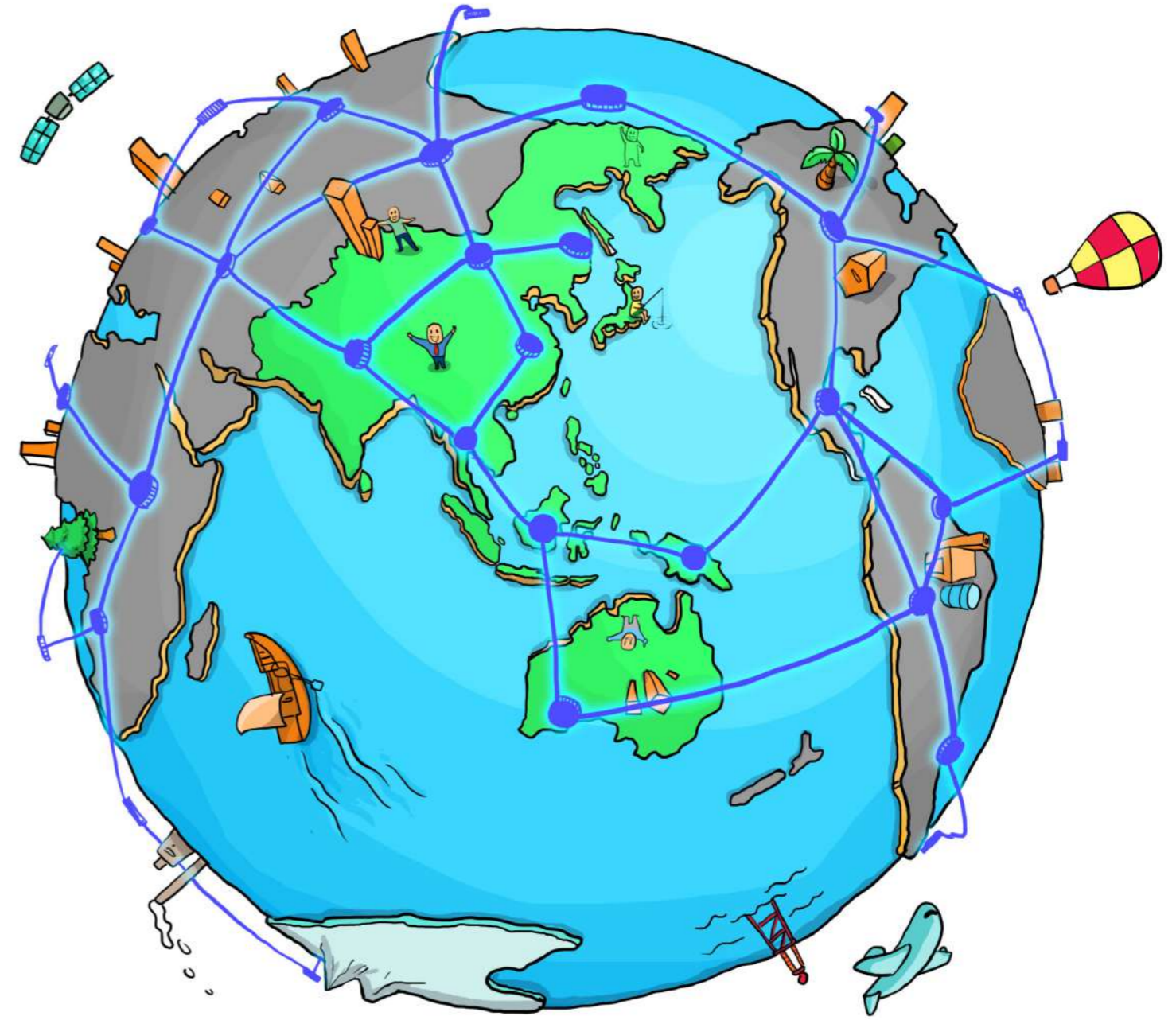


# ANNUAL REPORT 2018



## Global Connection for Local Development



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# Message from The President

**Dear members and partners,**

Reflecting on what we achieved last year and how far we have come as an institution, I feel very honoured to be elected as UCLG ASPAC President for Asia-Pacific section and to be working with my Co-President colleagues from across the region. The start of my tenure could not have been more encouraging. It began with an official mission to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) to explore how we can support city-to-city collaboration. I further had the privilege to participate in UCLG ASPAC Retreat in Guangzhou where we discussed our future direction together.

I am mindful of the big tasks ahead of us. Both global community and national governments rely more and more on cities and local governments in improving people's quality of life and the world we live in. As a matter of fact, more than 60 percent of the targets set under the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) require meaningful contributions from us. The same can be said for other priorities such as climate change, disaster risk reduction, and gender equality. With the trust given, I look forward to working with UCLG ASPAC members and our partners in bringing about positive changes to our societies.

This report serves as a guide through the broad range of work we have accomplished in 2018 as well as important achievements. I trust that with UCLG ASPAC's strong culture of collaboration and firm commitment, we will together make 2019 another eventful and productive year.



**Tri Rismaharini**  
President, UCLG ASPAC

*Mayor of Surabaya*

# Message from Secretary General

**Dear valued readers,**

As we leave 2018, we recall thrilling moments that mark our contribution to local development.

We made history as we convened the largest UCLG ASPAC Congress to date. It has established the Congress as an effective platform to connect cities with partners in global level. The UCLG ASPAC Congress is the place to be when it comes to elevating the awareness and commitment of city leaders and partners to collaborate and stimulate a positive environment for sustainable development.

The first UCLG ASPAC Retreat enabled us to identify strategic directions that are responsive to the needs of cities and local governments, our members and constituencies. The ASEAN accreditation for the ASEAN Mayors Forum, the first for any local governments network, sets the pace for a stronger collaboration in support of the vision of the ASEAN Community.

I would like to use this opportunity to welcome our new members, Anuradhapura (Sri Lanka), Toba Tek Singh District, Islamabad Municipal Corporation, Local Council's Association Sindh, Local Council's Association Balochistan (Pakistan), Faridpur Municipality (Bangladesh), Goyang City, Jeonju City (South Korea), and Padang Municipality (Indonesia). We are glad to have you!

As you read through this Annual Report 2018, you will see our journey thoroughly. Our accomplishments would not have been possible without the continued support of our members and partners. With the new year coming, let us continue our great collaboration and embark on a new journey that lies before us!



**Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi**

Secretary General, UCLG ASPAC

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## Vision

United Cities and Local Governments Asia-Pacific (UCLG ASPAC) is the united voice of local self-governments. We promote cooperation between governments and within the wider international communities in the Asia-Pacific Region.

## Mission

- To promote strong and effective democratic local self-government throughout the region/world through fostering unity and cooperation among members;
- To ensure the effective political representation of local government to the UN and other international communities;
- To be the worldwide source of key information on local government, learning, exchange, and capacity building to support democratic local governments and their associations;
- To promote economic, social, cultural, vocational and environmental development in enhancing the services to the citizens based on good governance principles;
- To promote race and gender equality, combating discrimination, promoting decentralised cooperation and international cooperation between local governments and their associations in strong democratic organisation;
- To promote twinning and partnership between local governments and peoples.

# The 7<sup>th</sup> UCLG ASPAC Congress

UCLG ASPAC held its 7<sup>th</sup> Congress in collaboration with Surabaya City Government on 12-15 September 2018. The event featured UCLG ASPAC Statutory Meetings, comprising of Executive Bureau Meeting, Council and General Assembly. It also provided platforms for discussions and exchanges on major issues facing cities and local governments in Asia-Pacific region.

## In numbers & focus:

The Congress saw the largest number and the widest range of stakeholders involved, from the academicians (Queensland University of Technology, Singapore University of Technology and Design, University of Buenos Aires, and University of Hong Kong), city leaders from within Asia-Pacific region and beyond, various international organisations including the European Union, UN-Habitat, World Bank and GIZ. Other stakeholders such as ICLEI and Login Asia and private companies including Alibaba Global Business Group also took part in the event.

**1100** Participants  
(mayors/governors, city officials, academicians, civil society, business, etc)

**229** Cities

**43** Countries

**70** Media Representatives

**117** Print and TV Coverage

**104** Online Coverage

## Highlights

The Congress recorded the largest number of activities to stimulate discussions and exchanges among the participants. In addition, on-site activities were arranged by the host City of Surabaya to learn from the city on public spaces, parks and kampung improvement programmes in twelve locations: Taman Flora, Kampung Herbal Nginden, Taman Bungkul, Kampung Sawunggaling, Dolly Saiki, Kampung Maspati, Kampung Ketandan, Siola, Tunjungan, City Hall, Jembatan Suroboyo, and Keputih and to visit Lapindo mudflow area in Sidoarjo Regency (outskirt of Surabaya).

**137** Speakers  
(from all over the world)

**6** Training Events

**13** On-site Activities

**11** Global Partners

**9** Networking Events



Mayor Tri Rismaharini, Mayor of Surabaya, newly elected President of UCLG ASPAC, together with Governor Won Hee-Ryong, Governor of Jeju Special Self-Governing Province, Immediate Past President, and with other high dignitaries prior to the opening ceremony of the Congress.

The Congress hosted UCLG ASPAC Statutory Meetings, comprising Executive Bureau Meeting, Council Meeting, and General Assembly Meeting. The Council elected Mayor Tri Rismaharani as the first woman President of UCLG ASPAC, who will be working with other newly elected members of UCLG ASPAC Governing Body for 2018-2020.





Hand stamping ceremony in the tree planting activity during the 7<sup>th</sup> UCLG ASPAC Congress.

## 4 | Plenary Sessions

#1

The importance of multi-stakeholder partnership in making the work of local governments effective is acknowledged throughout the four plenary sessions. Communication between/among governments, community, and private sector is identified as essential factor for collaborative governance to promote enabling environment.

#2

Leveraging technological innovation is recognised as an effective solution for growing ever-changing societal needs.

#3

Multi-stakeholder partnership should not overly focus on financial aspect. It is important that the partnership aims to promote the sharing and transfer of knowledge and technical expertise to ensure long-term impacts.

#4

Official launch of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy Southeast Asia (GCoM SEA), project funded by the EU with UCLG ASPAC as a key implementing partner.

## 6 | Committee Meetings

Standing Committees presenting activities under respective committee. Key outcomes included the position paper on SAARC Collaboration with Local Governments in the South Asia Region and the accreditation of the ASEAN Mayors Forum (AMF) as an entity associated with ASEAN under the framework of Southeast Asia Standing Committee.



Secretary General of UCLG ASPAC greeted the delegation from Cambodia, led by Mr. Say Kosal, the President of the National League of Local Councils (NLCs) of Cambodia.

## 5 | New Members Approved

Local Councils Association of Sindh (Pakistan), Padang Municipality (Indonesia), Jeonju City (South Korea), Goyang City (South Korea), and Faridpur Municipality (Bangladesh).



One of traditional dances shown at the opening session of the Congress.



# UCLG ASPAC Governing Body for 2018-2020

## PRESIDENT



**TRI RISMAHARINI**

Representing Southeast Asia sub-region  
Mayor of Surabaya City Government

## CO-PRESIDENTS



**DAVE CULL**

Representing Pacific sub-region  
Mayor of Dunedin City



**ASHOK KUMAR BYANJU**

Representing South and Southwest Asia sub-region  
President of the Municipal Association of Nepal  
Mayor of Dhulikhel Municipality



**SONG JINGWU**

Representing East and Northeast Asia sub-region  
Vice President of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries



**RANJIT S. CHAVAN**

Representing Associate and International Organisation Members  
President of All India Institute of Local Self-Government (AIIILSG)



**STEPHANY UY-TAN**

Representing Women in Local Government  
Mayor of Catbalongan City



**ANIES RASYID BASWEDAN**

Host  
Governor of Jakarta Capital City Government



**WON HEE-RYONG**

Immediate Past President  
Governor of Jeju Special Self-Governing Province



**CHEN HAOSU**

Founding President  
The Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries

## EAST & NORTHEAST ASIA



**PARK WON-SOON**

President  
Governors Association of Korea (GAOK)



**WEN-JE KO**

Mayor  
Taipei City



**WEN GUOHUI**

Mayor  
Guangzhou Municipal Government



**YASUTOMO SUZUKI**

Mayor  
Hamamatsu City



**YOU MENGJUN**

Mayor  
Fuzhou Municipal People's Government



**SHIOH-YEN LU**

Mayor  
Taichung City Government



**XU LIYI**

Mayor  
Hangzhou Municipal Government



**KWON YOUNG-JIN**

Mayor  
Daegu Metropolitan City



**HU ZHONGXIONG**

Mayor  
Changsha City

## PACIFIC



**RAURENTI TOATU**

Chairman  
Kiribati Local Government Association

## SOUTHEAST ASIA



**SAY KOSAL**

President  
National League of Local Councils



**AIRIN RACHMI DIANY**

Chairman  
Association of Indonesian Municipalities  
Mayor of South Tangerang



**VO THI HONG ANH**

President  
Association of Cities of Vietnam (ACVN)



**MARDANI H. MAMING**

Chairman  
Indonesian Regencies Government Association (APKASI)



**MAP SARIN**

President  
National Association of Capital and Provincial Councils (NACPC)

## SOUTH & SOUTHWEST ASIA



**SHEIKH IMRAN ABDULLA**

President  
Local Government Authority (LGA) Maldives



**NARAYAN SHRESTHA**

Chairman  
National Association of Rural Municipalities in Nepal (NARMIN)



**SEYED ALI ZAHIR MOULANA**

Chairman  
Federation of Sri Lankan Local Government Association (FSLGA)



**FOZIA KHALID WARRAICH**

Chairperson  
Toba Tek Singh District



**ALHAJ MD ABDUL BATEN**

President  
Municipal Association of Bangladesh (MAB)

## DESIGNATED MEMBER



**TAMOTSU OKAMOTO**

Chairperson, the Board of Director  
Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR) of Japan

## SECRETARY GENERAL



**BERNADIA IRAWATI TJANDRADEWI**

Secretary General

UCLG ASPAC comprises of four sub-regions and all members are represented in the General Assembly, the supreme organ that is responsible for the overall policy, direction and oversight of the Section. The Council is the principal policy-making body. It decides UCLG ASPAC's policies in a collegial way and ensures that general policies adopted by the General Assembly are implemented. Executive Bureau is responsible for initiating proposals and carrying out the decisions of the Council.

The Presidency, comprising the President and co-Presidents, represents all four sub-regions, the Associate and International Members as well as ex-officio namely the co-President (Host), the co-President (Immediate

Data shown based on updates received in 2018.

Past President) and the co-President (Founding). The President is the principal representative of UCLG ASPAC. The co-Presidents assist the President in carrying out his/her responsibilities and when necessary assume the role of President.

The Secretary General is the executive officer who directs the daily activities of UCLG ASPAC and carries out the decisions of the General Assembly, the Council and the Executive Bureau. The Secretary General manages the General Secretariat as well as the activities and programmes under the guidance of the Presidency and the responsibility of the Executive Bureau.

# UCLG ASPAC 1<sup>st</sup> Retreat to strengthen partnership with Asia-Pacific members

7-8 December 2018, Guangzhou, China

**TO** ensure UCLG ASPAC's responsiveness to the needs of Local Governments (LGs) and Local Government Associations (LGAs) across Asia-Pacific, especially in their efforts to pursue sustainable development, the first ever Retreat was organised under the theme "Enhancing the United Voice of Cities and Local Governments in Meeting the Global Challenges".

The event was held in Guangzhou, China from 7 to 8 December 2018 and brought together 40 participants including representatives from various cities in 7 countries as well as partner organisations such as UN-Habitat and the National University of Australia.

The opening ceremony was presided by UCLG ASPAC President Tri Rismaharini, Mayor of Surabaya City Government; Co-President Song Jingwu, Vice President of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries; and Co-President Ashok Kumar, Mayor of Dhulikhel Municipality. In her introductory remarks, UCLG ASPAC Secretary General Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi emphasised that "This Retreat is an important occasion for all of us to candidly analyse the challenges we are facing in our work. By taking stock of what we have accomplished so far under the Manifesto, a strategic guideline for UCLG ASPAC work in 2015-2020, we will also define our way forward together."

During the two-day Retreat, participants identified UCLG ASPAC's strengths that should be further leveraged. These include UCLG ASPAC's unique and strategic position, as the institution is gaining more and more prominence due to the significance of its work vis-à-vis the Global Agenda and the worldwide movement for decentralisation to achieve SDGs. Participants also called on UCLG ASPAC to reinforce its role as a facilitator of network and cooperation. In this regard, UCLG ASPAC President Tri Rismaharini, the Mayor of Surabaya City, proposed during

her participation in the group exercise that "I wish to see UCLG ASPAC fostering even stronger partnership with its members through various forms of joint activities. The collaboration can also be clustered into key thematic areas such as the promotion of Small and Media Enterprises (SMEs) or protection of people living in hostile areas."

Towards the end of the Retreat, the participants outlined their expectations on UCLG ASPAC's future work where they would like the organisation to scale up its services in order to: strengthen cooperation with LGAs, increase city-to-city cooperation, broaden areas of collaboration, promote members' inclusive participation in UCLG ASPAC's activities, enhance members' ability to conduct policy advocacy, foster linkages between national governments LGs/LGAs, strengthen partnership with regional bodies such as ASEAN and SAARC, enhance membership in the Pacific, and facilitate closer communications among members.



More than 40 participants including representatives from various cities in 7 countries took part in the 1<sup>st</sup> UCLG ASPAC Retreat in Guangzhou, China.

## Expectations shared from group discussion



President Tri Rismaharini opened the Retreat and provided her insights on role of UCLG ASPAC.

# UCLG ASPAC Manifesto 2015-2020

The Manifesto provides strategic guidelines for UCLG ASPAC's work and stimulates the needed improvements toward the fulfillment of UCLG ASPAC's vision and missions. It also helps local governments in the Asia-Pacific region effectively meet the emerging challenges. The Manifesto took into account UCLG ASPAC's members' response to an

online need assessment survey that the Secretariat conducted in 2014. In their responses, local governments called for UCLG ASPAC to serve as a vehicle that supports capacity building, knowledge sharing, and decentralised cooperation between cities and local governments. The Manifesto also identifies five priority areas for UCLG ASPAC's work.

## #1 Promote Good Governance and Effective Democratic Self-Governments.

Seek to promote effective decentralisation and ensure that local governments have strong capacities to carry out their work as a result of decentralisation process. A particular emphasis is given to empowering women in local politics and governance particularly at the leadership level.

## #2 Improving Quality of Life of People through Equal and Adequate Basic Services.

Seek to enhance the provision and services of basic services including water, sanitation, transportation and public spaces in response to rapid urbanisation in Asia Pacific, which can disproportionately affect poor and marginalised citizens.

## #3 Build Resilient Cities and Local Governments.

Seek to build resilient cities and support local governments in developing their capacities and preparedness to deal with both natural and manmade disasters. A particular focus is placed on disaster risk reduction, urban safety and social and health resilience.

## #4 Sustainable Green Economy.

Seek to work with cities, local governments and partners in promoting environmental friendly and sustainable economic development by promoting local economy and its creativity, establishing territory collaborative governance or self-sufficient resource, mobilising resources and fostering cooperation with private sector.

## #5 Put Global/Regional Agendas and National Commitment into Effective Local Implementation.

Seek to strengthen cities' and local governments' commitment and implementation of the Global Agendas and support their efforts to fulfill the targeted goals set such as under the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, New Urban Agenda and the Sendai Framework for Action on Disaster Risk Reduction.





Mr. Anies Rasyid Baswedan, Governor of Jakarta, Co-President of UCLG ASPAC delivered his closing speech.

## 4<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Mayors Forum, Singapore

THE ASEAN Mayors Forum (AMF) sailed through an important journey in 2018. The 4<sup>th</sup> AMF meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018 was not just another annual gathering of mayors and representatives of local governments in Southeast Asia. It was an affirmation of local leaders' commitment to transform ASEAN's vision 2025 into reality and deliver tangible benefits of people living in their countries and constituencies.

The event was hosted by the Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC) of Singapore, to coincide with the country's ASEAN Chairmanship, and was conducted in parallel with the World Cities Summit. It was the second consecutive year where AMF was hosted in ASEAN chair country after the 3<sup>rd</sup> AMF in Taguig City of the Philippines, reinforcing the tradition of AMF's rotating host city and at the same time strengthening local authorities' ownership of this regional endeavour.

Under the theme: Building Sustainable and Smart Development in ASEAN Cities and Regions, participants put forward their local visions, plans and lessons learned in their efforts to modernise the cities in a sustainable, cost-effective and environmentally manner. As one of the most populous regions, with almost 50 per cent of ASEAN's combined populations living in urban areas, ASEAN local leaders elaborated their common challenges in developing policies and solutions for the fast evolving trend. One of their major concerns is the continuing missing link between local governments

vis-à-vis ASEAN regional actions such as the implementation of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025. The same challenge also exists when it comes to the implementation of the global agendas.

In this regard, the successful accreditation of AMF as an entity associated with ASEAN in 2018 will serve as a crucial bridge between local governments and ASEAN cooperation mechanisms. The status provides for official channels where AMF can communicate with ASEAN leaders on issues of their concerns in order to improve the alignment of policies and actions at local, national and regional levels. Furthermore, it offers wider opportunities for AMF to concretely collaborate in areas where regional and international engagements are vital for local development.

Moving forward, UCLG ASPAC will continue to provide active support to AMF in order to build a strong and prosperous ASEAN community. The upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> AMF will be a crucial occasion to reflect on AMF's official status within the ASEAN framework, while articulating how local governments in the region can further unite and strengthen their positions. It will also be an opportunity for local leaders to reassess the key development issues facing their communities and exchange best practices. AMF has come a long way and is set to carry on this dynamic momentum again in 2019!



Mr. Khoo Teng Chye, Executive Director of the Centre for Liveable Cities, addressed mayors and other participants at the 4<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Mayors Forum, held in Singapore, on 7 July 2018.



ASEAN mayors reaffirmed their commitment to enhance the ASEAN Mayors Forum (AMF) and its contribution to ASEAN's regional integration. Also present were the Philippines and Myanmar Permanent Representatives to the ASEAN and the ASEAN Secretariat.



# LOCALISE SDGs: Mobilising Indonesia's Local Governments for Sustainable Development

Together with the Government of Indonesia and our partners, UCLG ASPAC made an inroad towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through our first flagship project; aimed specifically at localising SDGs in 16 provinces and 14 cities throughout the country's main archipelagos.



THE Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set an overarching framework for UN member states to work towards long-lasting benefits for their citizens and the global community. However, the SDGs' 17 specific Goals cannot be realised without meaningful engagements with local governments which present a key pillar in multi-stakeholder partnership worldwide.

This is particularly the case for countries like Indonesia - the 4<sup>th</sup> most populous nation, with 260 million populations living in more 542 districts/cities spreading throughout 17,000 islands. Recognising the important connection between SDGs and national development, Indonesia took a significant step by enacting the Presidential Decree no. 59/2017 in July 2017. The Decree led to the establishment of the national governance structure and mechanisms for SDGs. It also underlines the indispensable roles of local governments in this endeavour, and assigns the National Planning and Development Ministry (BAPPENAS) to lead and link the Government's SDGs implementation at both national and local levels.

In order to support Indonesia's efforts in this regard, in July 2018 UCLG ASPAC launched a flagship project called LOCALISE – Leadership, Ownership and Capacity for Agenda 2030 Local Implementation and Stakeholders Empowerment (LOCALISE SDGs - Indonesia). The 3-year Project is implemented in partnership with BAPPENAS and the Association of Indonesian Municipalities (APEKSI), with the financial support from the European Union (EU).

LOCALISE SDGs Project directly contributes to Indonesia's aim to scale up its SDGs-related work nationwide. Altogether 30 Local Governments (LGs) and 5 Local Government Associations (LGAs) are covered under the Project's geographical scope. A series of various activities and advocacy campaigns, conducted at both national and local levels, aim to strengthen these LGs/LGAs' technical and institutional capacities to promote sustainable development, particularly within the SDGs and national frameworks. These include LGs/LGAs preparedness to integrate the Goals, targets and indicators in their Local Medium-Term Development Plans, as required for by the abovementioned Presidential Decree.

Since its launch in July 2018, the Project quickly gained its traction through successful conduct of one national workshop and seventeen other trainings, participated by almost 900 participants, by the end

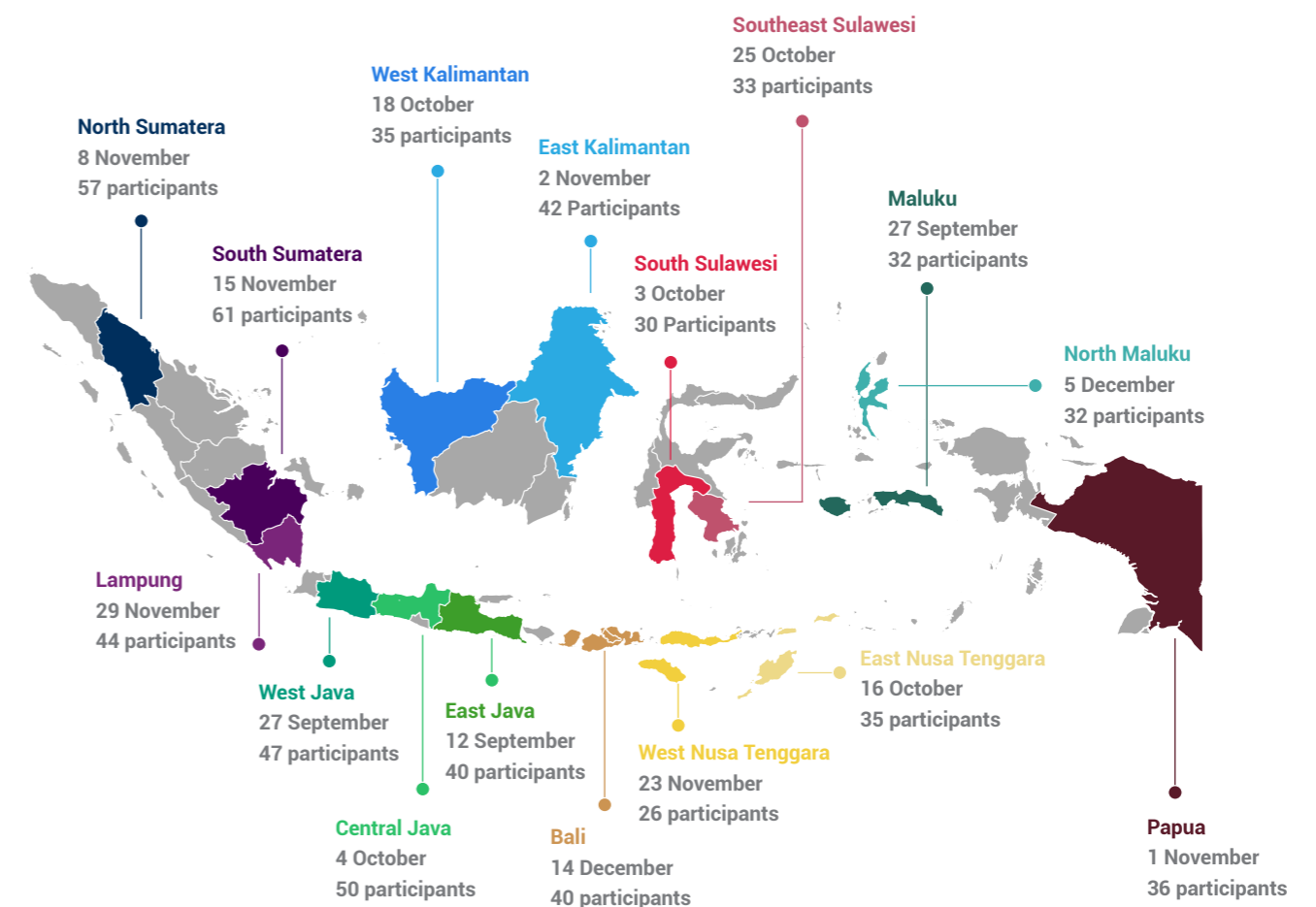
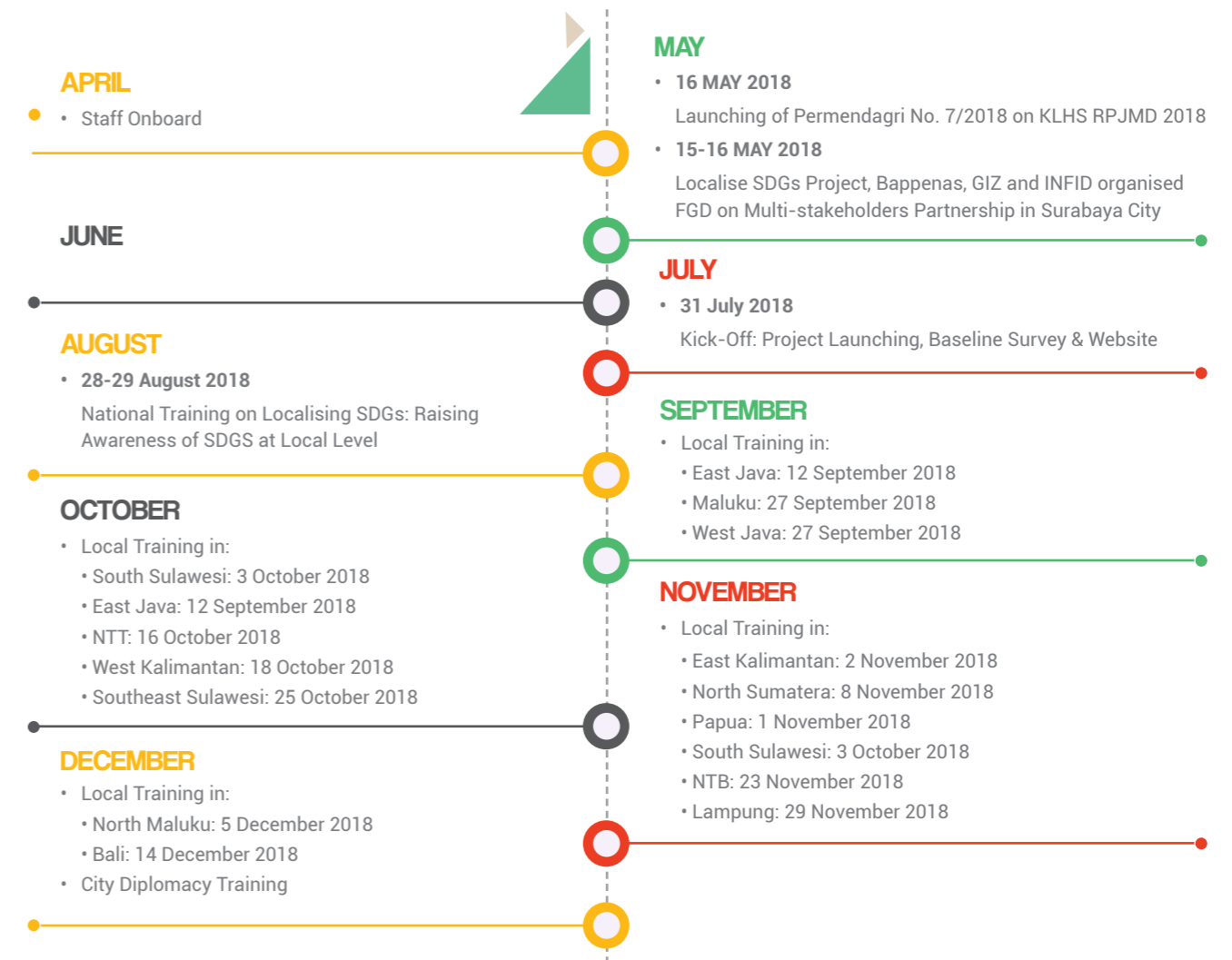
of 2018. The training focus was modified according to local specific contexts, covering a broad-spectrum of SDGs: from an introductory level training to SDGs policy coherence, enabling environment, multi-stakeholder partnership and integrated assessment and system dynamics. Apart from BAPPENAS, the Project partnered up with various institutions to conduct its activities namely: Indonesia's Ministry of Home Affairs, National Institute of Public Administration, GIZ Indonesia, SMERU research Institute, Indonesia Philanthropy and Center for Indonesia's Strategic Development Initiatives (CISDI).

With a solid foundation from its inception, the Project is set to advance its progress in 2019. UCLG ASPAC will continue to work with LGs/LGAs and partners, both within and outside Indonesia, to reach next milestones which include: finalisation of Local Action Plan on SDGs, enhanced multi-stakeholder partnership, and LGs' enhanced contribution to the Voluntary National Report (VNR). The local wisdom and experience gained during the Project's activities will also build upon our information products and knowledge-sharing platforms including the Project's website: <http://localisesdgs-indonesia.org> and other social media platforms.

UCLG ASPAC looks forward to reinforcing the vital connection between the SDGs and Indonesia's sustainable development through our support to local leaders and authorities in ensuring that the benefits of any development agendas will truly reach citizens on the ground.



Local government officials from various provinces discussed an integrated assessment for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) during the national training in Jakarta, Indonesia, 28-29 August 2018.





# UCLG ASPAC Joins Global Mayors' Movement to Address Climate Change

The world we are living in is becoming warmer at an alarming rate. 2017 was one of the warmest years recorded and as a consequence, many parts of world including Asia-Pacific region continue to experience its impacts that range from rising sea levels to extreme weather conditions and increasing concentrations of greenhouse gases.

GLOBAL warming is by and large caused by human activities. Realising the irreversible climate change impacts that respect no national boundaries, 197 parties have signed up to the UN Climate Change Convention, and agreed to implement the 2015 Paris Agreement, a path forward that aims to keep the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels. The Agreement also pledges to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, recognising that this would significantly reduce the risks and impacts of climate change.

As governments around the world are working out policies and plans to accelerate the Paris Agreement outcomes, the real actions have to be taken by cities and local governments. The Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM) is the first-of-its-kind movement to make that happen. GCoM is by far the world's largest international alliance of mayors who have made decisive commitment to reduce carbon emissions and build climate resilience in their constituency. The initiative was originated by mayors in Europe in 2008, and has gained momentum from their counterparts around the world. UCLG ASPAC has been assigned as the GCoM's Regional Secretariat for Southeast Asia.

Mayor Mahyeldi Ansharullah of Padang, Mayor Raja Ariza of Tanjung Pinang, and Mayor Dady Iskandar of Sukabumi, signed the GCOM with the presence of EU Ambassador, Secretary General of UCLG APAC, and Mr. Agus Justianto from the Ministry of Environment and Forestry of Indonesia.

63 cities in Southeast Asia, with a combined population of 36,525,586, have committed to GCoM SEA so far. Visit: <https://www.globalcovenantofmayors.org> to learn more, or contact GCoM SEA Secretariat to find out on how to become part of the initiative at: [helpdesk@iuc-asia.eu](mailto:helpdesk@iuc-asia.eu) or telephone: +6221 389 01 801

To date, more than 9,260 cities, representing 800 million people worldwide (10.49 per cent of global population), have become signatories of GCoM, demonstrating their voluntary commitment to combat climate change with concrete actions. Through this global platform, GCoM is set to accelerate ambitious and measurable climate/energy initiatives that lead to an inclusive, just and climate resilient future.

Capitalising on our strong cities networks in Asia-Pacific, UCLG ASPAC took an important step to become part of this local-led movement for sustainable environment. Under the International Urban Cooperation (IUC) Project funded by the European Union (EU), the Global Covenant of Mayors South East Asia Region (GCoM SEA) was launched on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018, during the 7<sup>th</sup> UCLG ASPAC Congress, hosted by Surabaya (Indonesia) and attended by more than 1,100 participants from across Asia-Pacific region. The European Union's wide-range of support through the IUC Project, reaching from policy advice to technical transfer, exchanges of innovations and financing options for climate-related actions, will help translate Southeast Asian local leaders' political commitments into practical measures and projects.

During the inauguration of the Regional GCoM Chapter Southeast Asia, H.E. Vincent Guérend, the EU Ambassador to Indonesia and Brunei Darussalam, highlighted that "Today's launch of the Global Covenant

of Mayors in Southeast Asia illustrates the important role that cities, provinces and districts and also the private sector and civil society must play in putting "Paris into Practice," in close collaboration with governments. This specific project will allow us to do more to assist ASEAN cities in realising –and exceeding!– their climate ambition. The potential is huge as by 2030, Global Covenant cities could collectively reduce 1.3 billion tons of CO2 emissions per year, compared to a business-as-usual scenario. This is as much as taking 276 million fossil-fuel cars off the road."

GCoM SEA has taken off with ambition and concrete actions in 2018. With UCLG ASPAC serving as a Regional Secretariat and with the IUC Project acting as operational vehicle, a series of activities have been conducted including: Focus Group Discussion on Common Reporting Framework (Jakarta), Training on Climate Action Plan Development (Surabaya and Hanoi), Stakeholder Consultation with Directorate of Climate Change Control, Ministry of Environment and Forestry (Indonesia) and GCoM City Diplomacy Training (Jakarta). Furthermore, GCoM Project's staffs took part in and contributed to other partner institutions' activities including: Sub-national Dialogue on the Plan for the Implementation of Paris Agreement (Vietnam), and UN ESCAP Expert Group Meeting on Governance and Capacity Development for Urban Resilience (Bangkok).

## Cities matter as they...

account for 70% of global CO2 emissions

consume more 66% of the world's energy

**"GCoM cities could collectively reduce 1.3 billion tons of CO2 by 2030"**



# Building Local Governments Capacity in Fighting Fire

**UCLG ASPAC**, in collaboration with Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG) and with support from Indonesia Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA), developed capacity of local governments in Indonesia on fire management. A knowledge transfer on fire management from Seoul to cities in Indonesia was conducted in seven cities in Indonesia and most

participating cities got the opportunity to join fire training in Seoul. All activities were conducted throughout 2018. In the training activity, each city received training modules developed by Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG). SMG also delivered two fire trucks to MoHA to support the joint efforts for better fire management in Indonesia.



**Balikpapan (East Kalimantan)**  
Date : 23-25 April 2018  
Participants : 50 fire fighter personnel (Balikpapan Regional Disaster Management Agency)

**Pangkalpinang (Bangka Belitung Province)**  
Date : 17-19 July 2018  
Participants : 115 Pangkalpinang fire fighter personnel

**Seoul (South Korea)**  
Date : 22-26 October 2018  
Participants : 10 representing various Indonesian cities (Balikpapan, Probolinggo, Jakarta, Pangkalpinang), Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA), and UCLG ASPAC.

**Bone (South Sulawesi Province)**  
Date : 5-8 December 2018  
Participants : 45 fire fighter personnel

**Probolinggo (East Java)**  
Date : 7-9 May 2018  
Participants : 30 fire fighter personnel (Probolinggo fire fighters of civil service and firefighter units of Probolinggo regency)

**Bengkulu City (Bengkulu Province)**  
Date : 6-8 August 2018  
Participants : 110 Bengkulu fire fighter personnel

**Tanah Datar (Batusangkar Regency)**  
Date : 12-15 November 2018  
Participants : 45 fire fighter personnel of Tanah Datar Regency and Payakumbuh City

# Strengthening Partnership for Disaster Risk Mitigation

To address the challenge faced by cities in Asia-Pacific, UCLG ASPAC engaged the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) and UCLG World to continuously develop the capacity of local governments in taking necessary actions to mitigate disaster risks in their areas. 2018 recorded UCLG ASPAC's various achievements and efforts in engaging partners and member cities to take part in these efforts.

**Asian Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR)**

**Ulaanbaatar | Mongolia**  
3 - 6 July 2018

**Role**  
Take lead of stakeholder consultation (local authorities)

**Partner** : UNISDR



**Peer Learning Workshop in Building a Local Government Alliance for Localising the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030**

The 7<sup>th</sup> UCLG ASPAC Congress

**Surabaya | Indonesia**  
12 - 14 September 2018

**Role**  
UCLG ASPAC jointly collaborated with UCLG Learning Team to reach out cities for expanded insights on success stories from Cologne and Bochum (Germany), Christchurch (New Zealand), Guangzhou (China), Seoul (South Korea), and various cities in Indonesia and Asia-Pacific. The collaboration also brought together UNISDR, UN-Habitat, Connective Cities, CLAIR, Guangzhou Award, and UCLG Taskforce Territorial Prevention and Management of Crises.

**Partner** : EU-UCLG Partnership



**Indonesia Commemoration of Disaster Risk Reduction**

**Medan | Indonesia**  
19 - 26 October 2018

**Role**  
UCLG ASPAC, in close collaboration with UNISDR and Indonesian Disaster Mitigation Agency, enhanced the capacity of Indonesian local governments through knowledge sharing and training session.

**Partner** : National level of Indonesian Disaster Mitigation Agency



**International Strategy for Disaster Reduction Asia Partnership (IAP) Forum**

**Bangkok | Thailand**  
11 - 14 December 2018

**Role**  
UCLG ASPAC stimulated learning exchange and local governments capacity building through discussion and regional consultative workshop.

**Partner** : UNISDR





# Empowering Women Leaders



Former Mayor Rina Shah of Bhavnagar spoke on her leadership experience and about the participatory budgeting that empowers women in her City.

**UCLG ASPAC**, in close collaboration with All India Institute of Local Self-Government (AIILSG), enhanced the capacity of women leaders through "Training on Leadership and Gender Equality for Improved Local Governance" conducted under the framework of the Standing Committee on Women in Local Governments from 4 to 6 May 2018 in New Delhi, India. Women mayors and deputy mayors, as well as newly elected councilors from South Asian cities from India, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka, gained insights from the training.



This training was also supported by the Local Government New Zealand represented by Dr. Steven Finlay. He emphasized on excellence and performance. He provided vital questions that local government councils need to consider and assess in order to improve their performance.

The training participants expressed their appreciation in learning from other women local leaders and how they gained new ideas and tools to develop. There was also a strong agreement that everyone has a role to play in empowering women and ensuring gender perspectives

are mainstreamed at local level. Ms. Rina Shah, a former mayor from Bhavnagar Municipal Corporation of India, explained how women leaders are so capable in governance since they are experts at managing different relationships. She was able to utilise this skill as a mayor, when faced with a decision on road-widening and saving trees, and in the end satisfied the interests of the parties involved.

Secretary General Dr. Tjandradewi reiterated the importance of education, that "no one can take away what is in your head," therefore it is critical to invest in educating especially women and girls and not limiting them on what they can become. Former Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Women in Local Governments of UCLG ASPAC and former Mayor of Banda Aceh, Ms. Illiza Sa'aduddin Djamal, also highlighted that women's perspectives are different and tend to be more inclusive and address related issues, thus their voice in local decision-making should be included.



Ms. Rina Shah received a plaque of appreciation from Ms. Hansa Patel, Executive Adviser, AIILSG; witnessed by Dr. Tjandradewi, Secretary General of UCLG ASPAC, and Mr. Ravi Rajan Guru, Deputy Director General, AIILSG.

# Advocating for Better Sanitation Management for Local Development

**UCLG ASPAC**, with support from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and in close collaboration with implementing partners Environment and Public Health Organisation (ENPHO) and SNV, recorded progress of Sanitation Policy Advocacy Project, aiming at the betterment of faecal sludge management (FSM) in Nepal and Bangladesh throughout 2018.

UCLG ASPAC expressed its highest appreciation to Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation as well as other relevant stakeholders for the great progress made in 2018.



Signing of MoU with Bheemdatt Municipality, symbolising the commitment of local government leaders for better sanitation management.

## 1.

Rapid Sanitation Assessment in Nepal and Bangladesh

Using KOBOLlect Application, a rapid assessment was conducted.

Data collected shows 52 percent of municipalities expressed commitment to develop their own FSM facility in the future.



## 2.

Selection of Top Five municipalities for pilot in each country:

### Nepal

1. Lahan Municipality
2. Waling Municipality
3. Bheemdatt Municipality
4. Lamahi Municipality
5. Dhulikhel Municipality

### Bangladesh

1. Natore District
2. Lamoni District
3. Shariatpur District
4. Pabna District
5. Jhenaidah Municipality

## 3.

Signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

### 19 November 2018

Lahan Municipality (Nepal)

### 4 December 2018

Waling Municipality (Nepal)



### 23 December 2018

Bheemdatt Municipality (Nepal)



### 25 December 2018

Lamahi Municipality (Nepal)



## Islamabad | Pakistan

### Partnership with EU for SDGs Localisation in Pakistan

**DISCUSSION** on SDGs Localisation in South Asia was put as highlight in the first session of UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau Meeting 2018. UCLG ASPAC undertook its role as local government association that consistently empowers local governments by collaborating with European Union (EU) for SDGs Localisation programme in Pakistan, namely LEAD for SDGs: Local Empowerment, Advocacy and Development for SDGs. This programme's overall objective is "to contribute to the achievement of SDGs through effective local governance in Pakistan" while the specific objective of the project is "to foster an enabling environment for mainstreaming SDGs in local development processes through effective leadership and policy advocacy, supported by evidence-based research, capacity building and improved coordination, and piloting innovative approaches for SDGs localisation." The LEAD for SDGs localisation in Pakistan programme will formally commence on 1 March 2019.

Prior to the grant award, Secretary General Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, along with her team undertook a scoping mission in the Balochistan and Sindh Provinces of Pakistan and held consultations with Minister for Local Government and Rural Development, Provincial Ministers and Secretaries, parliamentarians, representatives of districts governments, civil society organisations, UNDP Provincial SDGs Units, and the respective Provincial Line Departments to undertake a context/situation, needs and constraints analyses, and the opportunities of the local governments for localisation and implementation of the SDGs in Pakistan. The LEAD for SDGs Localisation is the concrete follow up of the Conference on "Think Globally Act Locally - SDGs Implementation through Local Governments" held in conjunction with UCLG ASPAC Executive Committee Meeting from 10 to 12 April 2018 in Islamabad. This event was hosted by the Local Council Association Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (LCA KP) and the Local Council Association Punjab (LCAP) and financially supported by GIZ and technically by UNDP. It was the first time that members in Pakistan held an event of UCLG ASPAC.

## Fuzhou | China

### Moving Towards Better Maritime Cooperation

UCLG ASPAC's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Maritime Cooperation Committee led by the city of Fuzhou, in collaboration with Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC) and supported by Silk Road Think Tank Association, held the Committee's first General Assembly on 17 May 2018. The General Assembly successfully brought together 110 representatives of 30 members across five continents. In this meeting, the Charter of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Maritime Cooperation Committee was approved, the candidates for Co-Presidents and the Secretary General of the Committee were announced together with the list of the founding members. In addition, Fuzhou Declaration was also adopted. Following the General Assembly, the Committee held the Marine Economy and Urban Development – City Image and Tourism Cooperation Forum on 18 May 2018.



Founding members of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Maritime Cooperation Committee posed with Mayor of Fuzhou and the Vice President of CPAFFC.

## Hangzhou | China

### Empowering Cities for Successful Local Cooperation

Under the framework of UCLG ASPAC's Committee, Belt and Road Local Cooperation (BRLC), the city of Hangzhou, empowered the member cities under the BRLC Committee through e-Commerce Training Workshop on 7-9 May 2018 and 2018 Computing Conference Observation on 19-20 September 2018. Both trainings managed to reach and engage policy makers as well as entrepreneurs from countries beyond Asia-Pacific, such as Finland, Bolivia, Russia, and Italy. Strengthening the internal structure, BRLC also held its first General Assembly on 2-5 December 2018, conducted back-to-back with seminar on Artificial Intelligence Facilities Urban Governance. The General Assembly managed to appoint key leaders of this Committee, designate organisation structure, and formulate future work plan.



President UCLG ASPAC, Mayor Tri Rismaharini and Secretary General Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi with the newly appointed board of BRLC Committee.



## Jeju | South Korea

### Involving Youth to Incorporate Culture in Public Space Development

UNDER the framework of UCLG ASPAC's Committee on Culture, Jeju Special Self-Governing Province, the leading city, in collaboration with UNITAR CIFAL Jeju/JITC, organised The Global Youth Culture Forum from October 30 to November 4, 2018. Through this event, youths were gathered to get exposure of practical and illustrative way on the implementation of "Culture 21 Actions" on culture in sustainable cities; most particularly on cities' commitment related to "Public Spaces, Urban Planning and Culture." This event was, thus, designated to promote among youths, SDGs especially Goals 8, 9, and 11, the making of sustainable cities, local communities involvement in the process, development of Jeju as a creative platform for global artists, and establishment of communication platform where young artists can share experience and cooperate.



Feature of youth engagement in various session of the Forum.



Participants of the LGTOF II held in South Tangerang from 21 to 24 November 2018.

## South Tangerang | Indonesia

### Striking a Balance between Urban Transportation and Social Justice

*Around 3 million cars and 10 million motorcycles were sold in ASEAN countries in 2018. Indonesian market absorbed the majority of them. This situation puts enormous strains on the Government's efforts to ease the already congested streets, let alone protecting the rights of people to enjoy the city they live in.*

IN order to support the work of Local Governments in the field of transportation, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Local Governments Transport Officer Forum (LGTOF-II) was conducted in South Tangerang City. During 21-24 November 2018. South Tangerang City is an active member of UCLG ASPAC, especially in urban public transport. The city - known in short as Tangsel City - is situated in the west of Jakarta Special Capital Region considered to be a strategic as well as the buffer area of the state capital.

LGTOF is one of UCLG ASPAC's initiatives to facilitate exchanges of experiences, ideas and foster collaborative networks among UCLG ASPAC's members, with the aim of realising Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and New Urban Agenda (NUA), especially in the field of transportation.

LGTOF II was organised under the theme "Transport Innovation Development: People Oriented" and brought together government officials, academia and international experts to analyse the main challenges facing cities and local authorities in the areas of transportation, with a particular emphasis on promoting the rights of citizens to good quality of life. The event featured a series of activities including plenary sessions, field trips and training.

Through virtual presentation, Dr. Gyeng-chul Kim, Special Advisor to the Ministry of Transportation of the Philippines and UCLG ASPAC Special Advisor for Transportation stressed during the discussion that "In promoting social justice in the transportation field, we first have to provide equal opportunity without imposing harm to other people. While efficiency and equality are two fundamental principles for designing public use of roads, the key to promote social justice for mobility lies in political leadership."

## Move More PEOPLE, Not CARS.

David John Ingham, Senior Urban Transport Specialist for Southeast Asia and Pacific of World Bank said, "Improving mobility should not be addressed in isolation, there needs to be conducted in parallel with a shift to public transport, and to avoid unnecessary travel. Provision of mobility for people and goods provides a critical enabling environment to support economic and social development of urban areas."

Related to the program that would help Indonesia tackle their urban transport crisis and reduce GHG emission by WB is National Urban Transport Support Program (NUTSP). It is intended for Indonesian Cities to overcome financial and technical constraints to the implementation of mass transit systems by subnational government.

Government of Indonesia represented by BAPPENAS (Indonesian National Planning Agency) has been planning the development of Bus Rapid Transit System (BRT) and formulated in National Mid-Term Development Plan 2014 - 2019 for 28 pilot cities.

Ms. Rika Zikriyyah, ST, MA, Functional Planner of BAPPENAS, mentioned population that would live in cities by 2045 was predicted around 67.1 per cent. Unfortunately, not all urbanisation issues can be handled by local governments. City-level governments need a multidimensional policy which can cover beyond administrative boundaries.

National Framework of Cities' Vision and Mission is built based on the goal to achieve sustainability. Its spatial dimension consists of social inclusivity, green environment, and prosperous economy. The smart approach of framework revolves around the implementation of regulations, institutional functions, and budgeting. It aims to provide a feasible environment, access to transportation system and cities' mobility, and basic social services for all, especially for the vulnerable groups. The goal is also built upon the 2015-2019 Framework of Infrastructure Development and the 2015-2019 Directions on Cities' Transportation Development are based on SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

The Framework of Cities' Transportation System Development is a synergy between central and local government as well as private sectors. The central and local government contribute in selecting or providing part of infrastructures investment. The local government then guarantee an operation which can involve subsidy. Meanwhile, the private sectors contribute in providing infrastructure of a certain amount to develop the transportation system.

For 2020-2024, the Government of Indonesia has started planning, which includes accelerating public transport development within cities; enhancing corridor mechanism to build public transport system; enhancing synergy between stakeholders of cities' transportation; building capacities of institutions and human resources on local government level; and creating guidelines on cities' mobility policies.

## Did You Know That

More than 3 million cars were sold in ASEAN in 2018 & 1/3 of them were in Indonesia

3,234,202 cars sold in ASEAN

1,063,464 of them absorbed by Indonesia

10 million motorcycles sold in ASEAN & 6 million of them in Indonesia

9,484,646 motorcycles sold in ASEAN

5,929,930 of them absorbed by Indonesia

Statistic from ASEAN Automotive Federation, as of Nov 2018



# UCLG ASPAC workshop fosters cities' knowledge on localising SDGs and NUA

9-10 December 2018, Guangzhou, China



Representatives from Local Governments Associations of India, New Zealand and Philippines shared their views and highlighted their roles in localising the SDGs and NUA.

Empowering local governments in the SDGs and NUA is indispensable to our efforts to reach the intended goals. To mobilise this momentum in Asia-Pacific, UCLG ASPAC conducted a "Peer-Learning Workshop on Building a Local Government Alliance for Localising New Urban Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific," from 9 to 10 December 2018, in Guangzhou, China.

**THE** workshop was attended by 30 participants, representing mayors, local government associations, and academics from nine countries namely: Australia, China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, Nepal, New Zealand, Philippines, and Republic of Korea.

The Global Agendas, comprising of multiple frameworks including the SDGs and the NUA, help guide UN Member States' efforts to end poverty, reduce inequality and injustice, and tackle climate change. All SDGs targets are related to local governments, thus achieving them depends on their ability to promote integrated, inclusive and sustainable territorial development.



Participants shared their views on ways and means in SDGs and NUA localisation.

During the workshop, participants exchanged good practices on local-led initiatives on SDGs and NUA: High-Quality Urban Development and Design (Guangzhou); Rehabilitation of Mangrove Areas through Corporate and Social Responsibility forum (Bongtang); Sustainable and

Green City Initiative (Probolinggo); Waste Management and Decreasing of Plastic Initiative (Banjarmasin.); Strengthening Urban-Rural Linkages in Sorsogon City (League of the Cities of the Philippines); Climate Change and the Role of Associations in Achieving SDG 13 (Local Government New Zealand); The Role of Local Governments in Localising SDGs (National Association of Rural Municipality in Nepal); and Knowledge Building and Information Sharing on SDGs (Municipal Association of Nepal).

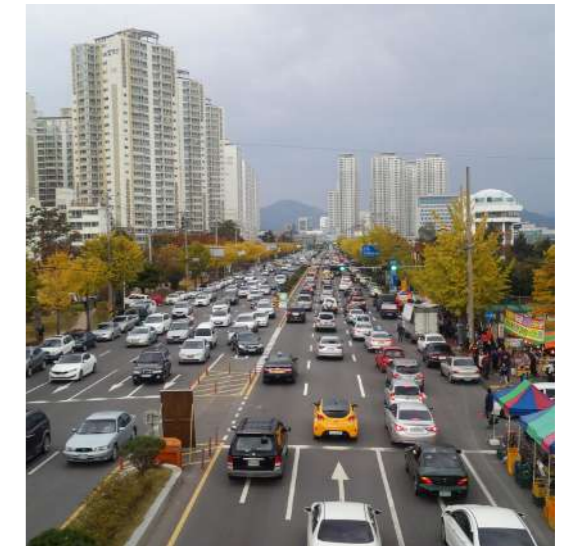
The workshop also focused on local governments' contribution to the Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs), a UN mechanism that takes stock of Member States' implementation progress of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Mr. Edgardo Bilsky from UCLG World Secretariat underlined the need to accelerate local governments' involvement in the VNRs, pointing out that "Out of 99 countries that submitted VNRs, only 39 mentioned full participation of local governments in reporting process, and another 12 mentioned partial participation. The rest either had no participation or do not have local governments present in their countries at all."

Participants discussed some of the principal challenges for effective localisation of SDGs and NUA. It was recognised that decentralisation of power, resources and capacities will help reinforcing local governments' instrumental roles in the implementation of the global agendas. Local government associations should also be strengthened as they can provide crucial impetus to this localisation process. At technical level, local governments' lack of data (or access to) is among major impediments to their contribution to SDGs including in monitoring and evaluating of the implementation progress.

## Changwon | South Korea

### Supporting Tourism for Local Economic Development

**UCLG ASPAC** Secretary General Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi took part in a conference on Sustainable Tourism Development in Educating Cities, jointly organised by the International Association of Educating Cities (IAEC) Asia-Pacific Regional Network and UNESCO Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau for Education, 14-16 March 2018 in Changwon. The event brought together participants from educating cities, world heritage cities and others cities network to discuss policies and good practices on sustainable tourism. At her opening remarks, Secretary General stressed the importance of youths in city development, as part of a broader multi-stakeholder partnership. She also encouraged decision makers to develop policy instruments that can effectively connect local economic development with sustainable tourism.



Changwon, Korea's first planned city, modeled after Canberra, Australia.



Secretary General delivering message in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Seberang Perai International Conference on Ecotourism and Conservation Effort 2018.

## Seberang Perai | Malaysia

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Seberang Perai International Conference on Ecotourism and Conservation Effort (SPICEC 2018)

**ON** 8-9 October 2018, Secretary General Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi took part in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Seberang Perai International Conference on Ecotourism and Conservation Effort (SPICEC 2018), organised under the theme Promoting Local Economic Development through Ecotourism. SPICEC 2018 aimed to promote local economic development through ecotourism. The conference featured three clusters namely tourism management, community-based tourism, and ecotourism/sustainable tourism. During the discussion, Secretary General Bernadia highlighted that ecotourism could generate significant revenue for local economy. She also emphasised the importance of creativity and innovation, and the success as well as failures from various cities can be valuable sources of knowledge.

## Siem Reap | Cambodia

### ASEAN-China-UNDP Forum for SDGs Localisation

**TEN** ASEAN member states, experts from international organisations and representatives of civil society and private sector participated in the ASEAN-China-UNDP Symposium on Localising SDGs and Realising Poverty Eradication, held in Siem Reap, during 20-21 August 2018. Secretary General Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi highlighted the importance of local government associations as a platform for local governments to interact and share information on SDGs, while reiterating the importance of creating enabling environment for local governments to exercise their authority in localising the global agenda. She further mentioned UCLG ASPAC's research on City Enabling Environment, covering 28 countries in Asia and the Pacific. Secretary General took the opportunity to thank ASEAN for granting accreditation to ASEAN Mayors Forum, reaffirming local governments' crucial contribution to ASEAN.



Secretary General among distinguished speakers in ASEAN-China-UNDP event.



## Pyongyang | DPRK

UCLG ASPAC's Mission for Peace



Mayor Roland Ries of Strasbourg, France, Co-President of UCLG World, Mayor Tri Rismaharini, President of UCLG ASPAC and Secretary General Bernadia had a courtesy visit to a lady Mayor Pyongsong and discussed possible cooperation.

**UCLG ASPAC** President Tri Rismaharini and Secretary General Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi expressed UCLG ASPAC's full support to the joint-declaration of "Panmunjom Declaration for Peace, Prosperity and Unification of the Korean Peninsula," by Kim Jong-un, Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), and Moon Jae-in, President of the Republic of Korea, in a three-day visit to DPRK from 27 November to 1 December 2018.

Highlights of the mission included the delegates' visit to public service places in Pyongyang and their meeting with Deputy President of Supreme People's Assembly Kim Yong Dae. The delegates also embarked upon field trips to Pyongsong (approximately 32 kilometers in the north of Pyongyang) and Kaesong (located close to border with South Korea), where they had discussions with Mayors of both cities. In addition to their field visits, the delegates gained insights from the presentation on development projects in Wonson, a city with historical significance located on the east side of the Korean peninsula.

Main focus of the discussions was on local economic development and sustainable urban planning, with an aim of ensuring decent housing, availability of public services as well as safe and easy-access public transportation. The emphasis was also made on the need to preserve environment and cultural heritage in urban development.

This visit to foster peace and promote local dialogue with DPRK marked Mayor Tri Rismaharini's first official mission as UCLG ASPAC President upon taking up her position in September 2018. Mayor Rismaharini observed areas that could be further enhanced to improve people's quality of life and living standard, while supporting DPRK's efforts to implement the SDGs. Promoting access to electricity, water supply, telecommunications and better road infrastructure are among the areas identified for possible city-to-city exchanges and collaboration in the future.

This visit was conducted following an initiative adopted during UCLG World Executive Bureau meeting in Strasbourg. The initiative and the mission visit was proposed and led by UCLG Co-President Roland Ries, Mayor of Strasbourg (France).



UCLG delegates visited the children hospital in Pyongyang and learned about the health care program of the City.





Award Ceremony and Gala Dinner of the 4th Edition of Guangzhou Award.

## Guangzhou | China

### The 4th Edition of Guangzhou Award

**UCLG ASPAC** has consistently promoted cities' innovation to enlighten other cities and to further stimulate city-to-city cooperation. UCLG ASPAC, thus, has continuously expressed its full support to the initiative of Guangzhou in collaboration with Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), UCLG, and World Association of the Major Metropolises (Metropolis) to host the Guangzhou Urban Innovation Award. The 4th edition of the Guangzhou Award was held from 6 to 8 December 2018, back-to-back with the Global Mayors' Forum and 2018 Urban Innovation Conference.

Global Openness and Inclusive Innovation was taken as main theme and more specific discussion was conducted in seven parallel sessions, namely Urban Development in the Bay Area; Blockchain: Tools for Governing Metropolitan; "The Belt & Road" and Urban Construction; Urban Cultural Inheritance and Innovation for Future Cities; Alliance of Guangzhou International Sister-City Universities Rector's Conference; Urban Mobility and Transportation; and Urban Green Development. In addition, there were also International Seminar on Learning from Urban Innovation, Gala Dinner, Award Ceremony of the Guangzhou Award, and Guangzhou Urban Innovation Exhibition.

This event also released Guangzhou Declaration at the Global Mayors' Forum. The Forum aimed to serve as a platform for multilateral exchanges and cooperation for local governments, helping to promote global urban governance and sustainable development and bolster inclusive innovation for win-win cooperation among cities. More than 700 guests and representatives from 105 cities and local governments in 39 countries attended the event.

The 4th Guangzhou Award received 273 initiatives from 193 local governments of 66 countries and regions and the Technical Committee selected 15 shortlisted initiatives. Five cities were awarded as the winning cities of the 4th Edition of Guangzhou Award: Milan of Italy, Guadalajara of Mexico, Wuhan of China, Mezitili of Turkey and New York City of the United States. Surabaya of Indonesia received the largest number of votes to win the Online Popular City.

### Public Participatory in 3R Waste Management for Better Surabaya

Surabaya elevated the collaborative efforts in overcoming waste challenges in the city by submitting the initiative to the 4th Urban Innovation Award. Exposing the collaboration initiative involving local people and the city's government taking part in managing waste using the Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle (3R) principles, Surabaya was included in the 15 shortlisted cities and won the vote for Online Popular City. Mayor Tri Rismaharini of Surabaya attended the event and received the award on 7 December 2018.

## Ghent | Belgium

### Policy Forum on Development (PFD)

**SECRETARY GENERAL** Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi represented local governments from Asia-Pacific at the first Europe regional meeting of the Policy Forum on Development, held during 15-16 January 2018. The event brought together more than 100 representatives from local authorities (LAs), civil society organisations (CSOs) and European institutions to discuss current EU development policies relating to the implementation of the SDGs and the New European Consensus on Development. The meeting also represented the revision of PFD Communication Strategy and multi-stakeholder survey in this regard.



Participants of Policy Forum on Development Europe Regional Meeting in Ghent, Belgium.

## Brussels | Belgium

### Joining Global Force to Address Climate Change

**ONE** of the key factors for successful urban development is the positive response of cities towards challenges arising from climate changes. Consistently promoting cities' success stories in order to stimulate cooperation and learning exchange, UCLG ASPAC has been the implementing agency of the International Urban Cooperation (IUC) Asia, EU's initiative and funded project. IUC Asia participated in the City-to-City event organised by the EU on 10 October 2018 in Brussels. The event fostered exchanges amongst IUC partners on sustainable city development focusing on climate change actions.



IUC Asia, an EU-funded program, implemented by UCLG ASPAC, participated in the IUC's exchange event held in Brussels in October 2018.

## Kuala Lumpur | Malaysia

### World Urban Forum (WUF9)

**UCLG ASPAC** participated in the World Urban Forum (WUF9) and presented the Asia-Pacific perspectives at the meeting, which took place from 7 to 13 February 2018. Under the main theme Cities 2030, Cities for All: Implementing the New Urban Agenda, UCLG ASPAC focused on the three main topics: Women Mayors Forum, the City Enabling Environment for the Implementation of NUA, and Public Space Training session. During the event, a publication on "City Enabling Environment Rating: Assessment of the Countries in Asia and the Pacific" was also launched.



Mayors and local governments delegates at the World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments.

## New York | United States

### Contributing to SDGs Progress Monitoring at the High Level Political Forum

**SECRETARY GENERAL** Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi attended the UN High Level Policy Forum (HLPF), a central platform to review the SDGs progress, during 9-18 July 2018. Organised under the theme "Transformation Towards Sustainable and Resilient Societies," the meeting discussed the implementation of SDGs 6, 7, 11, 12, 15, and 17. Forty-six countries, including from the Asia-Pacific, presented their Voluntary National Reviews (VNR) on the implement the 2030 Agenda. Secretary General informed the meeting about the outcomes of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD), a preparatory event for HLPF, which took place in Bangkok, during 28-30 March 2018. She further shared the discussion conducted at the side-event on "Toward Sustainable Cities in the Asia-Pacific," with a specific focus SDG 11 and environmental challenges for Asia-Pacific.



Secretary General Bernadia I. Tjandradewi in the book launching of Local Voluntary Reports on SDGs from Japanese Cities, in HLPF side event.



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## South East Asia

Jakarta Ready to be More Resilient in 2019



**RESILIENT** Jakarta Secretariat, under the leadership of the Deputy Governor of DKI Jakarta for Spatial Planning and Environment, Dr. Oswar M. Mungkasa, as Chief Resilience Officer (CRO), has continuously supported Jakarta in its resilience building effort. In November 2018, Resilient Jakarta Secretariat successfully held a public consultation that brought together 65 people from broad range of stakeholders and produced Draft of City Resilience Strategy. Resilient Jakarta conducted Cross-Learning Visit to Seoul, South Korea in March 2018, to learn and share their experiences in building a more resilient Jakarta. Three pillars of Jakarta's resilience: WELL-PREPARED (getting ready in the events of shocks and stresses); HEALTHY (creating a healthier environment through better access to clean water, waste water, and waste management); and CONNECTED (enhancing city's connectivity for people).

Visit for more info: <http://jakberketahanan.org/draft-0/>

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## South Asia

Cities Engagement, Empowerment, and Commitment in South Asian Cities Summit 2018



Ravi Ranjan Guru, Hansa Patel, Rajiv Agarwal, Retd, IAS, Director General, Member of Parliament, M Ramachandran, Former Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs of India, and UCLG ASPAC Secretary General Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi in the 4<sup>th</sup> South Asian Cities Summit.

**ALL** India Institute of Local Self-Government (AIIILSG) engaged cities in South Asia in the 4<sup>th</sup> South Asian Cities Summit at India Habitat Centre from 4 to 5 May 2018 at India Habitat Centre. A total 80 speakers and 500 participants from 15 countries recorded their participations in the discussions of urban development, municipal leadership, urban design, energy efficiency, pro-poor policies, and liveable urban environment. South Asian Mayors Forum was also organised and participated by more than 50 mayors and chairpersons of municipal councils across South Asian countries. The result of South Asian Cities Summit 2018 event was adoption of Delhi Declaration that recorded commitment towards actions for making cities sustainable in sync with international goals like New Urban Agenda, Paris Accord, and SDGs.

## Pacific

Local and National Collaboration for Tourism Promotion

**LOCAL** Governments New Zealand (LGNZ) announced the cooperation among local and national governments in the development of tourism-related infrastructure. The Tourism Infrastructure Fund provides \$100 million over four years for the development of infrastructure such as carparks, freedom camping facilities, sewerage and water works and transport projects. This collaboration will assist small communities struggling with the volume of tourists and lead to better experiences for travellers. This collaboration is highly related to its campaign for a sustainable package of tourism infrastructure funding. Both of the collaboration and LGNZ campaign recognise that tourists should contribute to the costs of the infrastructure they use.

## East Asia

Improving Youth's Dialogue through Korea Heart to Heart Event



Public officials participating in the Korea Heart to Heart event.

**THE** Government Association of Korea (GAoK) held the K2H (Korea Heart to Heart), a six-month training programme designed to foster a new generation of public officials and future decision-makers from around the world. Through this programme, they experienced and benchmarked Korean culture, history, language and local administration. In 2018, it was conducted on 8 June and attended by 57 participants from 11 countries. Marking its 20<sup>th</sup> year, GAOK awarded the best host Korean local governments who have hosted the most K2H participants with an outstanding program for the past 20 years, Cheonan City, Chuncheonnam-do, Gangwon Province, Goyang City, Yeosu City, and Bonghwa City. In addition, special recognition was given to the Korean Immigration Service (part of Ministry of Justice) for their continued support in facilitating the entry of all foreign participants to Korea every year. This event was concluded with presentation of all participants, certificate delivery, and exploration of Jeju island from 17 to 19 September 2018.



Beautiful landscape of New Zealand.



# New Members



## ANURADHAPURA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Is one of the ancient capitals of Sri Lanka, and well-known for the well-preserved ruins of an ancient Sri Lankan civilisation.

Municipal Commissioner : Hon. Dr. H.L.K. Kaldera

Area : 7,179 km<sup>2</sup>

Population : 50,595 (2012)



## TOBA TEK SINGH DISTRICT

Is named after a Sikh religious figure Tek Singh, whom the legend says as a kind-hearted man giving water and shelter to the needy and thirsty travellers passing by a small pond (TOBA in Punjabi).

Chairperson : Fozia Khalid Warraich

Area : 4,364 km<sup>2</sup>

Population : 2,190,015 (2017)

Website : [ttsingh.dc.lhc.gov.pk](http://ttsingh.dc.lhc.gov.pk)



## METROPOLITAN CORPORATION ISLAMABAD

Established under ICT Local Government Act 2015, Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad is tasked with various responsibilities such as executing and managing development plans, promoting technological parks, cottage, small and medium size enterprises.

Mayor : Sheikh Ansar Aziz

Website : [mci.gov.pk](http://mci.gov.pk)



## LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION OF SINDH

Is a registered and representative association of all the local councils of the districts of the Sindh Province.

President : Syed Kumail Haider Shah

Website : [lcas.org.pk](http://lcas.org.pk)



## LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION OF BALOCHISTAN

Is a designated organisation to ensure that local government's voice is heard within the organisation. It works closely with private and international organisations to promote and support democratic local government and advocate for local government's role in delivering development goals.

President : Mir Abid Hussain Lehri

Website : [lcab.org.pk](http://lcab.org.pk)



## FARIDPUR MUNICIPALITY

Was originally named Fatehabad and then renamed as Faridpur, after the name of a famous saint Shah Farid who settled at early thirteenth century and buried in Faridpur town.

Mayor : Shaikh Mahtab Ali Methu

Area : 2,072.72 km<sup>2</sup>

Population : 1,912,969

Website : [www.faridpurmunicipality.gov.bd](http://www.faridpurmunicipality.gov.bd)



## GOYANG CITY

Is one of the largest cities in the Seoul Capital Area and located in Gyeonggi Province in the north of South Korea.

Mayor : Lee Jae-joon

Area : 267.29 km<sup>2</sup>

Population : 1,073,069

Website : [www.goyang.go.kr](http://www.goyang.go.kr)



## JEONJU CITY

Is the capital of North Jeolla Province and the city's name literally means Perfect Region. It is an important tourist center that is famous for Korean food, historic buildings and festivals.

Mayor : Kim Seung-su

Area : 206.22 km<sup>2</sup>

Population : 652,392

Website : [www.jeonju.go.kr](http://www.jeonju.go.kr)



## PADANG MUNICIPALITY

Is the capital of West Sumatra Province in Indonesia. Historically, it had been a trading centre of pepper and gold in the precolonial era.

Mayor : Mahyedi Ansharullah

Area : 695 km<sup>2</sup>

Population : 1,000,096

Website : [www.padang.go.id](http://www.padang.go.id)



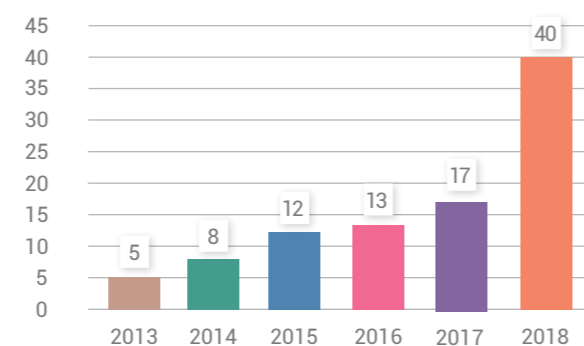
## Secretariat

UCLG ASPAC Secretariat is located in the Jakarta City Hall, demonstrating close working relations and invaluable partnership with the hosting city. The Secretariat provides crucial support to UCLG ASPAC President, Co-Presidents and other governing bodies in the exercise of their leadership and duties, including through coordination and organisation of annual statutory meetings and preparation of substantive documents. Furthermore, the Secretariat is tasked to translate UCLG ASPAC's visions and strategic guidance into concrete impacts on the ground. In doing so, the Secretariat works with its members and partners in Asia-Pacific to advocate for the prominence and interests of cities and local governments; foster exchanges of knowledge, promote peer-to-peer collaboration; implement policy advocacy activities, and strengthen members' capabilities and expertise through capacity enhancement projects.

## Meeting Our Staff

The Secretariat operates under the leadership of UCLG ASPAC Secretary General, supported by a team of 40 (as of Dec. 2018) members, both core and project staffs, who are responsible for a broad-range of UCLG ASPAC's work and activities throughout Asia-Pacific region. The Secretariat's team has significantly expanded in the past five years, as resulted by the dynamism of local governments and their significance in implementing the global development agendas, stronger demand for local-level international cooperation, as well as growing need for technical and knowledge support.

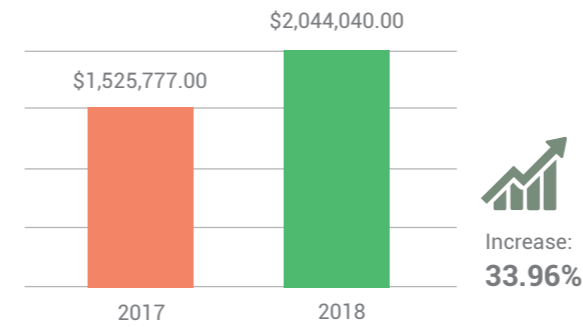
Number of UCLG ASPAC Secretariat Staff



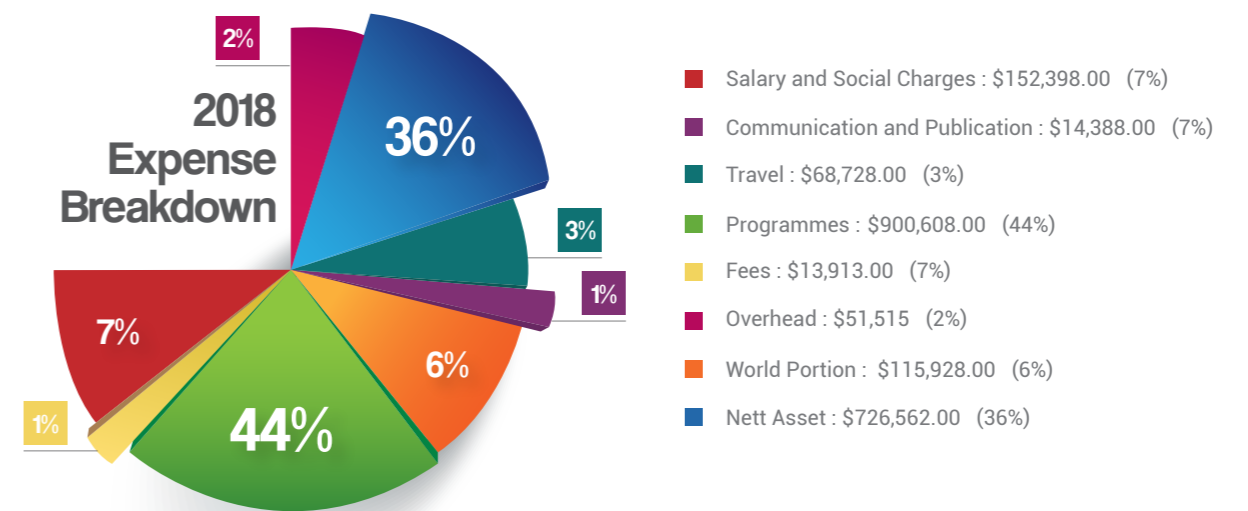
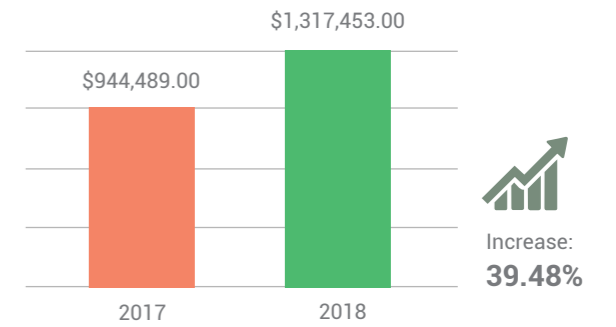
The above figure includes project staff members, but excludes interns.

## Financial Highlights

### Income



### Expense



### OTHER FACTORS THAT ALLOW UCLG ASPAC TO OPERATE AT REDUCED COSTS

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

## Main Contributors To Programmes





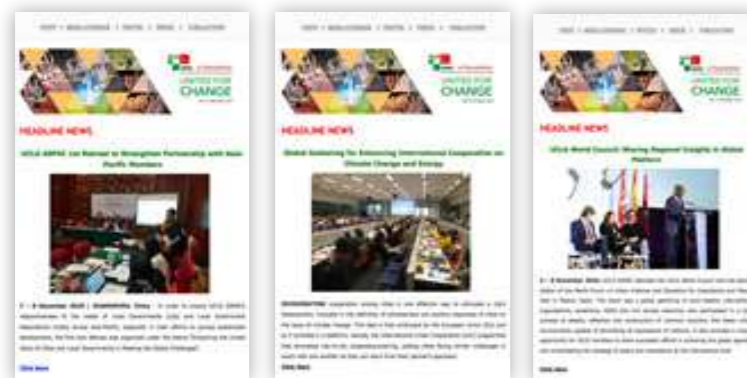
# Knowledge Development

THROUGHOUT 2018, UCLG ASPAC produced a broad range of information products and publications to facilitate knowledge sharing among members as well as the wider public.

## Newsletter



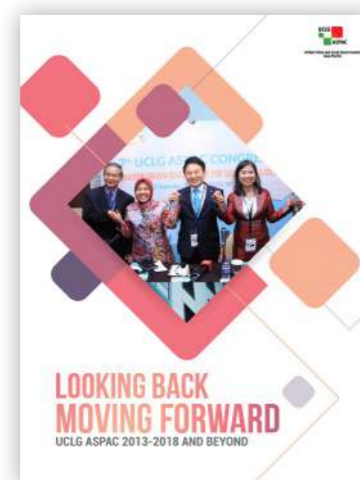
## E-newsletter



## Congress Proceedings



## Manifesto Publication



## Sanitation & Solid Waste Management



## UCLG ASPAC Website

www.uclg-aspac.org



## Other Publications

### ASEAN Mayors Forum



Video



AMF Proceeding

## Disaster Risk Reduction



## Organisation Profile



## The 7th UCLG ASPAC Congress Promotion



## Social Media

Twitter + 26.6%

2017: 1,598

2018: 2,024

Facebook + 22.1%

2017: 1,109

2018: 1,355



# Engaging Youth through Internship

UCLG ASPAC has consistently given opportunity for youth to get involved in Secretariat's works through internship programme. Year 2018 recorded 11 interns contributing to our works.



"There are a lot of things I have gained during my three-month internship at UCLG ASPAC. I was able to enhance my skills in doing researches on the implementation of various global commitments in Asia-Pacific countries. I also had the opportunity to gain friendly and professional networks from people of different backgrounds. Thank you for giving students insights on working in an international organisations."

**Mizalfia Nursabrina**  
Law, 2014, University of Gajah Mada (Indonesia)



"My internship at UCLG ASPAC was a wonderful experience. Though the organisation works in such a high pace, I eventually manage to catch up. The environment is energetic and friendly. I am grateful for the opportunity and the knowledge UCLG ASPAC had given me."

**Tania Latifa**  
International Relations, 2014, University of Paramadina (Indonesia)

**Hanh Huynh**  
International Relations, Deakin University (Melbourne)

**Viola Petrella**  
Master of Science in Urban Design and City Planning, University College London (UK)

**Dhiya R. Aisy**  
International Relations, 2014, University of Brawijaya (Indonesia)

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Architecture, 2012, Bandung Institute of Technology (Indonesia)

**Sarah Jasmine Riadi**  
Regional and City Planning, 2015, Bandung Institute of Technology (Indonesia)

**Almi Nibach**  
Law, 2014, University of Padjadjaran (Indonesia)

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International Relations, 2014, Parahyangan Catholic University (Indonesia)

**Sydney Callista**  
International Relations, 2015, President University (Indonesia)

**Nikolai Ayrton Leschen**  
International Studies, 2015, Deakin University (Australia)





# Partners

UCLG ASPAC would like to thank our partners.

Our work is made possible because of your support and collaboration.





# Calendar of Activities 2019

## JANUARY

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| <p>15-16   <i>National Conference "Local Government" - A Partner in National Development</i><br/><b>Islamabad</b>   Pakistan</p> <p><b>Organised by:</b><br/>EU, LCAP, and Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF)</p> | <p>30   <i>4<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Disaster Management</i><br/><b>Mumbai</b>   India</p> <p><b>Organised by:</b><br/>AIIISG</p> |
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## FEBRUARY

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| <p>11-15   <i>UCLG Retreat and Campus</i><br/><b>Barcelona</b>   Spain</p> <p><b>Organised by:</b><br/>UCLG World</p> | <p>17-22   <i>5<sup>th</sup> International Faecal Sludge Management Conference</i><br/><b>Cape Town</b>   Africa</p> <p><b>Organised by:</b><br/>Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation</p> |
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## MARCH

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| <p>13-15   <i>Global Policy Forum Development</i><br/><b>Brussels</b>   Belgium</p> <p><b>Organised by:</b><br/>EUROPEAN UNION</p> | <p>27-29   <i>Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD)</i><br/><b>Bangkok</b>   Thailand</p> <p><b>Organised by:</b><br/>UNESCAP</p> |
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## APRIL

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| <p>3-5   <i>3<sup>rd</sup> UCLG World Culture Summit</i><br/><b>Buenos Aires</b>   Argentina</p> <p><b>Organised by:</b><br/>UCLG World</p>                   | <p>5-6   <i>UCLG Executive Bureau</i><br/><b>Montevideo</b>   Uruguay</p> <p><b>Organised by:</b><br/>UCLG World</p>  |
| <p>25   <i>The 2<sup>nd</sup> Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation</i><br/><b>Beijing</b>   China</p> <p><b>Organised by:</b><br/>UCLG World</p> | <p>28 April - 2 May   <i>IX International Conference of Eurasia World Heritage Cities</i><br/><b>Denpasar</b>   Indonesia</p> <p><b>Organised by:</b><br/>Denpasar City, OWHC Euro-Asia, UCLG Eurasia</p> |

## MAY

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| <p>13-17   <i>6<sup>th</sup> Session of the Global Platform for the Disaster Risk Reduction (GP2019)</i><br/><b>Geneva</b>   Switzerland</p> <p><b>Organised by:</b><br/>UNISDR</p>  | <p>21-23   <i>UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau Meeting &amp; Yiwu Dialogue on International Economic and Trade Cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative</i><br/><b>Yiwu</b>   China</p> <p><b>Organised by:</b><br/>UCLG ASPAC, Yiwu</p> |
| <p>17-19   <i>Marine Economy and Urban Development - Coastal and Port Cooperation Forum of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Maritime Cooperation Committee</i><br/><b>Fuzhou</b>   China</p> <p><b>Organised by:</b><br/>UCLG ASPAC MCC</p> |   |

## JULY

- 9-18 | *High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)*  
**New York** | USA
- Organised by:**  
UN HABITAT, UNDESA

## SEPTEMBER

- 2-5 | *2019 UCLG ASPAC Council Meeting*  
**Makati City** | Phillipines
- Organised by:**  
UCLG ASPAC, Makati City Government

## NOVEMBER

- 11-15 | *UCLG World Congress and Local and Regional Governments Summit*  
**Durban** | South Africa
- Organised by:**  
UCLG World

### Note:

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

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