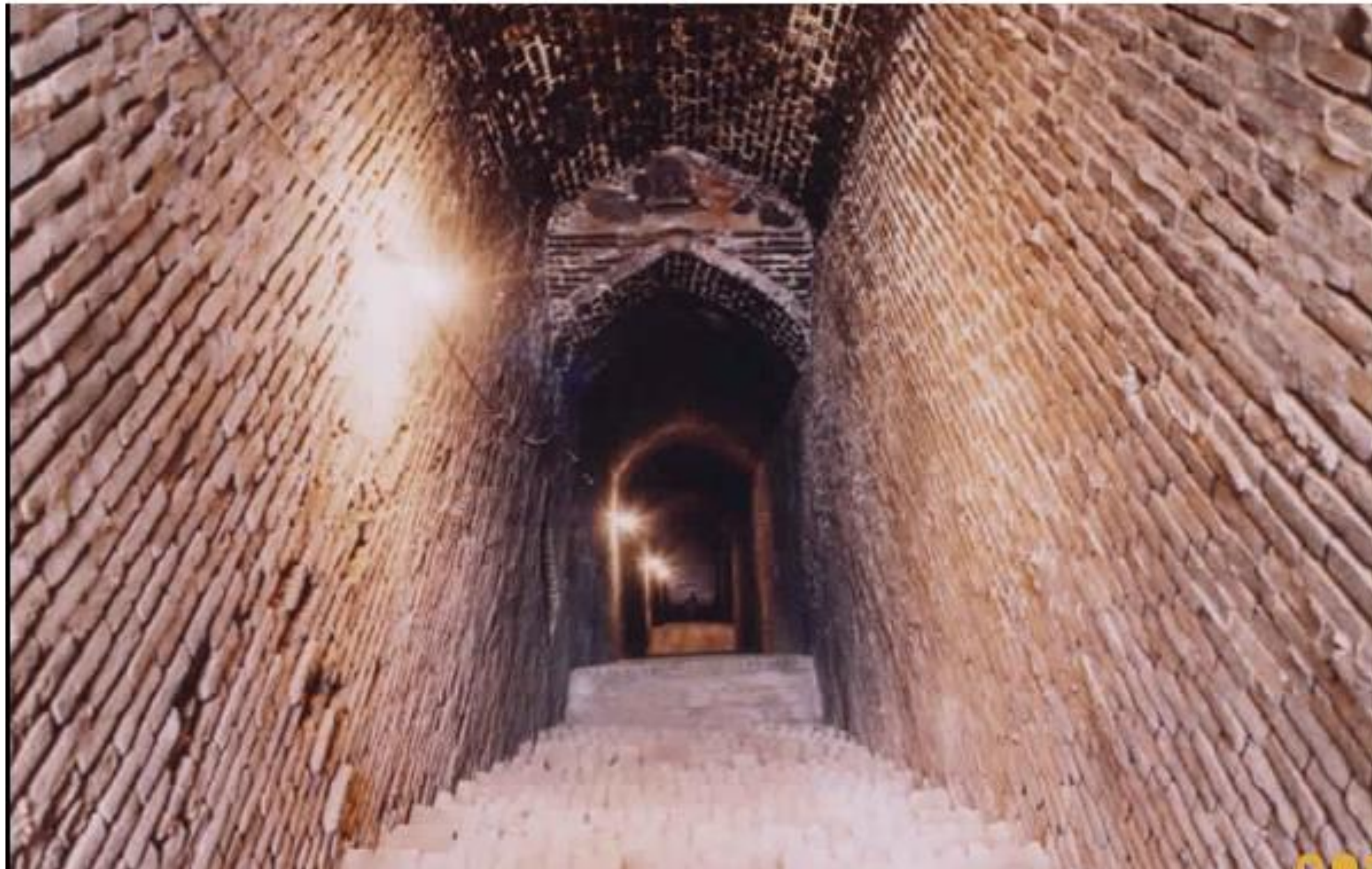




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Historic Hydraulic Structures



By collaborating directly, South-South partners can co-create solutions that leverage shared understanding that are primed for mutual adoption.



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Panel discussion: Spotlight on global subnational south-south capacities best practices



Jane Lumumba

Africa Delivery Lead, UN High-Level Champions



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Lead (Projects), Climate Centre for Cities, National Institute of Urban Affairs, India

Moderated by:

Saurabh Jain Punamiya

The Climate Change High-Level Champions



Starlene Sharma

Founding Partner, Green Artha



Braulina Baniwa

Director, ANMIGA



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Story telling

Accelerating indigenous action on climate and water – Insights from First Australians



Sonia Cooper

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Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation







Moira Lakes – our Kidneys



Yorta Yorta Woka Wala

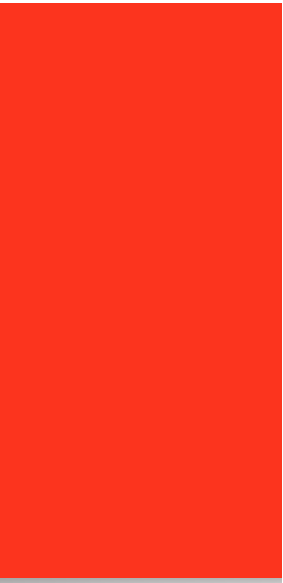












Changing Country Forever



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Yorta Yorta Country

**clay and sand noticed at
bottom of the exposed
altered bank (bottom).**

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Yorta Yorta Country





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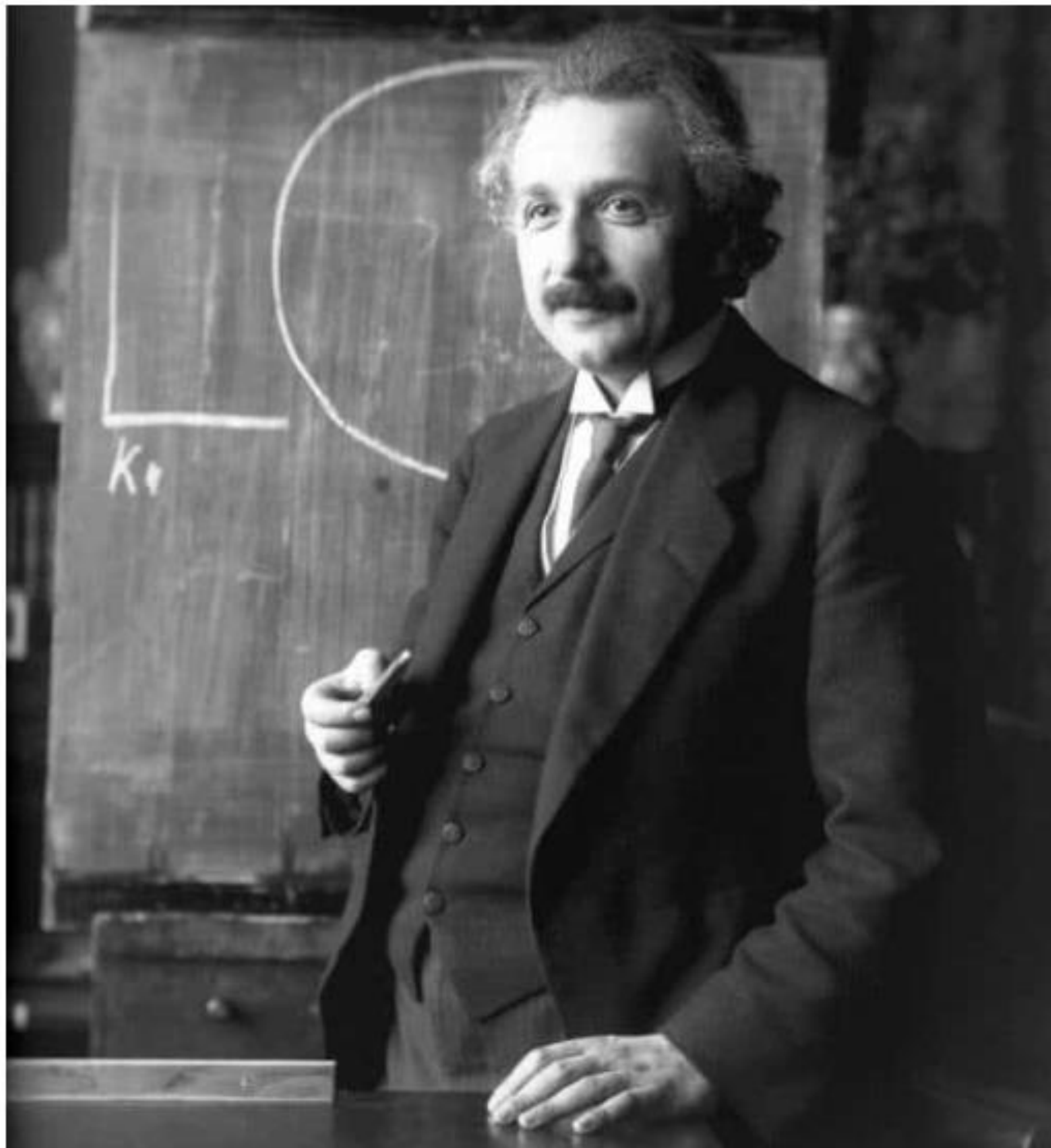
Cracking Clays of Yorta Yorta Country



- Our soils and our clays are our cultural indicators
- Higher temperatures and lower rainfall impact cracking clays further
- Trees can no longer sustain their position
- The trees crack like the clays, it is a product of its environment
- Cracking clays need water and moisture

Irreversible damage – Precautionary approach and principle
Rio Declaration 15





We cannot solve
our problems with
the same thinking
we used when we
created them.

Albert Einstein - www.quoteikon.com



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People centric subnational climate action – the Maharashtra story



Aditya Thackeray

Former Environment Minister, Government of Maharashtra, India



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Closing and thanks



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Thank you for joining us

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