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Activating Synergy for Better Cities



One year passed and we marked 2017 with accomplishments for the goodness of our city, now and in the future. Let's make the achievements as higher step to stand on and to grab opportunities in the upcoming year!

Won Hee-ryong
Governor, Jeju Special Self-Governing Province
President, UCLG ASPAC



Collaboration embodied achievements we made in 2017. Thanks to all members for their commitment and also partners for their continuous support. Together, we prosper our local people.

Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi
Secretary General, UCLG ASPAC

UCLG ASPAC United Cities and Local Governments Asia-Pacific

UCLG ASPAC is one of the Regional Sections of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), an amalgamation of International Union of Local Authorities (IULA), United Towns Organization (UTO), and World Association of the Major Metropolises (METROPOLIS). UCLG was established on 1 January 2004 and is headquartered in Barcelona, Spain.

Following this unification, UCLG ASPAC was established in Taipei on 14 April 2004. UCLG ASPAC is the key knowledge management hub on local government issues in the Asia Pacific region.

UCLG is a worldwide association, and the only local government organization recognized by the United Nations. It nominates 10 out of 20 members of the United Nations Advisory Committee of Local Authorities (UNACLA), the first formal advisory body of local authorities affiliated with the UN.

The Asia and Pacific region is the biggest of the Regional Sections in UCLG with linkages to more than 7,000 local governments. It represents well over 3.76 billion people-making up more than half of the world's population- and incorporates economically fast developing countries such as China, India, and Indonesia.

UCLG ASPAC members are mostly individual city and local government, and their associations. UCLG ASPAC Secretariat is located in Jakarta.

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What We Do



Advocacy



Capacity Building



Policy & Research

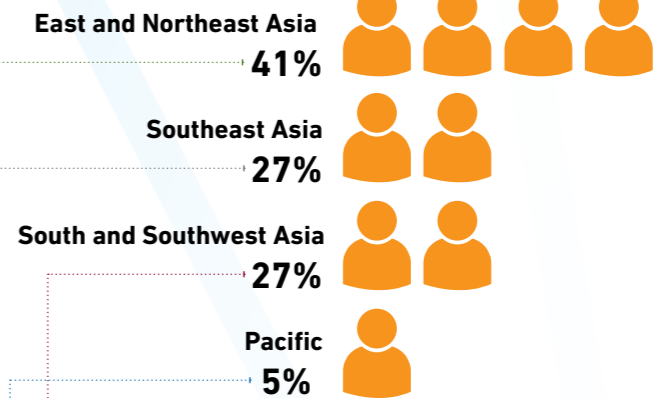


Programmes & Projects



Decentralized Cooperations

Our Members



PERSISTENT SHOT FOR IMPACTFUL FORCE

SDGs, UCLG ASPAC, Local Governments

SINCE being ratified in 2015, SDGs localization is entering 3rd year. UCLG ASPAC has consistently advocated cities and local governments on the importance of localizing the global agenda as well as stimulated the creation of partnership and collaboration to achieve the shared goals. The efforts were continuously conducted throughout year 2017.



National Mechanisms and Multi-Stakeholder Engagement in the Implementation of the NUA.

8th EAS High-Level Seminar on Sustainable Cities Chiang Rai, 8-9 February 2017

UCLG ASPAC contributed in:
Updating key delegates and distinguished representatives from East Asia towards best practices conducted at local level within Asia-Pacific region.

Sharing recommendations to be conducted by local governments for successful localization of SDGs.



Partners Forum on New Urban Agenda in Asia and the Pacific Bangkok, 23-24 January 2017

UCLG ASPAC contributed in:
Sharing the result of City and Local Government Enabling Environment Rating in Asia and the Pacific, an assessment to see if legal and institutional environments is conducive to the localization of the SDGs/Post-2015 agenda. The assessment covers 28 countries.

Updating tools available for local government to localize SDGs: Roadmap for Local Government in Localizing SDGs, Toolbox for Localizing the SDGs (online platform).

Sharing the potential and challenges faced by national and local government in Indonesia in localizing SDGs.

The 2nd UCLG Culture Summit Jeju, 10-13 May 2017

UCLG ASPAC contributed in:
Enhancing the collaboration among members of UCLG ASPAC Culture Committee to put culture at heart of local development.

In collaboration with its global network, UCLG ASPAC contributed in mainstreaming culture to significantly contribute in sustainable development by raising awareness, injecting comprehensive understanding, stimulating cooperation to achieve common development goal, including culture in the development of public space for local inclusion, and analyzing linkage of local and national framework regarding culture policy.



Jeju Special Self-Governing Province hosted the 2nd UCLG Culture Summit.



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The APC, Localising the SDGs, Leaving No One Behind Penang, 25-26 October 2017

- UCLG ASPAC contributed in:
- Highlighting key role of local governments in localizing global agenda.
 - Emphasizing the importance of gender equality transcending all the SDGs.
 - Stimulating creation of better engagement and coordination between the national and sub-national level.



Asia-Pacific Leaders' Forum on Open Government 2017 Jakarta, 14 December 2017

- UCLG ASPAC contributed in:
- Stimulating debates on the importance of open government practice in local level.
 - Sharing the best practice of UCLG ASPAC members in applying open government and their impacts.
 - Encouraging the formation of collaboration among stakeholders to achieve the common goal.
 - Disseminating knowledge on enabling environment for local government for sustainable development.

UCLG ASPAC, SDGs, and Youth Involvement

Embracing the spirit of inclusion that is inevitable for the success of SDGs localization, UCLG ASPAC designed SDGs training for local governments and a seminar involving youth to highlight their contribution in the field of development.



SDGs Training

The training was conducted in Jakarta (19-21 July 2017) and Kathmandu (16-17 August 2017). It involved around 55 city representatives from Indonesia and Nepal. The training gave insight to local governments about the SDGs overview, current situation, and future opportunities they can explore in order to be successful in localizing SDGs. The training in Jakarta was conducted as part of a parallel session conducted to increase role of local government association in achieving SDGs, held in close collaboration with Yayasan Inovasi Pemerintahan Daerah/ YIPD (Local Governance Innovation Foundation). On the occasion, UCLG ASPAC also launched "The Sustainable Development Goals: What Local Governments need to Know" in Indonesia version.



Youth Involvement

UCLG ASPAC put focus on youth to be involved in local development. This made UCLG ASPAC engaged youth in public space development plan in Surabaya throughout 2017. Also, UCLG ASPAC held a discussion on SDGs, youth, and urban lifestyle on 14 October 2017 in cooperation with Indonesian Youth for SDGs. The event aimed at raising awareness about SDGs among youth and expanding their knowledge on how they could contribute to attain such goals.

UCLG ASPAC also developed a survey about youth and development to give insights to other local governments on the point of view of youth and their interest to get involved in local development. Involving 113 youths across Asia-Pacific from four sub-regions, the survey shows that youth are interested to get involved in local development, but not empowered. In 2018, UCLG ASPAC plans to further the survey into a report to advocate local governments on the importance of youth involvement.

Tools for local governments:
<http://uclg-aspac.org/en/publication/other-publications/>



ASEAN MAYORS FORUM 2017



Intervention for the Creation of Southeast Asia Borderless Community

Taking theme “50 Years of ASEAN: Empowering Communities for a Stronger Region,” UCLG ASPAC once again endorsed people-to-people engagement aiming to accelerate the creation of One ASEAN Community by arranging ASEAN Mayors Forum 2017. The AMF is a regional platform that gathers city leaders in Southeast Asia to collaborate and cooperate in attaining the shared goal.

Together with the League of Cities of the Philippines, UCLG ASPAC designed the third ASEAN Mayors Forum, that resulted in the Taguig Action Agenda that identifies actions local governments can take to participate in realizing the ASEAN objectives.



26-27
July 2017



Taguig City
(Philippines)



360 Participants



3 Plenary Sessions,
8 Breakout Sessions,
2 Publications



FUTURE PLAN

- ✓ ASEAN Mayors Forum to be held annually
- ✓ Next ASEAN Mayors Forum hosted by Singapore

TAGUIG ACTION AGENDA

Local Governments for a Stronger ASEAN

At the City of Taguig, Republic of the Philippines, Mayors, Vice-Mayors, and other representatives of local governments from the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), adopted the “Taguig Action Agenda: Local Governments for a Stronger ASEAN.” The Taguig Action Agenda reaffirms and follows the Surabaya Communique and Makassar Declaration, outcome documents of the 1st and 2nd ASEAN Mayors Forum, respectively.

In support of the ASEAN Vision and the “ASEAN 2025: Forging Ahead Together,” and with the understanding of the important role of local governments in engaging the people and ensuring that the benefits of the ASEAN Community is enjoyed by the people, the delegates concurred to implement the Agenda. It should naturally serve as basis for coordination and as reference document for future collaboration of cities and local governments in the region.

The Agenda is designed to strengthen local government participation in the realization of ASEAN objectives through concrete actions at local level.

The ASEAN local governments hereby commit and undertake to:

- Formally organize an entity dedicated for ASEAN local governments that will serve as regional platform for collaboration that will be accredited and supported by the ASEAN Secretariat;
- Collectively and actively participate in formal ASEAN meetings and processes to articulate issues and challenges besetting local governments across the region, in order to improve alignment and coordination for policy implementation, and to build stronger partnerships;
- Implement key areas of existing global commitments that call for an active role of local governments including the Sustainable Development Goals, Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, Paris Agreement on Climate Change, New Urban Agenda, and Financing for Sustainable Development.
- Establish a cadre of innovative and inspiring local leaders that will continuously engage key stakeholders and members of communities to participate in the realization of the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 which highlights people-centeredness in its growth agenda;
- Forge a more resilient future by reducing disaster and climate related risks, preventing the generation of new risks, and adapting to a changing climate through the implementation of economic, social, cultural, and environmental measures which addresses exposure and vulnerability and strengthen resilience.

The ASEAN local governments will regularly review the progress of the Taguig Action Agenda and undertake to convene as a unified body every two years.

Adopted this 27th day of July 2017 at Shangri-la the Fort in Taguig City, Philippines during the 3rd ASEAN Mayors Forum.



Local leaders uniting commitment towards the implementation of Taguig Action Agenda, result of ASEAN Mayors Forum 2017.



Establishing Platform of Collaborations, Stimulating Fruitful Cooperations



Participants of the Fuzhou's Symposium on Marine Economy and Urban Development held on 9 November 2017.

UCLG ASPAC endorsed the establishment of two new committees that put emphasis on marine economy and urban development in its organization structure (21st Century Maritime Cooperation and Belt and Road Local Cooperation) to drive and stimulate city cooperation in fields that will benefit participating parties; be it cities, local governments, academicians or experts.



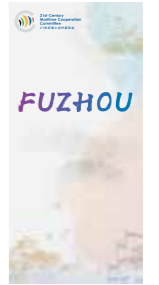
The “Symposium on Marine Economy and Urban Development,” a kick-off meeting of both Committees was held in Fuzhou (China) on 9 November 2017. Presenting experts in related field, the symposium brought up the importance of developing marine economy and urban development by disseminating information on other institutions’ strategy in promoting this field. The symposium gave birth to the drafting of Fuzhou action agenda. Its final version will be distributed to all members during the 2018 First Session Executive Bureau Meeting to be held in Islamabad.

Firstly endorsed in the Executive Bureau Meeting 2017 (first session) in Catbalogan, Philippines, the 21st Century Maritime Cooperation and Belt and Road Local Cooperation expanded the knowledge on the background, vision, mission, and workplan in the Executive Bureau Meeting 2017 (second session) held in Fuzhou. Taking full advantage of the attendance of most cities in the forum, both Committees invited city delegates to join the Committee. The first batch of opening completed in December 2017.



The 21st Century Maritime Cooperation

- Leading city: Fuzhou
- Objective: stimulate cooperation particularly on agriculture, fisheries, marine conservation, waterway security, and disaster prevention and reduction.
- Plan for 2018: Hold 1st General Assembly



The Belt and Road Local Cooperation

- Leading city: Hangzhou
- Objective: align with the Belt and Road initiative, facilitate cities to identify opportunities for collaboration in multiple areas, acts as exchange knowledge platform of good experiences and practices in city management, economic development and social welfare.
- Plan for 2018: Hold BRLC General Assembly in last quarter of 2018.



South-Southwest

UCLG ASPAC held meeting on 16-17 August 2017 in Kathmandu with members in South and Southwest sub-region. Training on SDGs localization and workshop on Sendai Framework for DRR were conducted with great support from the sub-region's local government associations.



Democratic Local Government Southeast Asia (DELGOSEA)

Year 2017 saw the role undertaken by DELGOSEA including stimulation of the city-to-city cooperation and training in wide range of field: from local economic development to solid waste management.



Culture


A workshop in Surakarta was held to assist local apparatus in preparing city planning. Entitled “Cultural Strategy Development Peer-Learning Workshop and Public Forum,” the event was held 22-23 November 2017 and attended by resource speakers from other Asian cities.



Women in Local Government

Year 2017 recorded the appointment of Dato Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Mayor of Penang, as Chair of the Committee and Stephany Uy-Tan, Mayor of Catbalogan City, as Co-Chair of the Committee.

CITY ENABLING ENVIRONMENT RATING

 Assessment of the Countries in Asia and the Pacific



Introduction and Roundtable Discussion I of EE Rating, pre-congress session at Sixth UCLG ASPAC Congress, Jeollabuk-do, South Korea.

YEAR 2017 saw continued research conducted by UCLG ASPAC, in collaboration with Cities Alliance and UNDP, on enabling environment surrounding municipal governments of Asia and the Pacific and beyond in optimizing their authority for local development.

SNEAK-PEEK OF THE REPORT*

Significant improvements and strengthening are required in the area of enabling constitutional frameworks for local governments, framework to generate local revenues, capacity building for local government, assessment of local government performance, and strengthening local authorities' roles in addressing issues on environment and climate change governance.

* The report of City and Local Government Enabling Environment Rating in Asia and the Pacific will be published in February 2018.

CRITERIA

 Constitutional Framework	 Legislative Framework	 Local Democracy
 Financial Transfers from Central to Local Government	 Local Governments Own Revenue	 Capacity Building of Local Government
 Administration Transparency	 Citizen Participation	 Local Government Performance
 Urban Strategy	 Environmental and Climate Change Governance	 Women's Participation in Local Governance



Roundtable Discussion II of EE Rating at first session of Executive Bureau Meeting 2017, Catbalogan, Phillipines.



PARTICIPANTS

28 COUNTRIES

Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Kiribati, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Solomon Islands, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor Leste, Vanuatu, Vietnam.



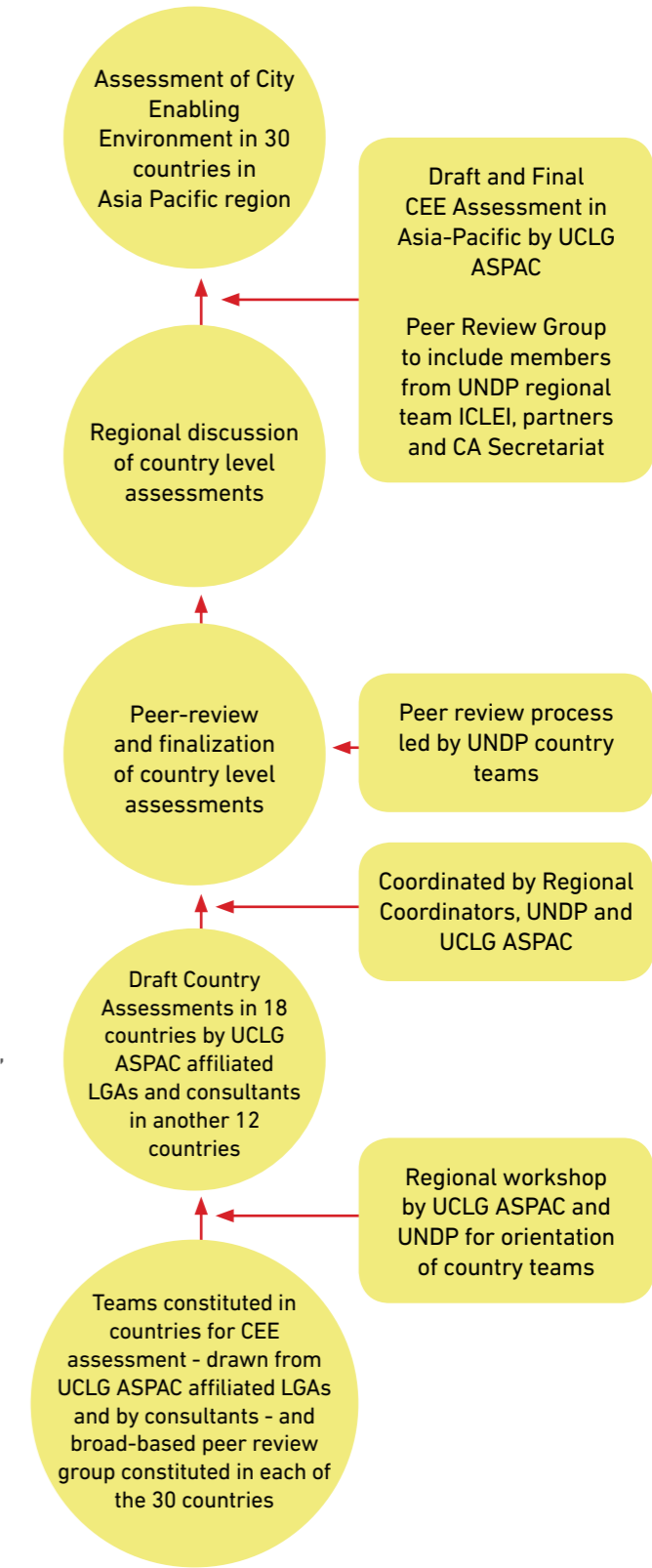
METHOD

Qualitative approach by assessing 11 City and Local Government Enabling Environment framework criteria for cities.



Use rank system with scale of 1-4 to assess performance of institutional and legislative framework of cities in the countries of the region.

ASSESSMENT PROCESS



WAY FORWARD

Sustain the assessment by having it every two years to measure the progress of each country in improving their legal instruments of enabling environment for cities and local authorities.

Women Leadership



UCLG ASPAC Standing Committee of Women in Local Government is established to strengthen women's leadership and mainstream good practices for developing gender-responsive strategies. To achieve the goal, UCLG ASPAC appoints Chair and Co-Chair of the Standing Committee, who reflect the values in order to encourage the awareness as well as capacity development of other women in public leadership.

Year 2017 saw appointment of Dato' Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Mayor of the City Council of Penang Island, as the Chair of the Standing Committee and Mayor Stephany Uy-Tan of Catbalogan City as Co-Chair. The year also recalled and recorded their notable achievements in introducing ways for better public delivery. See their long list of achievements and know why women should take their place - and in high positions, too - in public affairs.



Dato' Maimunah Mohd Sharif

Appointed as the first female President of Municipal Council of Seberang Perai (MPSP) in 2011.

- Selected by Government of Malaysia as expert to represent the country in UNESCO World Heritage Committee Meeting at St. Petersburg, Russia (June-July 2012).
- Implementing Gender Responsive Participatory Budgeting (GRP) to help identify the needs of the people in different communities and to forge a closer relationship between MPSP and the people. GRPB has become yearly program for MPSP.
- Awarded by local and international institutions: Best City Manager (Penang State Government), Best City (Europe Business Assembly, Stresa, Italy), Planner of the Year 2014 (Malaysian Institute of Planners).
- Voted in a Regional Executive Committee (REXCOM) of ICLEI in Southeast Asia.
- Voted to represent Southeast Asia Region in the Global Executive Committee (GEXCOM) of ICLEI.
- Appointed as Chair of the Women in Local Governments Committee of UCLG ASPAC in April 2017.



Embed a political commitment at the highest level to promote gender equality in public life by developing a comprehensive framework to encourage balanced representation of women and men in public decision making.

Dato Maimunah Mohd. Sharif, Mayor of Penang
Wish to all local leaders in Asia-Pacific.



Stephany Uy-Tan

- Construction of new market integrated business center in the old dilapidated public market through public-private partnership with the Philippines Primark Properties Inc. (PCCI). It will house some prominent and well-known business establishment in the country. It will better serve constituents of the city with new, modern, and systemized public market for all.
- Improved tax collection that already reached P55 million, just P9 million short of the P64 million target.
- Establishing the City Economic Enterprise and Investment Potentials, which is assigned to attract and coordinate with potential investors to put up their businesses in Catbalogan.
- The Cooperative Office of the LGU Catbalogan landed second place in the whole country for its efficient services and its programs in making different cooperatives.
- Strengthening of city's disaster resiliency and climate change adaptation programs through its City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office and the City Environment and Natural Resources Office, which takes lead in implementation and monitoring.
- Strengthening of the city's tourism campaign to attract more visitors and tourists to the city by establishing tour packages and tourism center within Catbalogan.
- Starting the city government's housing project as well as the improvement of the proper waste disposal campaign.



Localize SDG 5 and achieve the targets of this goal; make policies creating more spaces for women in leadership and participation; implementing international laws, treaties and agreements relating to gender equality; build women coalition and alliances from the local level but to global level.

Mayor Stephany Uy-Tan of Catbalogan City



(left to right) Emil Elestianto Dardak (Co-President of UCLG ASPAC), Stephany Uy-Tan (Mayor of Catbalogan City), and Bernadia I.Tjandradewi (SG of UCLG ASPAC) in the Press Conference for first session of Executive Bureau Meeting 2017.



Appointment of Chair and Co.Chair of Women Standing Committee, Catbalogan, Philippines.

Commitment Strengthened, Local Capacity Augmented



MoU signing between UCLG ASPAC and Ministry of Home Affairs Republic of Indonesia, 5 June 2017.

UCLG ASPAC and Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA), Republic of Indonesia, have arrived at a better understanding on the role of local apparatus: that local governments drive local advancement and thus their capacity needs to be continuously developed in order to be able to meet local needs and deliver better public services. Both institutions took this seriously and followed it up through the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 5 June 2017 at Jakarta City Hall.

Attended by 70 high-level officials of Jakarta Provincial Government and distinguished representatives of MoHA, the signing ceremony saw the formalization of cooperation between MoHA (Indonesian national level institution), represented by Nelson Simanjuntak (Head of Center for Administration of Overseas Cooperation), and UCLG ASPAC, represented by Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi (Secretary General). Local government of Jakarta, as the founding member of UCLG ASPAC, expressed its continuous support towards the efforts undertaken by both institutions in pushing the advancement of local governments' capacity building.



Learning from Local Government of Saitama and Sagamihara (Japan)

Welcoming the MoU, MoHA initiated the first step by visiting local government of Saitama and Sagamihara in Japan. Conducted in close cooperation with Council for Local Authorities and International Relations (CLAIR) of Japan, representatives of MoHA gained better understanding of transformation of administration and bureaucracy system as well as solve challenges faced in environment. The visit revealed that local governments in Japan have involved local people as well as private sectors and uphold efficiency in working.



Learning from Madrid and Barcelona (Spain) – from National to Local Level and Other Stakeholder

To boost the development in eastern part of Indonesia, MoHA invited local government of Papua and West Papua to learn smart practice applied by local apparatus of Madrid and Barcelona. In the visit, representatives of both cities gained comprehensive information; from the relationship of governments in national level, role and authority of autonomous local government in Spain, delivery of public services, bureaucracy reform, as well as the human development. At the end of the meeting, it was agreed that related parties will visit Indonesia in the first semester of 2018 and that Indonesian Embassy in Madrid will coordinate with targeted local governments in eastern Indonesia.



UCLG ASPAC Secretariat appreciates the great support of Embassy of Indonesia in Spain, Secretari de Estado para las Administraciones Territoriales (SEAT),

UCLG World Secretariat, Council for Local Authorities and International Relations (CLAIR) of Japan, and Ministry of Home Affairs and Communication Japan for the success of the visits.

BRIDGING COLLABORATION FOR RESILIENT JAKARTA

UCLG ASPAC has actively undertaken the role of connecting local governments to other stakeholders for fruitful cooperation. Among many, 2017 recorded the role of UCLG ASPAC in connecting 100 Resilient Cities (100RC), created by Rockefeller Foundation, to local government of Jakarta to make the city more resilient.

100RC is a nonprofit organization that was created by the Rockefeller Foundation on their Centennial in 2013 and dedicated to helping cities around the world build resilience to the economic, social and physical challenges that are increasingly part of the 21st century. UCLG ASPAC saw the tireless efforts of local government of Jakarta in implementing the mission, reflected by series of actions taken since 2016, and thus made good use of the opportunity to support.

Led by the Deputy Governor of DKI Jakarta for Spatial Planning and Environment, Oswar Mungka, the acting Chief Resilience Officer (CRO), Resilient Jakarta Secretariat was founded in September 2017. Afterwards, the team arranged timeline of action.



Line-up of actions conducted by Jakarta Resilient Secretariat

The city had arranged series of workshops to obtain data while continuously engaging and involving stakeholders in the process (government bodies, private sectors, academicians, and communities). The Preliminary Resilience Assessment (PRA) Seminar, held on October 11, 2017, completed all the data required for the city to develop PRA. While the PRA document is still in the finalization process, the seminar marked the end of Phase I of Jakarta's Resilience Building effort.

Jakarta also took part in the 100RC network and summit exchanges that help the city to learn, share their experience with other cities, and help Jakarta to get support from Platform Partners (Partners of 100RC). Besides, The Secretariat Team also visited Semarang (the neighboring resilient city in Indonesia in March 2017), attended 100RC Summit Exchange in Bellagio, Italy (May 2017); participated in 100RC Global Summit Exchange in New York, US (July 2017); and joined the 100RC Metropolitan Network Exchange in Santiago, Chile (December 2017); Jakarta learned and shared their experiences in building a more resilient Jakarta.

The knowledge exchange made Jakarta realize that the city is still facing shocks and stresses.

Now, as Resilient Jakarta Secretariat is already established, Jakarta hopes to continue their resilience building effort in 2018. With the support of UCLG ASPAC as the Third Party Grantee, Jakarta is planning to deliver the city resilience strategy in 2018 which will require more collaboration from the city's stakeholders in their resilience building efforts. Therefore, Jakarta needs to internalize the resilience building process into the government agencies' programs; hence the strategy document will become an implementable and effective development document. Apart from that, Jakarta will engage the surrounding cities and districts (e.g. Bogor, Depok, Bekasi, Tangerang, and South Tangerang) to collaborate in order to develop a more comprehensive resilience strategy.



Jakarta Resilient Secretariat Team took part in various activities and events.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT



Pioneering the Waste-to-Resource Transformation



Groundbreaking ceremony of Integrated Resource Recovery Center of Jambi City, 27 September 2017.



YEAR 2017 marked the beginning of Integrated Resource Recovery Center (IRRC) construction, a pro-poor and sustainable solid waste management project by UN ESCAP in secondary cities and small towns within Asia-Pacific region.

UCLG ASPAC, in close collaboration with UNESCAP, Ministry of Environment and Forestry (MoEF) Indonesia, and Jambi City Government, celebrated the beginning of the IRRC establishment works through a groundbreaking ceremony on 27 September 2017.

The IRRC is a decentralized facility that receives segregated municipal solid waste and transforms it into organic compost, biogas, and recyclables cost effectively near the source of waste. The implementation of IRRC is built on partnerships with local and national stakeholders, such as local communities, civil society organizations, national government entities. The integral involvement of local communities helps to shape their behavior positively towards waste minimization and recycling. In Jambi City, IRRC is constructed in Talangbanjar market, where the market vendors will provide their segregated waste to the IRRC. In return, the IRRC will generate organic compost that can be used for landscaping and enhancing land productivity, and biogas that will be converted to electricity which will power the electrical lights around the market.

What are the benefits of IRRC approach?

- Reduce organic waste generated from market to final waste disposal up to 30%.
- Reduce fund allocation for transport; while at the same time providing solution for limitation in transporting waste to final waste disposal.
- Produce electricity generated by aerobic digester process of 2 tons of waste per day.
- Produce fertilizer from composting.
- Turn down emission of greenhouse effect, which is in line with the global commitment in which Government of Indonesia takes part.



Government of Indonesia represented by MoEF Indonesia appreciates all stakeholders' cooperation on the IRRC/WTE on New Talang Banjar Market, Jambi City. The project resulting from the cooperation among UNESCAP, UCLG ASPAC, MOEF Indonesia and Jambi City Government was implemented based on a framework of "Pro-poor and Sustainable Solid Waste Management in Secondary Cities and Small Towns in Asia-Pacific" which has been successfully applied in other countries, such as Bangladesh, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, and Pakistan.

Ir. Sinta Saptarina Soemiarno, MSc.
Ministry of Environment and Forestry of Indonesia

URBAN COOPERATION



Establishment of a Solution-based Platform



YEAR 2017 saw the starting point of UCLG ASPAC in taking more tangible action to assist local governments. In collaboration with European Union, UCLG ASPAC, started to promote a platform that focuses on providing solution in the area of sustainable urbanization: International Urban Cooperation (IUC) Asia SupportDesk.

IUC is a three-year programme (2016-2019) that aims to enable cities to link up and share solutions to common problems they face on urban development and climate change.



The global IUC programme seeks to establish cooperation with existing and new key EU partners. It is built on existing cooperation through three components:

- Component 1: City-to-city cooperation on sustainable urban development
- Component 2: Sub-national action under the Global Covenant of Mayors initiative
- Component 3: Inter-regional cooperation on innovation for local and regional development

The IUC Asia, however, is focusing on Component 1 and Component 2.

Launched on 1 December 2017, IUC Asia SupportDesk has started to provide administrative, logistical, technical support and financial liaison to cities and local governments in needs.

UCLG ASPAC is appointed to manage the SupportDesk, which consists of a Technical Expert, a Financing Specialist, and a Project Administrator, under the coordination of SupportDesk Coordinator.

The IUC SupportDesk provides cities and regions as well as other stakeholders to directly interact. As platform, the IUC SupportDesk disseminates knowledge on multilingual language (English, Indonesia, Malay, Korean, Vietnamese) based on most appropriate Information and Communication Technologies.

The SupportDesk is part of the Global Covenant of Mayors' strategy for Asia and the Pacific region.



Cities and local governments are very much encouraged to submit queries on the specific theme.

BILL & MELINDA GATES foundation

UCLG ASPAC has collaborated with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to enhance capacity of local governments and local government associations in Bangladesh and Nepal.

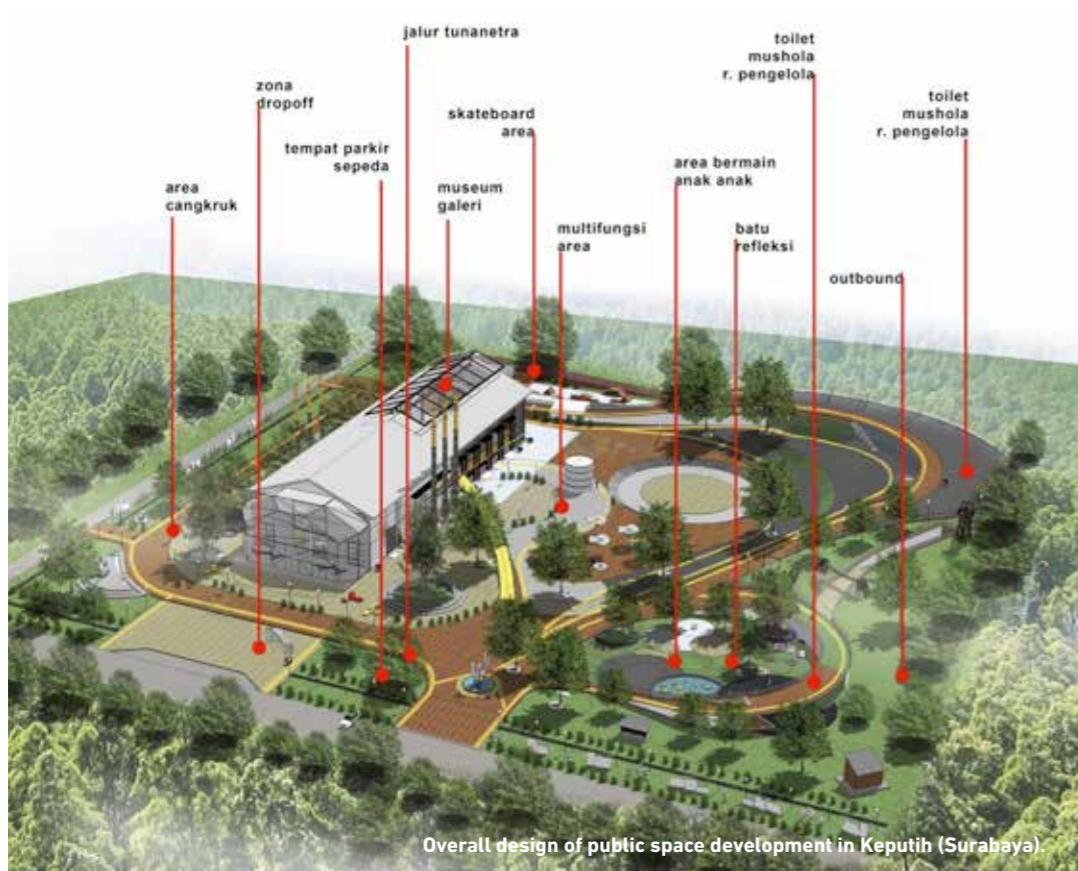
Through a three-year programme, UCLG ASPAC will focus on:

1. Optimization of LGA function at national level.
2. Development of improved national policies through establishment of Task Committee.
3. Selection of pilot municipalities for ensuring localization.

The IUC Asia SupportDesk is accessible via:

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helpdesk@iuc-asia.eu

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Overall design of public space development in Keputih (Surabaya).

Public Space in Surabaya

UCLG ASPAC successfully assisted local government of Surabaya in developing public space in their area. What does Mayor Tri Rismaharini say about Public Space and engagement of local people?

Surabaya has become a model city in developing public space in Indonesia. What stimulates local government of Surabaya in encouraging public space development? What is the long-term target?

The motivation is in line with the vision to make Surabaya a Smart, Humane, and Ecological city. It can be achieved by providing comfortable public space for people to interact. Ecologically, public space also aims at balancing physical and environmental development. It is not only targeted as place to interact, but also to develop creativity and people's productivity. Public space for people in Surabaya is expected to give new space to be able to live appropriately in city environment going to metropolitan; while maintaining the local identity which puts forward togetherness although with different background. The long-term target is to provide public space that is accessible and has proper facilities to improve creativity and productivity throughout the city of Surabaya.

How does local government of Surabaya see public space? What improvements are expected in relation to development process in Surabaya?

Public space is integral for the development of Surabaya city. It is reflected in the mid-term local development planning and the implementation is becoming one of many priorities in city development. Besides improving

quality of humanity, public space can also be used to share information, for example about local government's program so that people can get easy understanding in implementation stage.

Some public spaces in Surabaya:

- Co-Working Space (to nurture creativity of youngsters to reduce number of unemployment).
- Taman Aktif (active park) as place for activity, sports, recreation, and place for socialization.
- Language center, library, and Broadband Learning Center to improve education of local people in Surabaya.
- Art center, youth center, to maintain culture of Surabaya.

Development of three public spaces in Surabaya involved representatives of local government and all components of society in the planning stage. Is this method also implemented in the form of program and city's activities? What are the replications?

Society involvement in the planning process has long been implemented; as reflected in Kampong Improvement Programme (KIP) where local people



participate in the development process by planning their own needs. Local people have actively played role as facilitator and environment cadre by keeping consistency of program maintenance.

The adaptation is translated in various programs currently running, such as green and clean kampong, urban farming and outstanding kampong. In these programs, local government facilitated locals by providing fund through training for early education, which is then developed independently by local people. Evaluation and monitoring were continuously conducted to ensure the program's sustainability so that local people can continuously get the benefits and be able to improve economy and quality of environment around them.

Youth group has a crucial role in public space development planning like the one in Kampong Ketandan. The youth community groups were highly involved in its development. For example, public space development in Kedinding was planned by using Minecraft method; public space in Keputih was planned through the collaboration of academia and creative communities in Surabaya city. How does Surabaya City government perceive the role of young people in supporting development process in Surabaya?

City government puts high attention in exploring and developing the role of young people in development. Through the Regional Medium Development Planning, Surabaya city government incorporates several programmes related to youth by providing rooms for creation to allow the youth in further exploring their passion, talent, and achievement. In addition to that, public space is also dedicated to provide a platform for creative ideas coming from the youth community groups.

We also facilitate positive activities and actions for the youth through the provision of co-working space facilitating the young entrepreneurs. Some start-up businesses in Surabaya were developed from this space, contributing to jobs creation while at the same time reducing unemployment rate. In addition to facilitating the youth in entrepreneurship, Surabaya city government also provides a platform for other youth groups like mural community to express their art creativity while at the same time improving the aesthetic of our city. Surabaya city government does not only provide the platform but also provide scholarship and award for those with brilliant achievement so they can keep improving their potentials and achievement while inspiring other young people.

How does the Surabaya city government perceive a public space by taking into account community empowerment, particularly the youth? How does that inclusion contribute to local development?

Surabaya city government will continue to improve the quantity and quality of public space in balance to align with community empowerment and community development, particularly the young generation. Surabaya city government hopes that public space can be optimized to serve as a platform for the creativity and productivity of our citizen. In the end, public space will influence city development in various aspects of life; public space can provide a more friendly environment for the citizen.



Surabaya city government can utilize public space to provide a more friendly city for its citizen in the midst of the Surabaya city growth which is moving towards a metropolitan city. City government has been utilizing various tools, systems, application to ensure public participation. Those varieties help in boosting citizen creativity and productivity. It is hoped that the transparency through public participation platforms will improve the overall quality of city development.

CULTURE AND PUBLIC SPACE DEVELOPMENT



Secretary General of UCLG ASPAC delivered her opening address at the Solo Culture Forum on 22nd November 2017.

OTHER milestone was achieved. UCLG ASPAC also successfully assisted local government of Surakarta in revitalizing the most iconic culture hall in the city, Gedung Wayang Orang Sriwedari (Sriwedari Human Puppet Culture Hall). The handover of the design was conducted in a unique ceremony between UCLG ASPAC, represented by Secretary General, Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, to Mayor of Surakarta, F.X. Hadi Rudyatmo on 19 September 2017.

Collaborative Workshops



What's in 2018?

Local Government of Surakarta plans to begin construction of Sriwedari Public Space complex.

Front facade design based on human puppet dance movement.

Unique human puppet cultural elements were crafted for background of outdoor space performance.

Red bridge design imitates the style of long shawl worn by human puppet dancers.



UCLG ASPAC delivered the recommendation to Surakarta city government, result of discussion in Cultural Strategy Development Peer-Learning Workshop and Public Forum, 22-23 November 2017.

Besides, UCLG ASPAC also assisted local government of Surakarta to conduct peer-learning workshop and organize public forum in developing cultural strategy for the city. Participated by speakers from various cities in Asia-Pacific region, the discussion produced recommendations proposed to the local government for the city's development plan.

What does Mayor F.X. Hadi Rudyatmo say about Culture and the City?



We will implement the design concept in the Detail Engineering Design (DED).

The progress will improve the quality of performances in the future, stimulate enthusiasm and increase number of visitors.

F.X. Hadi Rudyatmo, Mayor of Surakarta

What is so unique with Sriwedari Culture Hall?



Culture Translated to Design

The façade design of Sriwedari building reflects the dance movements of human puppet performance. The unique cultural human puppet elements are also crafted on the background of outdoor performance space. The red bridge that connects first and second floors of the building also imitates the style of long shawl worn by human puppet dancers.



Location

Sriwedari Human Puppet Culture Hall is located in Sriwedari Park, a place used to show cultural performances and has survived more than 107 years. No less than 20 big names of wayang groups in the country have performed their works on this stage; making this place an iconic and well-known venue for culture show.



Sriwedari Park Complex

Sriwedari Human Puppet Culture Hall is located in Sriwedari Park. A complex that consists of supporting facilities, such as amphitheater, gallery, indoor performance show, outdoor performance show, green area.



Collaborative Planning

The design of culture hall is created through a series of workshop that involves various related stakeholders: public figures, architects, Sriwedari artists, Public Works and Spatial Planning Agency, Culture and Tourism Agency of Surakarta local government. In more than ten days of collaborative planning workshop, various community groups were also involved (youth, women, children) to voice their needs in the creation of public space.



Future Design

Dynamic stage space, good acoustic arrangement and calculated with detail, comfortable seat arrangement and good player support facilities.



Overall design of main Sriwedari human puppet culture hall.



Participants of Regional Peer-Learning and Action Planning Workshop visited Kota Tua (Old Town), Jakarta.

Revitalizing Cultural Site, Enlivening the City

AGENDA 21 for Culture clearly mentions the importance of using culture as “leverage and catalyst for economic development and urban regeneration”. UCLG ASPAC undertook its role in assisting local government of Jakarta in their effort to incorporate culture in development by revitalizing Jakarta’s historic town centre (Kota Tua).

Collaborating with global network, UCLG Learning and Connective Cities, UCLG ASPAC invited cities to a Regional Peer-Learning and Action Planning Workshop “Urban Renewal in Historic Town Centres (The Case of Kota Tua in Jakarta) and Public Space Improvement in Jakarta,” 17-19 July 2017. Uniquely designed in two-day activity, the workshop exposed participants to the iconic historic town centres of Jakarta and, most importantly, it came up with recommendation for Jakarta City Government.

	2 Days Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Guangzhou ✓ Makati ✓ Vigan ✓ Bogor ✓ Semarang ✓ Surabaya ✓ Surakarta ✓ Essen ✓ Nurnberg ✓ Gorlitz ✓ Tubingen
	4 Countries	
	7 Cities	
	60 Participants	

Recommendation

Immediate Actions	Intermediate Actions	Longer-Term Vision
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve accessibility, especially for visitors without private cars. Reorganize traffic flow within Kota Tua and prioritize pedestrians. Improve walkability and comfort. Protect historic buildings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve public spaces and the overall urban landscape of Kota Tua. Improve access to Kota Tua and pedestrian paths in Kota Tua. Improve the 'adaptive reuse' of historic buildings (including, but not limited to, the quality of museums). 	<p>Humane Urban Environment (where people are more important than cars) with conserved/ preserved heritage buildings and artefacts</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include Kota Tua revitalization plan and concerns in the on-going formulation of local midterm development plan. Secure adequate budget for Kota Tua in 2018. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redefine the boundary by differentiating the limited “core area” (which will be basis for UNESCO application) and larger “buffer areas” which include four islands of Thousand Islands. Develop more integrated revitalization plan that includes strengthening of integrated management unit (could be a district, a “management board” or other form of organization). 	<p>Well governed as well as socioculturally and economically vibrant yet conserved heritage area of Kota Tua</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-evaluate the current dossier and the processes that have been taken so far. Revisit UNESCO’s requirements. Start inviting relevant parties. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen coalition and its members’ commitment. Update and complete the dossier by filling in existing gaps. Submit the dossier. 	<p>Kota Tua as UNESCO’s World Heritage Site</p>



KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

Optimizing the Network, Exploring the Strategy, Endorsing Local Economy



Participants of peer-learning visit exchanged knowledge through indoor discussion and site visits (to Bat Trang Pottery Village and Ha Long City).



UCLG ASPAC, through the Partnership for Democratic Local Governance in Southeast-Asia (DELGOSEA), continuously hones the capacity of local governments, particularly on Local Economic Development, by optimizing the wide network and stimulating the replication of success stories.

Year 2017 saw the fruitful collaboration between UCLG ASPAC, DELGOSEA, and KAS (Manila) in strengthening capacity of local government of Cambodia through peer-learning visit to Vietnam from 2 to 3 November 2017. Designed in a two-day visit, the opportunity exposed to the participants the implementation of ‘One Village, One Policy’ concept that supports local economy development in Bat Trang pottery village. The knowledge exchange visit also gave insights to participating delegates on the strategy applied by the city in developing its local economy.

From the visit, Cambodian delegates, in collaboration with National League of Commune/Sangkats (NLC/S) were richly enlightened on Vietnam’s government strategy in boosting creative economy business, which involves management of tourism from natural resources and cooperation with related stakeholders in preserving heritage site.

Ms. Nguyen Thi Kim Son, Vice Secretary General of Association of Cities of Vietnam (ACVN), shared key points that drive the development of Ha Long City, that currently becomes priority destination for investments of strategic investors. Those factors include commitment from the government to ensure socio-economic development of the locality; cultivation on potentials and advantages of locality with focus on tourism, service, trade, and transport; strengthening the administrative reform and institutional mechanism; paying attention to the capacity building for city officials; and implementation of social security, healthcare, education; and ensuring social security in the locality. Those factors placed Ha Long City as a priority destination for investments of strategic investors.

In addition to the above strategies, delegates were also introduced deeper to ACVN and NLC/S as organization: their vision, mission, scope of work, activities, and programmes; to benefit participants for future collaborations and cooperation.

For Cities and Local Governments to be More Resilient

UCLG ASPAC has continuously embraced collaboration. In 2017, UCLG ASPAC partnered with UNISDR to promote Disaster Risk Reduction and the Making Cities Resilient Campaign to assist 50 local governments in five disaster-prone countries (Indonesia, Philippines, Bangladesh, India, and Nepal) in assessing risk within their respective areas.

The campaign was conducted through workshops in Jakarta, Makati, Dhaka, New Delhi, and Kathmandu. The workshops revealed resiliency level of cities in facing disaster. At the end of the workshop, UCLG ASPAC invited cities to sign up in the Making Cities Resilient Campaign for Disaster Risk Reduction in Surakarta, 23 November 2017. City signing up, Bengkulu, will get monitored by UNISDR in further assessing their development in city resiliency.

WORKSHOP RESULT

- 2** Representative of each city identified gaps relating to governance and financial capacity. They also identified planning and preparation for disaster. Post-event recovery were identified in their local disaster policy by applying the Sendai framework QRE and disaster resilience score card.
- ✓ Presentation by Kathmandu Disaster Management representative: the assesment scorecard and the result showed strength on essential number 4 (pursue urban development) and weakness on essential number 3 (financial capacity) and essential number 8 (increase infrastructure resilience).
 - ✓ Other cities (Dharan, Dharche, and Kirtipur) faced similar condition.
 - ✓ Banepa, Tarakeshwar, Birgunj are weak on essential number 1 (planning and strategy) in adopting Sendai Framework into DRR city plan.

- 3** Representative from National Disaster Mitigation Agency and Deputy Minister of Home Affairs for Disaster Mitigation and Prevention participated as observer and actively involved in the group work session particularly during scorecard and QRE exercise.
- ✓ Head of Banda Aceh BPBD: based on scorecard result, Banda Aceh has good capacity in awareness and understanding of its assets but still lack of financial capacity for resilience (essential number 3).
 - ✓ Presentation by Jakarta representative: resilience score 98 out of 141, indicating local government of Jakarta ensured effective disaster response and got involved in regular training programmes but lack of documented business continuity plan including insurance.

- 4** Based on the Quick Risk Estimation (QRE) exercise, New Delhi Capital City region area is facing major hazard and risk problem on flood, heat wave, and earthquake.
- ✓ Overall resilience score of Shimla City is 96 out of 141 indicating their strengths in institutional capacity awareness for disaster information but still lack behind on critical infrastructure city plan.
 - ✓ In Central Delhi, scorecard result has indicated man-made disaster such as building collapse and terrorist attacks as major hazard but has not categorized haze and air pollution as major risks.

- 5** Md. Nurullah, Advisor of Municipal Association of Bangladesh (MAB) and Former Chief Executive Engineer of Dhaka South City Corporation shared that there are many activities in Bangladesh regarding disaster and these are ongoing development process.
- ✓ Representative from Cox's Bazar Municipality, Faridpur Municipality, and Mongla Port Municipality were among active participants during the discussion on QRE and preliminary scorecard assessment.
 - ✓ Representative from Faridpur municipality presented the QRE and preliminary scorecard result and the score was 63 out of 141 indicating the resilience level of Faridpur city is moderate and hazard was dominated by flood, storm, and other hydrological hazards such as strong wind. The government capacity tackling the risk and hazard is not in place.

- 1**
- ✓ Introduction on Making Cities Resilient Campaign.
 - ✓ Practiced exercise on two tools: Quick Risk Estimation (QRE) and preliminary scorecard tool applied during the training.
 - ✓ Presentation by Makati city representative: the city has the ability to deal with hazards and risks such as typhoon, earthquake, fire, and flood.
 - ✓ Presentation by Iriga representative: practice on scorecard shows their strength on profiling hazard and risk including capacity to build early warning response center for typhoon.

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24-25 August 2017

Banda Aceh | Surabaya | Solo | Jambi | Jakarta | Bogor | Yogyakarta (BNPB) | Cilacap | and Salatiga

2 **Kathmandu (Nepal)**
17 August 2017

Kathmandu | Budhanilkantha | Dharche | Kirtipur | Kageshwari | Chitwan | Tarakeshwar | Birgunj | Dharan | Kalinchowk | Banepa

4 **New Delhi (India)**
22 September 2017

Shimla | Srinagar | North Delhi | Southeast Delhi | Central Delhi | Amalner Municipal Council | Gandhinagar Municipal Corporation | Palanpur Municipality | Satana Municipal Council | Himatnagar Nagarpalika Municipality

1 **Makati (Phillippines)**
29 July 2017

Makati | Iriga | Catbalogan | Ligao | San Juan | Quezon | Paranaque | Pateros | Sorsogon | Tayabas | and Tabaco

5 **Dhaka (Bangladesh)**
26 September 2017

Sirajgonj | Cox'sbazar | Moulvibazar | Madaripur | Chandpur | Gopalganj | Nilphamari | Mymensing | Kakonhat | Kuakata | Monglaport | Shariatpur | Netrokona | Faridpur | Kurigram | Khagrachari | Tungipara | Savar | and Dohar



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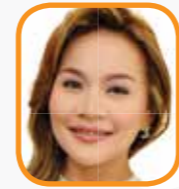
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OUR NEW MEMBERS



IRIGA CITY

Nestled at the foot of Mount Iriga 4,823 feet above sea level, it is located at the heart of Bicol Economic Growth Corridor and one of the fastest growing cities in the region. It has evolved into an eco-tourism, agro-economic and educational hub with two big universities in the city.

Mayor : Madelaine Yorobe Alfelor
Population : 105,191 (approx.)
Land area : 174km²
Website : <http://iriga.gov.ph/>



MALAYSIAN ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MALA)

Set up on October 20, 2000, MALA plays role as a parent organisation to coordinate and unify various activities of Local Authorities in Malaysia to further enhance and contribute to the development and progress of local authorities, whilst maintaining sustainable development within them.

President : Yew Tung Seang
Number of local authorities (as members) : 63
Website : <http://mala.com.my/index.php/en/>



VIGAN CITY

Vigan is an island, which used to be detached from the mainland by three rivers – the great Abra River, the Mestizo River and the Govantes River. It is unique among the Philippine towns because it is the country's most extensive and only surviving historic city that dates back to the 16th century Spanish colonial period.

Mayor : Juan Carlo Singson Medina
Population : 53,879 (approx.)
Land area : 28.86085 km²
Website : <http://vigancity.gov.ph/>



ADDU CITY COUNCIL

Addu is the second largest atoll in terms of land area. It is recognized for its educated hard working people and is among the most desirable Atolls for business, leisure, and lifestyle.

Mayor : Abdulla Sodig
Population : 32,062 (approx.)
Land area : 11.234 km²
Website : <http://www.adducity.gov.mv/>



MALE CITY COUNCIL

Malé City Council is the local government body responsible for the governance of the city of Malé. The Council was created in 2011, with the enactment of the Decentralization Bill, which saw the introduction of local governance to the country.

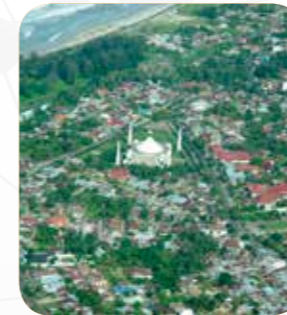
Mayor : Mohamed Shihab
Population : 133,412
Land area : 5.8 km²
Website : <http://www.malecity.gov.mv/>



BOGOR CITY

Located in West Java Province (Indonesia), Bogor has a presidential palace and a botanical garden (one of the oldest and largest in the world).

Mayor : Bima Arya Sugiarto
Population : 1,030,720 (approx.)
Land area : 118.5 km²



BENGKULU CITY

Located in the west coast of Sumatra, Bengkulu is the 25th largest province in Indonesia by area.

Mayor : Helmi Hasan
Population : 328,827 (approx.)
Land area : 539,3 km²
Website : <http://www.bengkulukota.go.id/>



LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION OF THE BALUCHISTAN (LCAB)

President : Maqbool Ahmad
Number of people represented : 500,000 (approx.)
Location : Pakistan

Sub-Region Update



East and Northeast Asia

FOREIGN Affairs Office of Guangzhou Municipal Government, in close collaboration with Guangzhou Institute for Urban Innovation, Sun Yat Sen University, and Guangzhou Urban Planning and Design Survey Research Institute, held Workshop for Thought Leaders: Innovation in Urban Transportation for the Future City from October 30 to November 3, 2017. The workshop was held to raise awareness on urban development issues and highlight the importance of innovation in pursuing sustainability. It was designed as knowledge platform of The Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation, the biennially conducted award to recognize smart practices applied by global cities in overcoming urban challenges. The upcoming 4th Guangzhou Innovation Award for Urban Innovation is scheduled in December 2018. More information on registration and rules, click: <http://www.guangzhouaward.org/en/index.html>.



South and Southwest Asia

REGIONAL Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies of All India Institute of Local Self-Government (AIIILSG), Mumbai, held a Regional Specialised Training Programme on "Solid Waste Management with a focus on 100% Segregation of Solid Waste" on 14 and 15 June 2017 in Gujarat. The training was considered important since municipal solid waste management in the country has emerged as a severe problem not only because of environmental and aesthetic concerns but also because of sheer quantities generated every day. It is therefore becoming one of most essential services for maintaining the quality of life of people in the urban areas for better standard of health, sanitation, and environment.

OUR NEW MEMBERS



PHILIPPINE COUNCILLORS LEAGUE (PCL)

PCL is a local government association with a large constituency. PCL plays its role as the forefront of contemporary and emerging trends in the local administration and development to help improve the quality of life of the Filipino people through effective local legislation.

National Chairman :

Coun. Danilo Dayanghirang
Website : <https://www.philippinecouncilorsleague.org/>



LUBUKLINGGAU

Located on the western part of South Sumatera (Indonesia), Lubuklinggau is a transit city for various social, economy, and culture development. This city thus develops as a heterogenic city.

Mayor :

S.N. Prana Putra Sohe
Population : 216,064 (approx.)
Land area : 419.80 km²
Website : <http://lubuklinggaukota.go.id/public/>



CITY OF BAGUIO

Popularly known as Baguio City, it is a mountain resort city located in Northern Luzon, Philippines. It has cool climate and has become the centre of business, commerce, and education in northern Luzon.

Mayor : Mauricio Domogan
Population: 345,366
Land area: 57.51 km²



HUVADHOO AID (HAD)

HAD is a non-governmental organization located in Huvadho Atoll. Originally founded in 1987, it exists to enable the rural people to work effectively in promoting and advancing the interests of the rural community to attain basic needs. Its focus areas include democratic governance, environment and climate change, youth and women empowerment, drug and substance abuse prevention and community development.

Secretary General:

Imad Mohamed
Website : <http://www.huvadhoaid.org/>
Location : Maldives



KIRTIPUR MUNICIPALITY

Located in the Kathmandu Valley, Kirtipur is one of the most famous and religious places in Nepal. Its beauty of nature and temples are main factors that attract tourists.

Mayor : Ramesh Maharjan
Population : 67,171
Website : <http://kirtipurmun.gov.np/en>



VYAS MUNICIPALITY

Located in Nepal, Vyas is considered one of the most well planned municipalities.

Mayor : Baikunta Neupane
Population : 42,899 (approx.)
Website : <http://vyasmun.gov.np/en>



XIAMEN

Meaning a gate of China, Xiamen is popular as tourist city of Fujian Province. It is also known as one of China's major seaport. The city also plays role as one of the forerunners of the special economic zones of China.

Mayor : Zhuang Jiahua
Population : 3,531,347 (approx.)
Land area : 1,575,16 km²

Sub-Region Update



Southeast Asia

CITY of Catbalogan celebrated women's month by involving the community through a foot-parade. It was noted that over 300 participants (mostly students, women organizations, government agencies, government officials, and village folks) got involved in the parade. Taking theme Be Bold for Change, the city government adopted the theme We Make Change Work for Women, a theme identified by the Philippine Commission on Women for the women's month celebration. Month of March is the proclaimed women's month by virtue of a law signed by the Philippine's government.

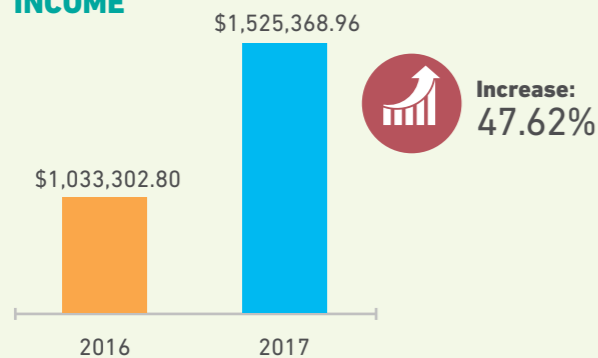


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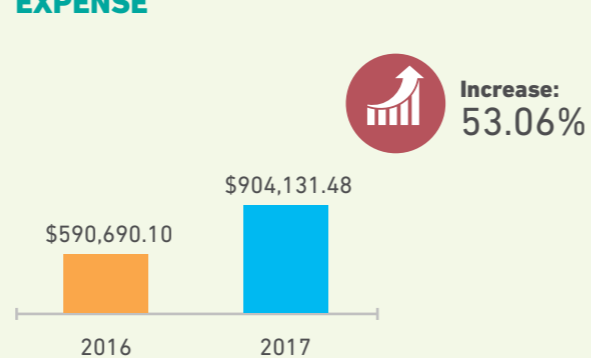
KIRIBATI Local Government Association (KiLGA) contributed in the training conducted for Island Project Officers (IPO), Strategic Plans for Local Economic Development (LED), held on March 2, 2017. Delivered jointly by Eliza Tokataake, Urban Management Officer of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA), and Rikiua Takeke, Executive Officer of the KiLGA, the training topics include 'Benefits and Relevance of LED to Council Communities,' 'Using SWOT Analysis in LED Planning.' The participating IPOs, from all 23 Councils in Kiribati, were strongly encouraged to use the skills they learned by completing new projects on LED and submitting the proposals for further assessment to KiLGA to see whether the IPOs are able to draft the proposals to donors such as New Zealand, Australia, and Canada.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

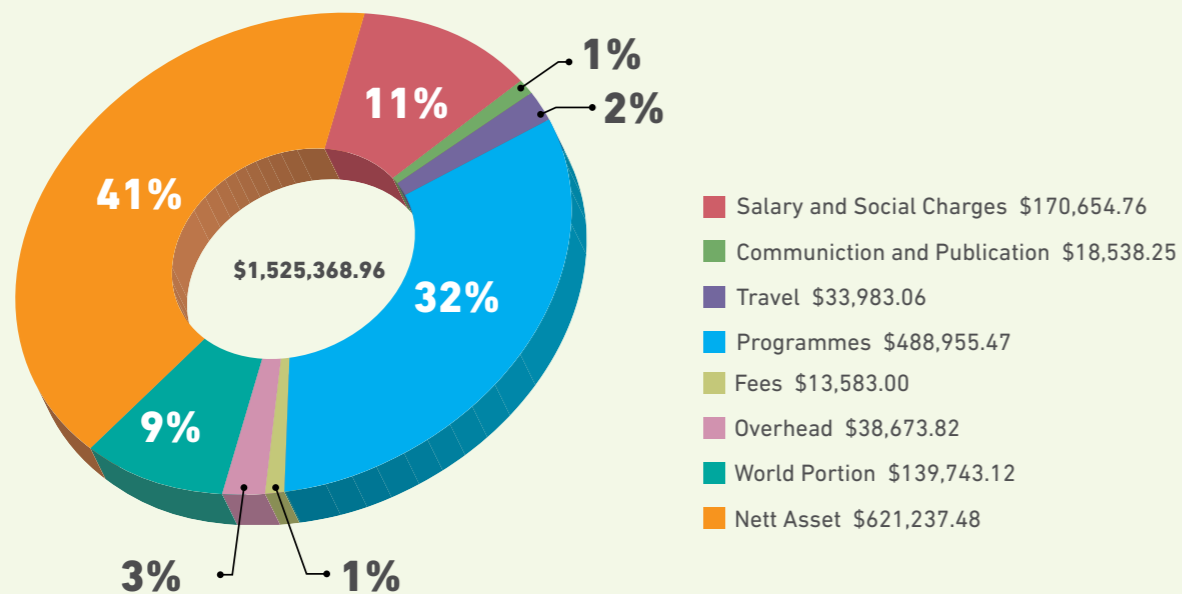
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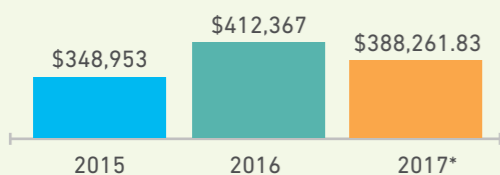
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- Host City (Jakarta) provided the office space for the UCLG ASPAC Secretariat, including electricity.
- Organizations and local governments financed the Council Meetings and programme activities.

MEMBERSHIP FEE COLLECTION



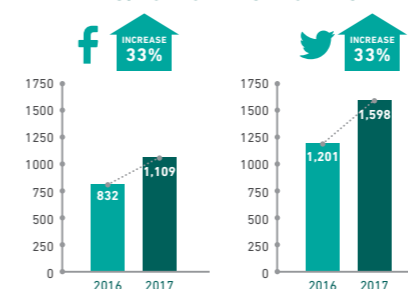
*) The number only reflects 78% of total collection.

COMMUNICATION TOOLS



Website
www.uclg-aspac.org

FANS/FOLLOWERS INCREASE



e-Newsletter



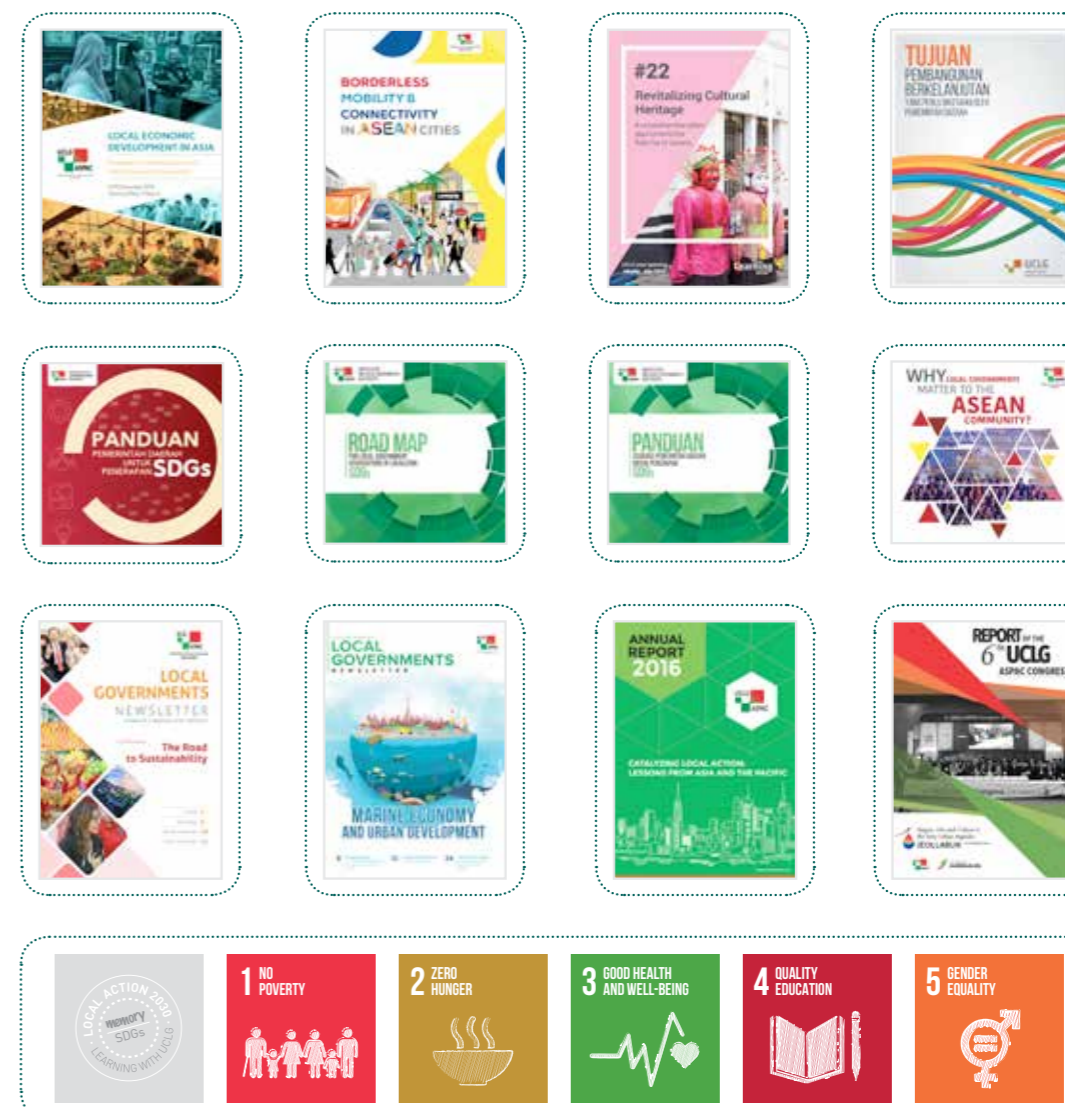
Youtube

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TOP 10 COUNTRIES FOR SOCIAL MEDIA

- United States
- Spain
- Indonesia
- France
- Belgium
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- Mexico
- South Africa
- Canada



SECONDEES

UCLG ASPAC also welcomes representatives of its network to the Secretariat Office, accelerating the development of their city while at the same time inspiring other members.

Guo Jia Lin (Heather)



My name is Guo Jia Lin or you can call me Heather. My secondment period is six months, from August 2017 to January 2018. My mission to have secondment in UCLG ASPAC is to hold Peer Review Tours to Jakarta and Malang (shortlisted cities of 2016 Guangzhou Award). I also undertook role as facilitator between city of Guangzhou and UCLG ASPAC for events and potential cooperation. During my secondment period, I am glad to get involved in coordinating the Belt and Road initiatives relevant committees and attending urban development relevant workshops and meeting with local officials in Jakarta to promote Guangzhou Award.

There's always challenge and opportunity when we are working on something new and innovative. Thinking out of the box and on the other hand comprehensively consider the feasibility and practical issue is not so easy to get a balance. It's the charm of working on proposals, especially in brand new field to me, such as E-Commerce. UCLG ASPAC keeps serving its members as core and priority. To facilitate local governments exchange and communication, its impact on networking and strong partnership is obvious. It is very glad to see that UCLG ASPAC leads a step further to explore tangible projects jointly with local governments contributing to the implementation in SDGs and NUA. I'm having a pleasant stay in Indonesia enjoying local food and chat with friendly people here. And I'm more than happy to work with the team of UCLG ASPAC Secretariat, interns and secondees from different culture backgrounds as a family.

Youm Mooyoul



I am Youm Mooyoul- a secondee from Seoul Metropolitan Government – for 2 years (Jul. 2017 ~ Jun. 2019). My mission is to promote local governments with UCLG ASPAC program as part of UCLG ASPAC active role in the implementation of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) agenda. Second, I push ahead to provide opportunities to UCLG ASPAC members in Asia-Pacific region to learn and acquire excellent policies and experience. Third, I encourage in sharing the successful stories and cases to create real action plan and skills as a platform feature of UCLG ASPAC.

Therefore, I am planning to prepare with training and workshop related to disaster management curriculum - firefighting management, SOP and so on - for firefighters and disaster management officers in 2018. On the other hand, I couldn't forget the brilliant blue kawah putih lake in Bandung city and peaceful rice farm in Bali island. Of course, I will also visit these beautiful and dynamic provinces to experience diverse culture, people and nature again. Actually, that will be one of the great memories in this secondment program. The exact country of work and life balance society is just Indonesia here.

Terima kasih.

INTERNS

UCLG ASPAC continuously empowers youth, particularly those who are interested in urban development. Thus, UCLG ASPAC welcomes youth to have internship with the organization, generally within three-month period.

- **Adinda Alnur Angelica**
Urban and Regional Planning | Bandung Institute of Technology (Indonesia)
- **Amalia Edianti Putri**
Law | University of Indonesia (Indonesia)
- **Dino Cahyadi**
Urban and Regional Planning | Bandung Institute of Technology (Indonesia)
- **Maria Shenen Alfelor Gazmen**
Business Administration | Enderun Colleges (Philippines)
- **Nathaya Mahasadhu Anandipa**
International Relations | Parahyangan Catholic University (Indonesia)
- **Rino Kitagaki**
Urban and Regional Policy | Yokohama City University (Japan)
- **Siti Rizqi Ashfina Rahmaddina Siregar**
International Relations | University of Indonesia (Indonesia)

What They Did During Internship:



Discussion with Secretary General and other Secretariat staff.



Participation in the ASEAN Mayors Forum 2017 event.



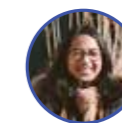
Presentation of what they learned, and even their inputs, at the end of internship period.

What They Say About Internship with Us:



Having had an internship experience at UCLG ASPAC has honed my professional skills, sense of responsibility, and understanding about development issues. It gave me the exposure how working in international organization feels like.

~ Siti Rizqi Ashfina Rahmaddina Siregar



During my 3 months internship in UCLG ASPAC, I gained a valuable experience that boost my personal and professional growth. I have learned a great deal of knowledge on how international organization works in the context of local governments and development. Thank you for bringing valuable experiences for students.

~ Nathaya Mahasadhu Anandipa



Although it was a short-term internship, UCLG ASPAC gave me such countless amazing opportunities. I truly appreciate having me as an intern. Thank you.

~ Rino Kitagaki

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UCLG ASPAC would like to thank our partners. Our work is made possible because of your support and collaboration.



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Clean Air Asia
www.cleanairasia.org



United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)
www.unescap.org



CIFAL Jeju United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)
www.unitar.org



United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT)
www.unhabitat.org



Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA)
www.cdia.asia



European Commission (EC)
www.ec.europa.eu



United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
www.undp.org



United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR)
www.unisdr.org/



Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
www.fcm.ca/home.htm



Ministry of Home Affairs Indonesia
www.kemendagri.go.id



Cities Alliance
www.citiesalliance.org



Dr. Ram Tiwaree
Economic Affairs Officer
United Nations ESCAP



We are happy that the successful partnership among Jambi City, UCLG ASPAC, MOEF and ESCAP is resulting in the initiation of the IRRC, and we hope that this IRRC will lay the foundation for more IRRCs to be implemented for integrated waste management, and a sustainable and resilient urban development in Jambi City.



Ir. Sinta Saptarina Soemiarno, M.Sc.
Director of Monitoring and Evaluation
of Hazardous and Non-Hazardous Waste Management
Ministry of Environment and Forestry of Indonesia



We see this as a very good model of partnership between national government, local government, and donor agencies in waste management. This can support the achievement of waste management target and waste reduction target that touches 30 percent in 2025.



Asian Development Bank (ADB)
www.adb.org



China Center for Urban Development (CCUD)
www.ccud.org.cn/ccudenglish



Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
www.gatesfoundation.org

January

29-30

Integrated Resource Recovery Center (IRRC) National Workshop
Jambi
Organizers: Jambi Municipality, UCLG ASPAC, UNESCAP, Ministry of Environment and Forestry of Indonesia

February

7-13

The Ninth Session of the World Urban Forum (The 9th WUF)
Kuala Lumpur
Organizers: UN-Habitat, the Government of Malaysia

9-25

PyeongChang 2018 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games and New Horizons for Asia-Pacific
Jeongseon
Organizers: Gangwon Province

March

5-7

Cities and Climate Change Science Conference
Edmonton
Organizers: UN-Habitat, UN Environment (UNEP), Cities Alliance, ICLEI, UCLG

14-16

2018 Changwon/UNESCO International Conference and IAEC General Assembly
Changwon
Organizers: Changwon City Government

18-23

The 8th World Water Forum
Brasilia
Organizers: World Water Council

April

10-12

First Session of UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau 2018 "Think Globally Act Locally: SDGs Implementation"
Islamabad
Organizers: UCLG ASPAC, LCAP

May

9-12

Workshop on Culture
Jeju
Organizers: CIFAL Jeju, UCLG ASPAC

23-26

UCLG Executive Bureau
Strasbourg
Organizer: UCLG

July

8-12

World Cities Summit
Singapore
Organizers: Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC), Urban Redevelopment Authority



ASEAN Mayors Forum
Singapore (TBC)
Organizers: CLC, UCLG ASPAC

August

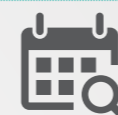


Workshop on Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction
Jeju
Organizers: UNITAR CIFAL Jeju, UCLG ASPAC

September

18-28

The 18th ASIAN Games
Jakarta-Palembang
Organizers: Government of Indonesia, ASIAN Games Committee



Training on Women Leadership
India
Organizers: AIILSG, UCLG ASPAC



The 7th UCLG ASPAC Congress
Surabaya
Organizers: UCLG ASPAC, Surabaya City Government

November

13-16

15th International Congress of Educating Cities
Cascais
Organizers: IAEC, Cascais City



Belt and Road Local Cooperation Committee General Assembly
Hangzhou
Organizers: Hangzhou City Government, UCLG ASPAC

December



The 4th Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation
Guangzhou
Organizers: Guangzhou City Government, UCLG, Metropolis

= To Be Confirmed



Note:
*) Above activities do not include the projects and city-to-city cooperation either on multilateral or bilateral basis.
*) To get the full and updated list of events, do not hesitate to contact us or check out our website.



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