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CATALYZING LOCAL ACTION: LESSONS FROM ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

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Achievement of an organization, when well documented, will become foundation to step on higher stone. We present this Annual Report not only to record highlights of what we did in 2016, but also to acknowledge every effort made to make our works impactful.

Won Hee-ryong  
President, UCLG ASPAC

We were grateful we completed our 2016 journey. This would have never been possible without our members’ strong commitment, and partners’ effort that have reached to better level of collaboration. We shall continue our advocacy for resilient and livable cities and regions, and our work for marking tangible impact in the way we do and believe in. Thank you for our great year.

Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi  
Secretary General of UCLG ASPAC

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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Highlights

UCLG ASPAC and UN-Habitat have proven that public space could create a sense of belonging and strengthened social bonds and built good characters of the people. Surabaya gave its commitment and was chosen as the location for this first joint public space participatory design and construction in Indonesia.

Kampung Ketandan, Keputih, and Tanah Kali Kedinding were selected sites in Surabaya for public space development. On 27 July 2016, during the event of PrepCom 3 Habitat III, Cak Markeso Culture Hall at Kampung Ketadan, was inaugurated.

Kampung Ketandan

Community-led approach was used in developing “Cak Markeso” culture hall, or “pendopo” in local language. Located in the center of highly dense and historical Ketandan, where kampong is maintained (villagers embody camaraderie and positivity), the culture hall functioned to strengthen the interaction of local citizens. The development phase involved local community.

Keputih

In this area previously used as landfill, an indoor public space will be built. With involvement of lectures, university students and community, this site is to be turned into creative space. As the idea implies, this area is aimed to be room for art, education, and community center, which people can use for exhibition, performance, other activities, such as sport, or even just for relaxation. Turning old factory into public space will be a one of unique examples of urban renewal in Indonesia.

Tanah Kali Kedinding

Public space development in this area highly involves youth community groups. In developing ideas, Minecraft application, a computer game allowing community members to use virtual ‘digital interlocking toy bricks’ to construct their own public space designs is used. Surabaya City Government will soon embark on the construction using the proposed design.

This participatory approach was successful as a place to display cultural assets.

After inauguration, public space development has shown great progress. Read more on page 24-25.

Public space is an important element. Making investment in public space means putting emphasis on people-centered development, understanding linkages between needs and hopes of people and how public space can serve to address these and enrich quality of life.

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 quoted from UCLG ASPAC Publication, Public Spaces in Asia Pacific – Why Local Governments Need to Act
Asia-Pacific Welcoming Global Urban Agenda

As the last regional meeting before adoption of agenda for next 20 years, the 6th UCLG ASPAC Congress focused discussions on key factors that would support local leaders in implementation stage. The Congress attended by more than 800 participants from 146 cities and local governments, received congratulatory messages from dignitaries, including Secretary General of UN and the Chairman of National Assembly of the Republic of Korea.

Leadership became the highlight of discussions where it became apparent that there was a necessity for framework, vision and direction for local governments to pursue. In terms of governance, culture shall be embedded in the urban regeneration concept, in which people-centered development is put in front. To be able to do this, main actions in terms of advocacy efforts, peer-to-peer learning and capacity building need to be taken.

Other related themes including SDGs localization, local finance, disaster risk reduction, urban planning, agriculture, urban innovation, public space, as well as city resilience were also discussed in various networking sessions in collaboration with partners.

In line with the inclusive message as key factor in the success of future urban development, the Congress also embraced various parties to offer their goods and services that might help local leaders in fulfilling local needs.

Jeollabuk-do Declaration was commitment resulted in this 6th Congress. It unites all members and partners in setting up future actions for sustainable urban development. Statutory Meeting was also held and saw election of President and Co-President for period of 2016-2018. Governor Won Hee Ryong was re-elected for the second term as the President of the organization.

See new structure of UCLG ASPAC Governing Bodies on the next page.

Song Ha Jin
Governor, Jeollabuk-do

We all pursue the same objectives to make local communities have more job opportunities and live happier lives.
Highlights

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Harnessing Connectivity for One Belt, One Road

CONNECTING people is the heart of successful cooperation. To promote collaboration between governments and wider international communities, UCLG ASPAC provided tool for local leaders and practitioners within Silk Road route to gain benefits from those connectivity.

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Launching of One Belt, One Road

UCLG ASPAC has launched a new magazine “One Belt, One Road” with the idea behind the production is to forge partnership of local leaders, citizens and development players along the route.

Quarterly printed, the content of the magazine covers information that stimulates leaders and citizens to encourage development in their local areas and raise their pride. With expectation to make the magazine as positive guidance for people and local governments within the area, the magazine is composed of local initiatives, case studies, opinion pieces, innovation, and news coverage from various areas.

One Belt, One Road is expected to become a platform to share knowledge, know-how, experience, enhance cross-culture understanding and improve communication among local governments and society from Europe, Asia, and Africa and to function as a bridge for their sharing and interactions.

Its first issue was launched in Guangzhou, during The 3rd Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation Conference, and Festival on 7 December 2016.
Driving Change for Better Tomorrow

SDGs, No One Left Behind

“Implementation of SDGs Commitment in Indonesia: Role of Civilians and Local Government”

Summary of Discussion:

- **Capacity building:** It should be conducted not only for local governments, but also CSOs and NGOs.
- **Participatory:** Involvement of various stakeholders is without question.
- **Integration:** Aligning SDGs with national plans is important. SDGs is not new for local governments. They can make adjustment of existing goals with local issues and priorities.
- **Governance:** There is a need of SDGs indicators, database, and benchmark in implementation.

FGD was held by UCLG ASPAC as part of the enabling environment research on SDGs implementation carried out under the framework of Policy Forum on Development (PFD) of EU. UCLG ASPAC together with other regional sections and networks represents local Governments in PFD.

Asia-Pacific towards the Post 2030 Agenda

“Regional Priorities for the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific” outcome of Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) organised by UNESCAP in Bangkok.

Recommendation of APFSD:

- Support countries in implementing the 2030 Agenda, particularly developing countries and countries with special needs, including through capacity development.
- Provide regional perspective on sustainable development agenda implementation, consolidate and share best practices and lessons learned.
- Support follow-up and review of progress on the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs at regional level.

Preparing for the New Urban Agenda

Advocacy during the Preparatory Committee 3 of Habitat III Conference in Surabaya:

- Prioritizing Children and Youth within the New Urban Agenda (NUA).
- Civic and Youth Participation in the Wired Age.
- Cities and the SDGs – Ensuring That No One is Left Behind.
- Conditions and Identifying Priority Actions.
- Inclusive Cities, Leave No Person and No Space Behind.
- Multilevel Policy for Stronger Intermediary Cities
- Women Mayors Forum, advocating women’s role in local governance.
Advocacy and capacity building during the congress:

- City and Local Government Enabling Environment Rating in Asia and the Pacific.
- Induction Session on Urban Planning for City Leaders Workshop.
- Leadership in New Urban Agenda.
- How can Governance Transform Urban Regeneration.
- Value of Culture in Urban Transformation.
- Session on Sinking Island.
- Learning for Localizing SDGs.
- Toward Sustainable Urbanization: Implementing the Sendai Framework.
- Sustainable Agriculture and Responsibility of Local Government.
- Regional Sustainable Development and Urban Innovation.
- Strength of Community Participation in Public Space Planning and Management.
- Enhancing City Resilience with Multiple Interventions.
- UN-Habitat’s Principles and Approaches for Sustainable Urban Development and Planning.

Result: Jeollabuk-do Declaration

“Connecting Social and Environmental Movements and the Global Progressive Forum (GPF)”

The roundtable discussion involved NGOs and covered the current and emerging challenges on social justice, sustainable growth, and social progress, etc. in Indonesia. It was an open discussion of key local players with the EU Members of Parliament.

Our global connection conducted advocacy at plenary and parallel sessions.

UCLG ASPAC’s political representatives made contributions to the Second World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments and gave interventions at numerous local governments’ sessions.

UCLG ASPAC produced the video on SDGs and the road map for local governments in localizing SDGs to raise awareness of members on SDGs and New Urban Agenda, in line with the slogan of “No one left behind.”

Click to watch UCLG ASPAC Video on SDGs:
Implementing Sendai Framework, Saving Lives of Many

Knowledge transfer from several cities revealed various actions taken by cities in reducing disaster risk. Bihar State (India), for example, had arranged Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Roadmap, a guide for local government in mitigating disaster risk. Different useful methods were uniquely developed by local governments of Thailand and Philippines in mitigating disaster risk.

A common understanding was formed in terms of the need to provide necessary training for local government to build capacity in dealing with disaster situations. Other findings included creation of platform consisting of local people and multi-level stakeholders and to capacitate them with necessary knowledge particularly regarding early warning system.

Represented by Secretary General at the 6th Asian Ministerial Conference on DRR in New Delhi last November, UCLG ASPAC highlighted the importance of partnership in mitigating disaster risk: “A mix of factors account for the high mortality in the region due to disasters, including highly-dense urban areas, poor planning, the frequency and intensity of hazards such as earthquakes, typhoons, floods, droughts, wildfires and others.” This is where the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) plays its role. It places strong emphasis on disaster risk management with intention to achieve substantial reductions in disaster losses over the next 15 years.

The group stakeholder session, “Boosting Local Authorities Actions to Implement the Sendai Framework” was a pre-conference session in AMCDRR 2016. This event was organized by UCLG ASPAC and UNISDR and saw strong participation of 64 mayors, local authorities, and other related stakeholders mostly coming from Asia. Statement of Action by Local Authorities was released, expressing their commitment in four priority areas on DRR, such as understanding risks through good data collection, making smart investment in DRR for resilience and building critical infrastructure.

Bihar State’s effort in implementing Sendai Framework into DRR Roadmap is in line with the SFDRR target “e” which is providing an opportunity to promote local practices through development and adoption of local disaster risk reduction strategies/ plans by 2020.

Professor Chandrasekar
Minister of Disaster Management of Gov. of Bihar India

“I believe the SFDRR will provide the answers to Local Governments in identifying alternative and applicable strategies, policies and courses of actions needed to make our Cities resilient.”

Madelaine Alfelor
Mayor of Iriga City, Philippines

Asia-Pacific is the most prone region in the world with high percentage of deaths and number of reported disaster. UCLG ASPAC, partnering with UNISDR, mobilized local government awareness and commitment, in support of local implementation of disaster risk reduction in the context of sustainable urbanization. In its manifesto, UCLG ASPAC puts emphasis on the importance of advocacy and capacity building for the implementation of Sendai Framework for Action (2015-2030).
**Capacity Building**

**Overcoming Challenges, Pursuing Sustainable Urban Mobility**

Committed to the pursuit of long-term sustainability of urban transport system, UCLG ASPAC created a platform for city officials at the national and regional level to address challenge of transportation in urban areas. The platform actively functioned in 2016 with two workshops and summed up with action plan recommendation.

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UCLG ASPAC submitted the workshop’s recommendations and city-base action plans to the respected cities and local governments for possible implementation. During the workshop in Surakarta, Secretary General also appointed Dr. Gyeng-Chul Kim as the Special Advisor for Transport of UCLG ASPAC given his contribution and continuous support towards building sustainable mobility in the Asia-Pacific region.

Local Government Transport Officers Network are scheduled to meet again in Guangzhou in 2017.

Held as follow-up of Sustainable Mobility Workshop in Seoul 2015, Local Government Transport Officers Network Workshop on Sustainable Mobility, held in Salatiga from 23-24 March 2016, discussed progress of action plans set by 35 Indonesian local governments, based on what they learned in training conducted previously in Seoul. This opportunity was also used to resolve problems arising during action plan implementation.

As platform of knowledge sharing, the forum was led by three (3) experts from Seoul, Guangzhou, and Jakarta. Sharing success stories of three (3) different areas, they highlighted the importance of integration of transport and urban planning, financing scheme as well as the use of technology. In exposing the success stories, Guangzhou and Jakarta saw similarity in transport development plan that put emphasis on transit-oriented development.

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**Gyengchul-Kim PhD, PE, Prof**

Special Advisor for Transportation, UCLG ASPAC/
Former President of Korean Transport Institute (KOTI)

**Salatiga is a beautiful, clean and cool city. It is like Zurich of Indonesia. It is an innovative and sustainable model city. I am very inspired by Mayor’s passionate leadership and workshop delegation’s efforts for improving their city transport systems. I am also proud of my appointment as UCLG ASPAC Special Advisor for Transportation.**

**Local Government Transport Officers Network met in Salatiga to together review the progress of action plans’ implementation.**
Capacity Building

Culture on Spotlight, Enlightening the Mind

UCLG ASPAC Culture Committee inspired local leaders to exchange views and practices on incorporating culture in local development. It delivers the message that culture is the 4th pillar of sustainable development.

UCLG ASPAC provides a platform for local leaders to elaborate on the role of culture in supporting planning and development. Local authorities exchange insights on how they see, value, and put culture in local planning for urban transformation and economic development, the know-how of policy creation, implementation, and results or benefits gained.

Recognizing local culture potency is keyword for achieving success. Establishing partnership and creating network with artists are practices local government can account for. In the context of limited funding, conducting research is strongly recommended. The goal is to identify local assets that can be utilized to support development. In this context, potential local asset also include resources that can be developed together with neighbor cities/areas, a point that addresses the importance of recognizing potentials of surrounding areas.

UCLG ASPAC Forum on Culture in Local Planning was held in collaboration with Surakarta City Government. This 1st ASPAC Culture Forum was conducted on 25-27 October 2016 at Sunan Hotel, Solo and saw participation of local authorities and representatives of Asian cities and regencies. Surakarta City Government is a founding member of ASPAC Culture Committee established in 2015. Through this Forum, attendees brought home new understanding of culture, inspirations to network with relevant actors in promoting culture, and ways to develop culture with limited resources, but with an abundance of creativity.

"It is a great opportunity for us to share, but also greater opportunity to learn from other cities when it comes to cultural governance."

Janina Medina-Farinas
Councillor of Vigan City

Making Culture the Heart of Tourism Development

WITH broad understanding of culture, particularly in the context of development, UCLG ASPAC concretized the benefits of culture by capacitating local leaders in developing cultural tourism through Capacity Building on Cultural Tourism Development in the Asia-Pacific Region.

UCLG ASPAC is committed to promote culture as the 4th pillar of sustainable development. In addition to constant advocacy of the theme, offering this training is one of several other ways that this message is shared.

UNITAR CIFAL Jeju stands for United Nations Institute for Training and Research hosted by Jeju Special Self-Governing Province. It is a principal training arm of the United Nations. Partnership between UCLG ASPAC and UNITAR CIFAL Jeju has fruitfully produced various workshops that contribute to economic and social development, particularly in Asia-Pacific.

Local government should understand their local potency and uniqueness to promote their identity. Culture and tourism if both are well packaged can accelerate prosperity of our society. Held in cooperation with UNITAR CIFAL Jeju, the training built a foundation for the identification of cultural resources and emphasized the idea that development of cultural tourism should be community-based, culture driven, and tourism-led. In measuring outcomes, results will need to give impact on the economic domain, such as giving positive feedbacks on employment, and the cultural domain, such as connection to heritage is enhanced.

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Strengthening Collaboration, Encouraging Good Local Governance in Southeast Asia

Partnerhips for Democratic Local Governance in Southeast-Asia (DELGSEA) actively promotes cooperation amongst cities, local governments and other key actors in ASEAN member states to boost the spirit of ASEAN “One Vision, One Identity, One Community.” Best practice exchanges on local economic development and solid waste reduction, peer-to-peer learning between Laos and Thailand, these were highlights of 2016 activities.

Inspirational Lessons on Solid Waste from Thailand to Laos

The peer exchange between Laos and Thailand was held October 2016. Laos delegates from various Districts in Vientiane, Savannakhet Province and NGOs visited Thailand to learn Thai experience in managing solid waste and developing smart practices. They learned Reduce, Reuse and Recycle (3Rs) and community engagement on solid waste management from Nongsamrong Municipality in Udonthani Province, Sakholnakhon Municipality in Sakholnakhon Province, and Khonkaen Municipality in Khonkaen Province.

This visit has inspired Laos delegates to spread awareness and replicate lesson learnt from Thailand in their respective municipalities.

Promoting 3Rs, Transforming Trash to Cash

“Designs for Success: Best Practices in Local Waste Management” Workshop held by DELGOSEA in August 2016 in Siem Reap, Cambodia, inspired participants that solid waste was manageable; Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle (3Rs) were possible.

Conducted back-to-back with DELGOSEA Network Meeting, the workshop saw participation of local authorities from Southeast Asia, resource persons from Germany and UNESCAP stimulating the discussions on strategies and practical lessons in managing the waste.

Syarif Fasha, Mayor of Jambi City, took this opportunity to expose the progress his city achieved in managing solid waste. 3Rs were not just slogan, but were the key factors of success in Jambi’s waste reduction. To support this program, the city has 61 waste banks, waste separation at local level, does 3Rs to gain income and to change people’s behaviors. This program has contributed to 5% inorganic waste reduction (around 21 tons of inorganic waste) every day. Jambi with support of UCLG ASPAC and UNESCAP is preparing the construction of Integrated Resource Recovery Centre (IRRC).

Building Capacity to Develop Local Economy

UCLG ASPAC in collaboration with the Malaysian Association of Local Authorities (NALA) and Seberang Perai Municipal Government, organized the LED Training in Seberang Perai, Malaysia, on 13-15 December 2016. In this training, 66 participants were introduced about LED. They also learned knowledge and skills in strategic planning, stakeholder engagement, assessment of economic management of cities/regions, and SWOT analysis.

Participants were also given the opportunity to exercise the knowledge through group discussion, presenting their analysis of what makes a city competitive, and to assess the works of other groups. They proposed concrete actions and received feedback from Mayor Maimunah, Mayor Madelaine Alfelor of Iriga and Secretary General of UCLG ASPAC, for implementation. To enrich the knowledge, they were also invited to a field visit in one of Seberang Perai’s public markets.
From Idle to Favourable
The idea to revitalize old buildings to become useful again is not new; but turning it into a place that can be freely accessed by the public is, at least in Indonesia, particularly in the Keputih area of Surabaya. Involving citizens of Surabaya, UCLG ASPAC led the design planning stage to revitalize the ex-incinerator complex to become not only a public space, but a landmark of Surabaya city. Establishing collaboration with various stakeholders, UCLG ASPAC set a workshop to unite the voice of universities, community representatives from disabilities, communities of art, sport, education, as well as organizations with concerns in women and children. The brainstormed ideas were reflected into design that caters to the needs: sports field, community space, prayer room, children playground, pool, movie area, gallery.

UCLG ASPAC expects that Keputih public space project will enlighten other local governments that public space not only about park and outdoor space, but also indoor space.

Technology in Designing the City
One way to accommodate the needs of people is to provide them with a tool to design the space they will be able to access freely. In collaboration with Mojang, UCLG ASPAC involves the use of “Minecraft,” computer game application, to help public construct their own design in Tanah Kali Redinding site. Through a 3-day workshop, participants were given an opportunity to develop their own design through group works. Attending this meeting were locals, planning departments of Surabaya, local leaders, technical experts, and NGOs. Proposed services include play ground, toilet, garden, parking space, and Javanese house (joglo). Final design of public space in this site was then overlayed with the city’s plan in order to cater the needs of citizens and local government.

Culture at Spotlight
Bottom-up approach is echoed in the realization of new urban agenda. To realize it, unity is key. And of many binding factors, culture plays an important role. Considering this, UCLG ASPAC embraces initiative of locals in Ketandan area that put high value in their culture and would like to preserve it. Within the consideration, a culture hall was agreed to be rebuilt and Cak Markeso, a prominent figure that played Ludruk (local theatrical performance), was selected as the name of the culture hall. In developing this public space, community involvement started from the planning, building, and even up to its maintenance. Inaugurated during the PrepCom3 Habitat III event in July 2016, the culture hall has become a witness of various cultural activities: Ludruk Festival.

Friendly Sidewalk in Sidoarjo
Vibrant street life is one key feature that supports sustainable urban neighborhoods. Included in a safe city life, one effort is to make a provision of safe side walks and sufficient street lighting. Building on this thought, UCLG ASPAC in collaboration with Sidoarjo Regency created a new face of sidewalk in Sidoarjo. Building the pavement includes providing street lights, sufficient sidewalk space, and greener environment. This has impacted not only the comfort of pedestrians but also the look of Sidoarjo. As sidewalk is public space, this participatory design of sidewalk has opened the eyes of policy makers that public space is for all.
In Lendang Nangka, only rich people could gain access to clean water. This situation encouraged local people residing in Lendang Nangka area to gather, discuss, and brainstorm together to solve the problem. And it is from the discussion, the BUMDes Pengelolaan Air Bersih (village owned enterprise – Clean Water Management) was established.

This institution has implemented several approaches in order that clean water management can run well: utilizing the local culture of “musyawarah” (consensus building) in decision making process, operating water meter for fair distribution, setting the water management system as part of religious activities, providing transparent financial report to earn trust, and supporting the formation of water spring care group “Kelompok Peduli Sumber Mata Air Asih Tigasa (Asih Tigasa Water Spring Care Group)”.

Nowadays, local people not only can gain access to clean water, but they also take good care of the built structure and even plan to explore more access to the spring water.

Malang Regency saw challenges in waste disposal management. Regarding this, they initiated the development of different concept of final processing, turning it into an educational center, as the goal is to give benefits to local people. In developing the new concept, Malang Regency intensively involved local people and academicians to make the final processing as the center of education or laboratory to develop and implement waste related technology and utilization of renewable energy from methane.

The final processing spot has also been a learning center for students in high schools and colleges as well as various other stakeholders to develop positive behavior towards environment.

To realize the new concept, strategies implemented include final processing operation changing, from open dumping to controlled landfill, waste reduce by implementing 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle), develop local economy from renewable energy source (methane), and make final processing area into green and beautiful area complete with facilities for local people to gather or just relax.
Assessing Conducive Environment in Localizing the Global Agenda

THE adoption of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in September 2015 and New Urban Agenda in October 2016 highlights the important role of urban local governments. Rapid transformation from rural to urban world and centralized to decentralized system brings local governments even closer to the forefront of the undertaking of development challenges. UCLG ASPAC sees the need for local governments to be able to identify and address institutional and governance shortcomings impacting urban efficiencies.

UCLG ASPAC established partnership with Cities Alliance and UNDP to provide a guiding tool for local governments to see the progress and constraints of decentralization and outline potential ways to improve policy implementation: City and Local Government Enabling Environment Rating in Asia and the Pacific (EE Rating).

The EE Rating works by adopting a qualitative approach by assessing countries on a scale from 1 (least effective) to 4 (most effective) on 5 areas: local governance, local capacity, financial autonomy, local efficiency and the national institutional framework.

Started in September 2016, this assessment is predicted to gain final result in mid of 2017 and involve 30 countries in Asia-Pacific. During the process, the assessment has shown initial result in 10 countries.

Initial Results of Rapid Assessment: 10 Pilot Countries

- Most countries in Asia Pacific are doing well in Transparency, Citizen Participation, and Local Performance (Criteria 7,8,9).
- Criteria of Constitution, Legislative, Local Democracy, and Financial Transfer from Central to Local Government are found average in these countries (Criteria 1,2,3,4).
- All sample countries are generally lacking in National Urban Strategy (Criteria 10).
- Meanwhile, capacity building for local governments and local governments revenue are still weak in some countries.

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*) Note: The chart shows initial assessment of EE Rating result. Higher score reflects better environment a country has provided for its local governments.
ONE Framework, ONE Goal

ASPAC Committees and Working Groups

THE ASPAC Committees and Working Groups are facilities provided by ASPAC Secretariat as platform for members to closely network within specific shared goal. ASPAC Secretariat believes that valuable cooperation occurs when relevant stakeholders find support at hand and are given maximum flexibility to function. With the given authority, Committees are allowed to co-opt other parties to participate in its deliberations under the framework of UCLG ASPAC. Relevant parties may include Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), and representatives of National Governments, Regional Organizations of Governments, International Development Agencies, and other parties deemed appropriate by the Committees. Driven by the needs, UCLG ASPAC, upon approval of Executive Bureau, has initiated the establishment of 4 Committees and 3 Working Groups.

Standing Committee on Women in Local Governments

To focus activities on strengthening women's local public leadership, members of this Committee took time in the 6th UCLG ASPAC Congress held in Jeollabuk-do, Republic of Korea, to meet and discuss the women empowerment. Various smart practices were shared. Some of them included “Prosperity Family” group. Shared by Mayor Soumini Jain of Cochin (India), the group has existed to empower women so that they do not depend solely on husband in making money. The Committee encouraged local government associations to establish units focusing on women and gender issues, and likewise agreed to have a working group at national level.

Standing Committee for Southeast Asia (DELGOSEA)

DELGOSEA has conducted regular meeting, from Steering Council meeting up to various workshops. Its fruitful activity included peer exchange in form of study visit of Laos to Thailand for solid waste management. Other activity included the Local Economic Development Workshop conducted in Seberang Perai, Malaysia. Both activities were conducted in 2016 and adhered to highlight that DELGOSEA has been promoting: twinning and partnership between local governments and peoples through the exchange and transfer of success stories in good governance.

Standing Committee of South and Southwest Asia

Culture Committee

Established in 2015 with the goal to promote culture as the forth pillar of sustainable development in Asia Pacific cities and local governments, the ASPAC Culture Committee facilitates knowledge-sharing of cultural policies and exemplary practices, and establishes an active culture network in the region. The Committee held its first Forum entitled Collaborative Culture: UCLG ASPAC Forum on Culture in Local Planning. The 2-day workshop was held in Solo, Indonesia, on 25-26 October 2016 and managed to enlighten participants in expanding horizon regarding culture and how to integrate it into their local planning.

3 Working Groups

- **Women in Local Government**
  To focus on the issue of gender empowerment and women participation in order to strengthen the role of women and their contribution in governments.

- **Global Agenda of Development**
  To focus on global agendas which are Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the New Urban Agenda, Climate Change Agreement and Addis Ababa Agreement on Financing.

- **Asia-Pacific Local Economy Network**
  To enrich the issue of local economic development in attempt to develop innovation for local income generation and promote green growth.

Why should I join?

- Close networking with specific shared goal accelerating cooperation. It becomes at heart of thematic working knowledge.

How to join?

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The Jeju Forum
Governor Won Hee-ryong met with J.B Straubel, co-founder and Chief Technology Officer of Tesla Motors, which was a sensation in releasing the ‘Model 3’ electric vehicle onto the world auto market. The 11th Jeju Forum for Peace and Prosperity had the title of “Asia’s New Order and Cooperative Leadership” and was held at Jeju International Convention Center, 25-27 May 2016. It was attended by approximately 5,000 people from 60 countries including world leaders, former and present high-ranking government officials, and others.

The 3rd South Asian Cities Summit
The All India Institute of Local-Self Government (AILSG) in collaboration with UCLG ASPAC organized a two-day South Asian Cities Summit on 6-7 May 2016 in New Delhi. The theme of the Summit is ‘Smart Cities—Aspirations and Challenges’. The event witnessed the participation of over 300 national and international delegates, and over 70 city mayors and commissioners from India and other South Asian countries.

First Coral Triangle Initiative – Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) Local Government Network Conference
Wakatobi Regency (South East Sulawesi, Indonesia) hosted the CTI-CFF Local Government Network Conference on 2–4 June 2016. The event was organized under the Local Government Network Coral Triangle initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (LGN CTI – CFF). This event was held as concern of six coral triangle countries: Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste.

Korea-China Governors Forum
On 8 June 2016, Governors Association of Korea (GAOK) together with Chinese People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), successfully held the 1st Korea-China Governors Forum in Incheon Songdo International City. The Forum was held under the theme of “Promoting Exchange among the Local Governments for the First Anniversary of the Korea-China FTA’ with two different sessions: ‘economy’ and ‘culture and tourism’.

Equi-City Project
Supported by the European Union, the Equi-City project aims at promoting inclusive and sustainable growth of Indian cities through collaborative multi-stakeholder approach using participatory governance between local authorities and stakeholders, ensuring equitable provision of municipal services, promoting diversity within and capacity development of local government organizations. In India, Nagpur city has been chosen as the first project city under the Equi-City project.

3rd Global Mayoral Forum
Quezon City hosted the 3rd Global Mayoral Forum, held on 29-30 September 2016. The event took theme “Governing Locally: City Leadership at the Front and Center in Implementing Migration Policy – Promoting Development and Securing Protection”. This Forum sees migrants and their families as agents of development in origin and destination communities. Coming from this definition, local and regional authorities are expected to provide supporting environment physically, socially and economically, such as provision of financial and technical support, establishing necessary and needed structures and facilities.

Korea-China Governors Forum
National General Assembly of Local Government
Australian Local Government Association held National General Assembly of Local Government within 19-22 June 2016 in Canberra, taking on theme “Partners in an Innovative and Prosperous Australia.” The event articulated the drive in the Australian local government sector to work in partnership with the Federal Government in creating an innovative and prosperous Australia and our program supported this theme and ambition.
Our New Members

CHANGSHA
Changsha, also known as the Star City, is the political, economic and cultural center of Hunan province. Changsha now governs six districts of Furong, Tianxin, Yuelu, Kaifu, Yuhua and Wangcheng, two counties of Changsha and Ningxiang, and the city of Liuyang.
Mayor: Chen Wenhao
Population: 7.43 million (approximately)
Land area: 11,819 km²
Website: en.changsha.gov.cn

SINGKAWANG
Singkawang City is located in the Province of West Kalimantan. The name of the city comes from Hakka dialect, which literally means “Mountain Mouth Seas,” that refers to a place between the mountain and the sea. It is because Singkawang geographically borders the Natuna Sea to the west and mountains such as Raya, Pasi, Poteng and Roban to the east and south, while the river flows through the city into the Natuna Sea.
Mayor: H. Awang Ishak
Population: 192,844 (approximately)
Land area: 504.0 km²

SOUTH TANGERANG
South Tangerang is a part of Jakarta Metropolitan Area and has easy access with good infrastructure to the capital city. Originally a residential area as the capital buffer zone, the city has been thriving to be a business activity center with services as the main activity. Various choices of culinary experience and lively youth community hustle are some of the things visitors should encounter in the city.
Mayor: Airin Rachmi Diany
Population: 1,543,200 (approximately)
Land area: 147.19 km²
Website: www.tangerangselatankota.go.id

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY OF MALDIVES
Name of the National Association: Local Government Authority
Country: Maldives
President: Mr. Azleen Ahmed
Number of people represented by National Association: 402,071 people/188 island councils
Website: lga.gov.mv

GALLE
The Galle Municipal Council is the local council for Galle, the capital city of Southern Province of Sri Lanka, the third level administrative division of the country. The Council was established under the Municipalities Ordinance of 1865 as the third municipal council of Sri Lanka.
Mayor: W. Kalum Senevirathna
Population: 97,000

Financial Highlights

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Other Contributions that allow UCLG ASPAC to operate at reduced costs
Host City (Jakarta) has provided office space for the UCLG ASPAC Secretariat, including electricity. Organizations and local governments financed the Council meetings and programme activities.

Main contributions to UCLG ASPAC Programmes

40% PROJECT IN 2016

* Provisional as of March 2017. Reflects total expenses for 2016, extracted prior to the finalization and auditing of UCLG ASPAC financial statements.
**UCLG ASPAC Communication Tools**

- **Website**: www.uclg-aspac.org
- **Twitter**: @uclgaspac
  - 1,201 Followers
  - @uclgaspac
- **Facebook**: UCLGASPCOfficial
  - 832 Likes
  - uclgaspac
- **Instagram**: uclgaspac
- **YouTube**: uclgaspac

**Top 10 Countries**

- United States
- Indonesia
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- Mexico
- South Africa
- Spain
- Korea, South
- Thailand
- United States

**Increase**

- **Facebook**: 2016 - 832, 2015 - 633, 31.43%
- **Twitter**: 2016 - 1,201, 2015 - 623, 92.77%

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**UCLG ASPAC Publications**

- **Newsletter**: Download all publications on our website or contact us for hard copy!
Secondees & Interns

Secondees

Wen Jun

“Hello, My name is Wen Jun. I am the secondee from Guangzhou Municipal Government, People's Republic of China. My secondment in UCLG ASPAC was from 1 March and finished on 28 May 2016. In China, I work for Guangzhou Port Authority. I explored more cooperation between Guangzhou and Indonesia in the port industry during my secondment period in UCLG ASPAC. I like Indonesians and I have so many Chinese-Indonesia relatives in Jakarta.

Thank you for all the kindness and care from Secretary General and all my colleagues in UCLG ASPAC.”

Anne Pan Yun

“My name is Anne Pan Yun. I am the secondee from Guangzhou Municipal Government. My secondment in UCLG ASPAC started from July 23 and finished on 19 October 2016. I got better understanding of this organization and found opportunities to explore exchange and cooperation between Guangzhou and other member cities of UCLG ASPAC. I am grateful that through my secondment period, I could gain knowledge about an international organization.”

Young Gyu Kang

“Hello, my name is Young Gyu Kang and I am secondee from Seoul Metropolitan Government, Republic of Korea. I was with UCLG ASPAC Secretariat from February 2015 until end of 2016. My family and I were happy when we were in Jakarta, thanks for the help of the Secretary General and staff in UCLG ASPAC. I experienced great time in UCLG ASPAC. Not only I gained international network, but also new experience in life.”

Interns

Daris Rafi Fauzan

“Hi, my name is Daris Rafi Fauzan. I am a 6th semester student at Universitas Brawijaya, majoring in International Relations. I started my internship on July 11, 2016 until September 2016. I was involved in several events that UCLG ASPAC and partners held. It was a pleasure to serve local community in collaboration with international experts.”

Giovanni Urru

“Hi! I’m Giovanni Urru. I graduated from the University of Cagliari, in Sardinia, Italy, in 2013 under the Erasmus Program of the European Union. I also studied at the University of Cyprus and was an exchange student of the Erasmus Program, European Union, at the Interamerican Open University, Argentina, in 2015. I obtained my Master’s Degree in Law in June 2016. In my mind, joining UCLG ASPAC for my internship was an achievement. I love Indonesia and Bali is the most wonderful place I have visited.”

Partners

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

Cities Alliance

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www.citiesalliance.org

Cities Alliance Without Limits

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Cities Alliance - Regional Adviser for Asia

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*) To get the full and updated list of events, do not hesitate to contact us or check out our website.

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