



UCLG ASPAC
**EXECUTIVE BUREAU MEETING
& ASIA-PACIFIC FORUM**
Kendari, Southeast Sulawesi • Indonesia
7 - 9 May 2026



United Cities and Local Governments
Asia-Pacific

Programme Book

THE FIRST SESSION OF THE 2026 UCLG ASPAC EXECUTIVE
BUREAU MEETING AND THE ASIA-PACIFIC FORUM

**“Advancing Sustainable Tourism for a Resilient Future
and Inclusive Economic Growth”**

7 – 9 May 2026 | Claro Hotel, Kendari, Southeast Sulawesi, Indonesia

About Kendari City

Kendari, the capital city of Southeast Sulawesi, Indonesia, is a rapidly developing urban centre known for its vibrant economy and cultural diversity. As a gateway to the province's natural attractions, the city offers a distinctive combination of natural beauty, cultural heritage, and coastal tourism experiences, and is strategically positioned to promote sustainable tourism and marine conservation.

With a population of over 400,000, Kendari serves as the economic and administrative hub of the province, with key sectors including agriculture, fisheries, mining, and tourism. The city is committed to advancing inclusive economic growth, environmental sustainability, and resilience, aligning with global frameworks such as the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



About Southeast Sulawesi Province

Southeast Sulawesi, located in the south-eastern part of Sulawesi Island, Indonesia, is a province known for its rich cultural heritage, diverse ecosystems, and growing economic potential. Home to over 2.8 million people and spanning approximately 46,000 square kilometres, the province is notably associated with the Wakatobi Archipelago, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve recognised for its exceptional marine biodiversity.

The economy is driven by agriculture, mining, fisheries, and tourism, with a strong emphasis on sustainable development. Southeast Sulawesi plays an important role in advancing regional initiatives and contributing to global discussions on sustainable tourism, marine conservation, and local governance.

Population	Over 2.8 million residents
Province	Southeast Sulawesi, Indonesia
Key Sectors	Agriculture, Fisheries, Mining, Tourism
UNESCO Site Nearby	Wakatobi Archipelago Biosphere Reserve
Tourism Focus	Community-Based & Sustainable Tourism
SDG Alignment	UN Sustainable Development Goals



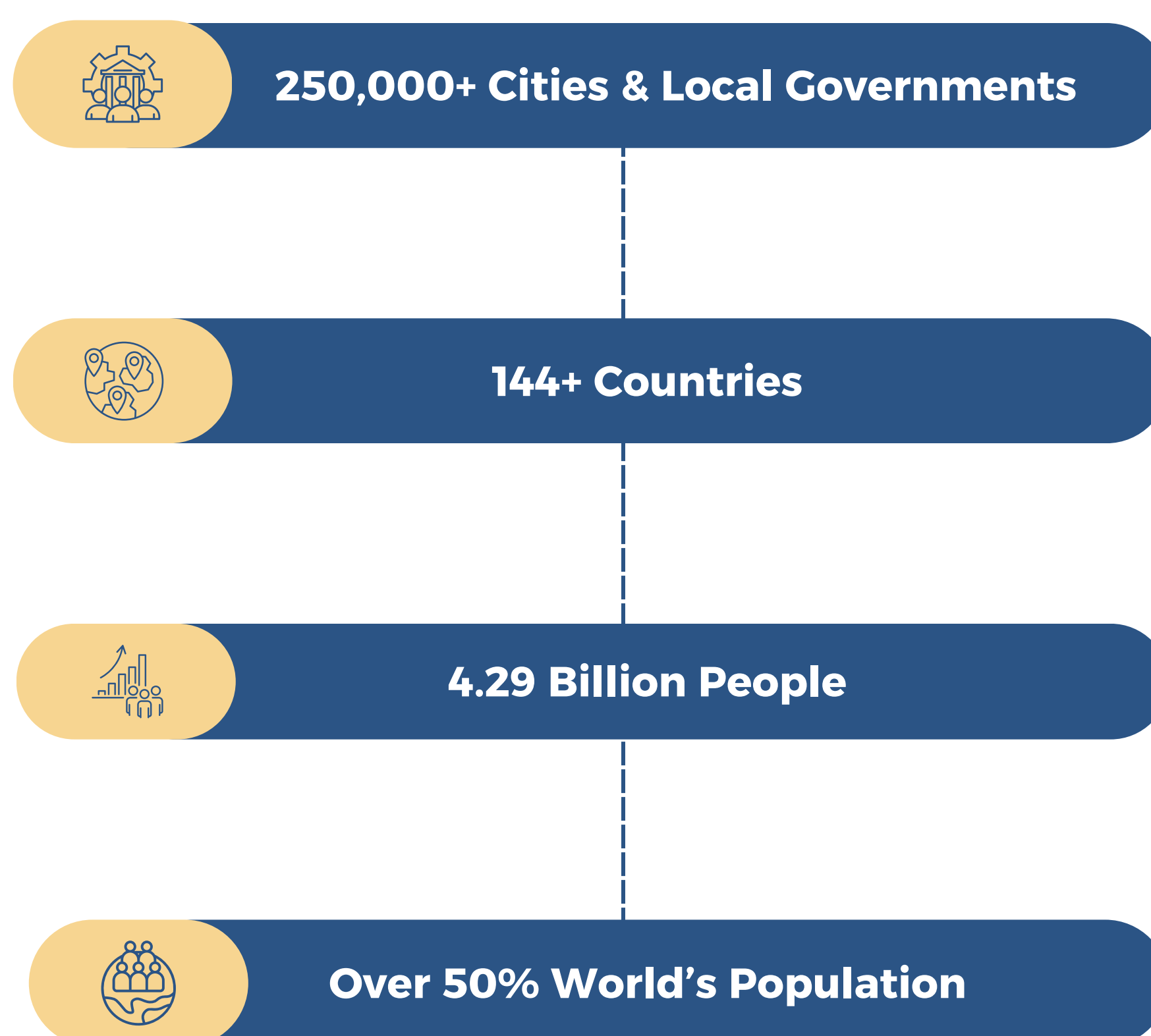


About UCLG ASPAC

United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific (UCLG ASPAC) is the largest regional section of UCLG, connecting over 250,000 cities and local governments in more than 144 countries worldwide. UCLG ASPAC represents approximately 4.29 billion people, accounting for over half of the global population.

Our network includes rapidly developing economies such as China, India, and Indonesia. As a leading knowledge and learning hub for cities and local governments in the Asia-Pacific region, UCLG ASPAC advocates for democratic, inclusive, and effective local governance. It plays a pivotal role in facilitating city-to-city cooperation, partnerships, and peer learning, while strengthening collaboration between local governments and the international community.

Our activities include capacity development, knowledge exchange, advocacy, research, organisational development, and a broad range of externally supported programmes and initiatives.



Objectives

The First Session of the 2026 UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau Meeting & Asia-Pacific Forum aims to



Share Best Practices

Highlight successful examples of sustainable tourism from across the ASPAC region and beyond, fostering a global exchange of ideas and solutions.



Strengthen Regional Cooperation

Facilitate cooperation among cities and local governments to integrate sustainable tourism into regional development strategies.



Promote the Blue Economy

Emphasise sustainable tourism as a key element of the blue economy, focusing on the responsible use and protection of marine and coastal resources.



Drive Inclusive Economic Growth

Explore how sustainable tourism can be leveraged to create equitable economic opportunities for local populations, particularly marginalised communities.



Showcase Local Potential

Introduce the tourism potential of Kendari and Southeast Sulawesi, with an emphasis on community-based tourism initiatives.



Enhance Organisational Governance and Policy Direction

Support the Executive Bureau in guiding UCLG ASPAC's strategic priorities, strengthening institutional governance, and providing direction on key policies and programmes.

Key Themes & Discussion

Sustainable Tourism and Inclusive Growth

- Expanding equitable economic opportunities
- Empowering local communities
- Fostering local entrepreneurship
- Driving inclusive economic benefits

Community-Based Tourism

- Strengthening the role of local communities
- Promoting participatory tourism development
- Preserving cultural heritage
- Protecting natural resources

Responsible Consumption and Production in Tourism

- Promoting eco-friendly practices
- Advancing circular economy approaches in tourism
- Encouraging responsible consumption patterns
- Strengthening sustainability practices

Climate Resilience and Economic Prosperity

- Addressing climate change impacts
- Promoting sustainable tourism practices
- Strengthening climate resilience
- Mitigating disaster risks

Programme Schedule

Time

(Arrival) - Wednesday, 6 May 2026

All Day	Arrival of Participants and Registration - <i>Claro Hotel, Kendari</i>
14.00 - 17.00	Knowledge Event UCLG ASPAC - <i>University of Halu Oleo, Kendari</i>
18.00 - 20.00	Welcome Dinner - <i>Skypool, Claro Hotel</i>

Time

Day 1 - Thursday, 7 May 2026

08.00 - 09.00	Registration		
09.00 - 09.30			Registration
09.30 - 10.00	21st-Century Maritime Cooperation Committee Meeting		Expert Group Meeting (EGM): Localising ASEAN Community Vision 2045 (Invitation Only)
10.15 - 11.15	Tourism Committee Meeting		
11.30 - 12.30	Financial Management Committee (Invitation Only)		
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch		
13.30 - 15.30			Expert Group Meeting (EGM): Localising ASEAN Community Vision 2045 (Invitation Only)
15.30 - 17.00	Tree Plantation & Groundbreaking of Kendari Sculpture <i>- Kebun Raya Kendari</i>	Side Event: Local Climate Financing (Market Sounding)	
17.00 - 17.30			
17.30 - 18.00	Networking Time		
18.00 - 20.00	Official Networking Dinner - <i>Anjungan Teluk Kendari</i>		

Programme Schedule

Time Day 2 - Friday, 8 May 2026

08.00 - 09.00	Registration		
09:00 – 09.45	Opening Ceremony		
09.45 – 10.00	Signing Ceremony		
10.00 – 10.15	Group Photo		
10:15 – 10:30	Break		
10.30 - 12.30	Asia-Pacific Forum: Panel Discussion — "Advancing Sustainable Tourism for a Resilient Future and Inclusive Economic Growth"		
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch		
13.30 – 15.00	Executive Bureau Meeting (Invitation Only)	Sub Forum: Session 1: Promoting Local Economic Development	Training on International Cooperation (MoHA Indonesia – UCLG ASPAC) - Kendari City Hall
15.00 – 15.30		Coffee Break	
15.30 – 17.00		Session 2: Building Climate Resilience	Training on International Cooperation (MoHA Indonesia – UCLG ASPAC) - Kendari City Hall
17.00 – 18.00	Networking		
18.00 – 18.30	Kendari Joint Action & Closing Ceremony		
18.30 – 20.00	Gala Dinner: Host City Dinner and Cultural Reception - RTH Papalimba, Kendari		

Time Day 3- Saturday, 9 May 2026

09.00 - 14.00	Site Visit and Exploring the City - Nambo Beach, Bokori or Labengki Island	Training on International Cooperation (MoHA Indonesia – UCLG ASPAC) - Kendari City Hall
14.00 - 17.00		
17.00 – 19.00	Networking - Claro Hotel, Kendari	
19.00 – 21.00	Kendari City Anniversary Festival - Lapangan Benu Benua	

Time Day 4 - Sunday, 10 May 2026

All Day	Departure - Claro Hotel and Haluoleo Airport
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Programme Introduction

Wed, 6 May 2026

Knowledge Event UCLG ASPAC

14.00 - 17.00

Held at the Halu Oleo University Campus on May 6, 2026, this session explores strategic solutions for urban volatility across the region. Led by UCLG ASPAC in collaboration with Halu Oleo University, the event bridges academic research and local governance to build more resilient cities. The programme includes high-level remarks from the UCLG ASPAC Secretary General and concludes with a campus tour.

14.00 - 17.00	<p>Knowledge Event UCLG ASPAC “Navigating Urban Uncertainty and Strengthening Resilience for Cities in Asia Pacific.” <i>Halu Oleo University Campus, Kendari</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome Remarks by the Dean of the Engineering Department, University of Halu Oleo Kendari• Opening Remarks, Dr. Bernadia Tjandradewi, Secretary General of UCLG ASPAC• Setting the Scene: Prof. Dr. Bambang Susantono, Dean of Cities and Local Governments Institute Asia Pacific (also as a moderator of the panel discussion)• Panel speaker 1: Mr. Andra Kwon, Daegu Metropolitan City• Panel Speaker 2: Mr. Eddy Soeparno, Deputy Chairman of the People's Consultative Assembly of the Republic of Indonesia (MPR RI)*• Open discussion• Closing and Campus Tour
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Remarks



Welcome Remarks

Dr. Ishak Kadir

Dean of the Engineering Department, University of Halu Oleo Kendari



Opening Remarks

Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi

Secretary General of UCLG ASPAC

Speakers



Setting the Scene

Moderator

Prof. Dr. Bambang Susantono

Dean of Cities and Local Governments Institute Asia Pacific (a research arm of UCLG ASPAC)



Speaker 1

Mr. Andra Kwon

Daegu Metropolitan City



Speaker 2

Mr. Eddy Soeparno

Deputy Chairman of the People's Consultative Assembly of the Republic of Indonesia (MPR RI)

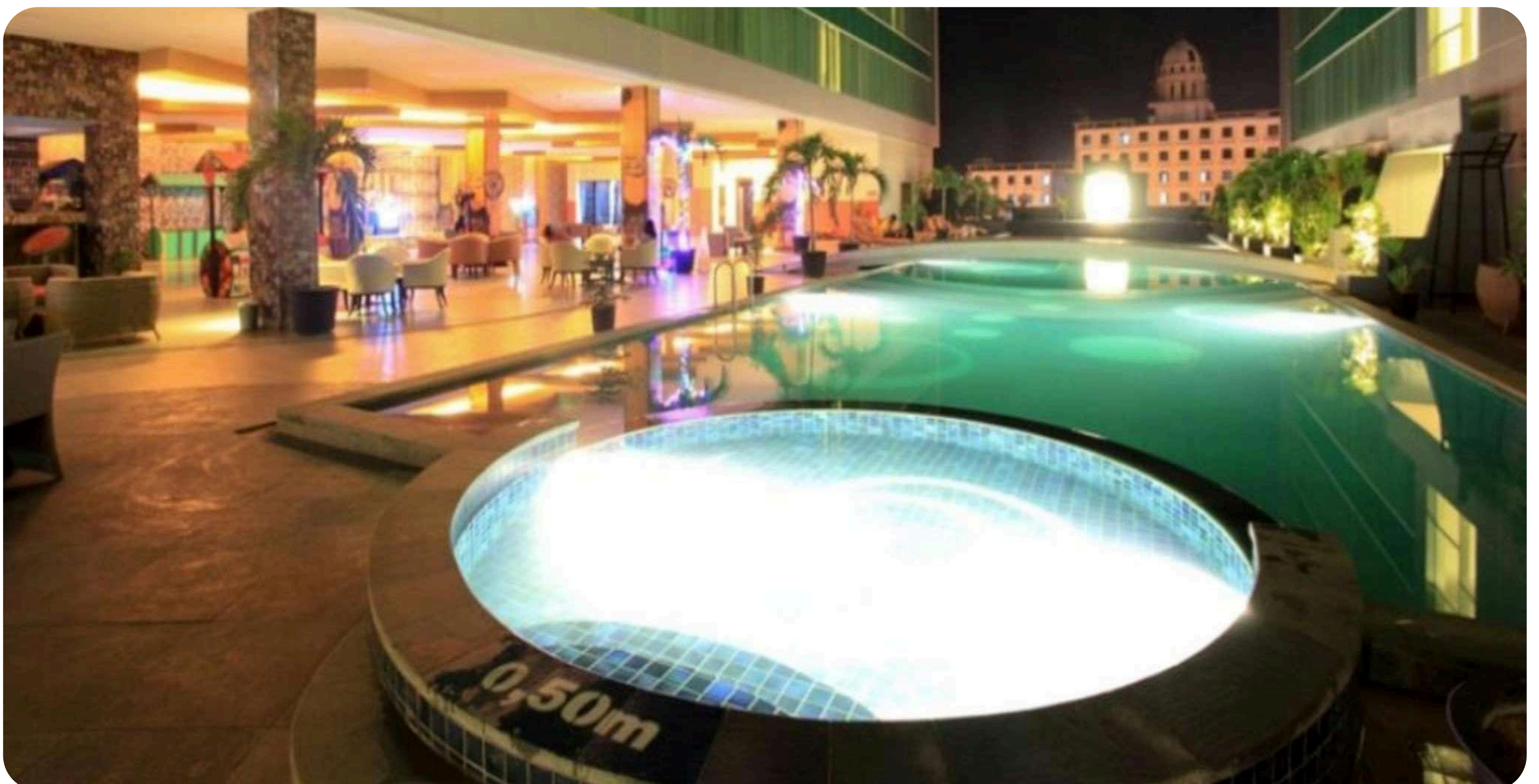
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Wed, 6 May 2026

Welcome Dinner

18.00 - 20.00

An evening of networking and relaxation following the Knowledge Event at Halu Oleo University. Set against the backdrop of the city at the **Skypool, Claro Hotel**. This dinner provides an informal setting for delegates and partners to build connections and discuss the day's insights on urban resilience.



Programme Introduction

Wed, 7 May 2026

21st Century Maritime Cooperation Committee Meeting

09.00 - 10.00

The 21st-Century Maritime Cooperation Committee (21CMCC) is a Committee under United Cities and Local Governments Asia-Pacific (UCLG ASPAC), led by the Fuzhou Municipal People's Government. It promotes cooperation among cities and local governments, especially coastal ones, on maritime development, sustainability, and knowledge exchange.

2nd Expert Group Meeting (EGM): Localising ASEAN Community Vision 2045 (Invitation Only)

09.30 – 12.30

13.30 – 17.30

Gathering feedback for the draft Localising ASEAN Community Vision 2045, including practical implementation guidance and measurable indicators.

Tourism Committee Meeting

10.15 – 11.15

The UCLG ASPAC Tourism Committee (UATC) serves as a specialised platform for local governments in the Asia-Pacific region to collaborate on sustainable tourism and cultural preservation. The UATC is led by Xi'an Municipal People's Government.

Financial Management Committee (Invitation Only)

11.30 – 12.30

The Financial Management Committee of UCLG ASPAC is a specialised body responsible for overseeing the organisation's financial strategy, accounting, and management.



Programme Introduction

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Side Event: Local Climate Financing (Market Sounding)

13.30 – 17.30

Exploring viable financing instruments and partnerships to support climate actions led by local governments (Market Sounding session). This Session is part of the Urban-Act Project of UCLG ASPAC.

Tree Plantation & Groundbreaking of Kendari Sculpture

15.30 – 17.30

This ceremonial session serves as a tangible symbol of regional solidarity and environmental commitment. Participants will engage in a collective tree-planting activity and witness the groundbreaking of the Kendari Sculpture. The location is at the Kebun Raya Kendari.



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Networking Time

17.30 - 18.00

Opportunities for local governments, private sectors, academe, international partners, and NGOs to network and form collaborations.

Official Networking Dinner

18.00 - 20.00

A formal reception hosted in a warm by the waterfront, with panoramic views of *Anjungan Teluk Kendari* to officially welcome the UCLG ASPAC Presidency, Executive Bureau members, national and international delegates. Following a day of committee meetings and environmental actions, this gathering fosters regional solidarity and cultural exchange. It serves as a key networking platform to strengthen partnerships before the official opening of the Asia-Pacific Forum.





Programme Introduction

Fri, 8 May 2026

Opening Ceremony

09.00 – 09.45

The Opening Ceremony officially commences the First Session of the 2026 UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau and the Asia-Pacific Forum. This high-level session sets the stage for regional dialogue on **“Advancing Sustainable Tourism and Inclusive Economic Growth”** and will be held at the Claro Hotel, Kendari

Remarks



Welcoming Remarks

Ms. Siska Karina Imran

Mayor of Kendari City, Indonesia



Welcoming Remarks

Mr. Dakila Carlo Cua

President of UCLG ASPAC, President of Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP), Governor of Quirino Province, Philippines

Remarks



Opening Remarks

Mr. Andi Sumangerukka

·Governor of Southeast Sulawesi Province, Indonesia

Speakers



Keynote Speech

Topic: Strengthening Local Governance for Sustainable Tourism and Inclusive Regional Development

Prof. Tito Karnavian

Minister of Home Affairs, Republic of Indonesia



Keynote Speech

Topic: Advancing Sustainable Tourism for a Resilient Future and Inclusive Economic Growth

Ms. Widiyanti Putri Wardhana

Minister of Tourism, Republic of Indonesia



Programme Introduction

Fri, 8 May 2026

Signing Ceremony

09.45 – 10.00

The Signing Ceremony marks a significant milestone in regional and international cooperation, formalising strategic partnerships to enhance urban development and bilateral ties.

Cooperation:

- **Kendari City and Yiwu City**
- **UCLG ASPAC and Jakarta Provincial Government**



Programme Introduction

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Asia Pacific Forum

10.30 – 12.30

The Asia-Pacific Forum serves as a high-level platform for local governments, policy makers, and stakeholders to discuss strategies for balancing regional development with environmental stewardship. Centered on the theme "Advancing Sustainable Tourism for a Resilient Future and Inclusive Economic Growth," the forum explores how sustainable practices can catalyse economic prosperity and environmental resilience across the region.



Moderator

Mr. Lee Yoong Yoong

ASEAN Governors and Mayors Forum (AGMF) Strategic Advisor of UCLG ASPAC



Speaker 1

Topic: Sustainable Tourism and Inclusive Growth

Dr. Christina Yeo Ken Yin

Undersecretary, Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture, Malaysia



Speaker 2

Topic: Community-Based Tourism

Mr. Jake Vincent S. Villa

Governor, Province of Siquijor, Philippines

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Speaker 3

Topic: Climate Resilience and Economic Prosperity

Mr. Dato Abd Hamid Hussain

Mayor, Klang Royal City Council, Malaysia / President of Malaysian Association of Local Authorities (MALA)



Speaker 4

Topic: Responsible Consumption and Production in Tourism

Dr. Emil Elestianto Dardak

Vice Governor of East Java, Indonesia



Speaker 5

Topic: Culture and Sustainable Tourism

Mr. Rano Karno

Vice Governor of Jakarta Capital City Government, Indonesia

Programme Introduction

Fri, 8 May 2026

Sub Forum

Session 1: Promoting Local Economic Development

13.30 - 15.00

This topic explores how tourism can create equitable economic opportunities for local communities, particularly by fostering entrepreneurship and generating sustainable economic benefits. It delves into case studies of successful community-based tourism initiatives, highlighting the active role of local governments in ensuring that tourism's economic benefits are widely distributed.



Moderator

Prof. Dr. Bambang Susantono

Dean of Cities and Local Governments Institute Asia Pacific
(a research arm of UCLG ASPAC)



Speaker

Dr. Tri Rismaharini

- Ambassador of UCLG ASPAC (2025-2027)
- President of UCLG ASPAC (2018-2020)
- Mayor of Surabaya (2010-2020)
- Minister of Social Affairs, Republic of Indonesia (2020 - 2024)



Speaker

Ms. Illiza Sa'aduddin Djamal

Mayor of Banda Aceh City

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Speaker

Dr. Sitti Sutinah Suhardi

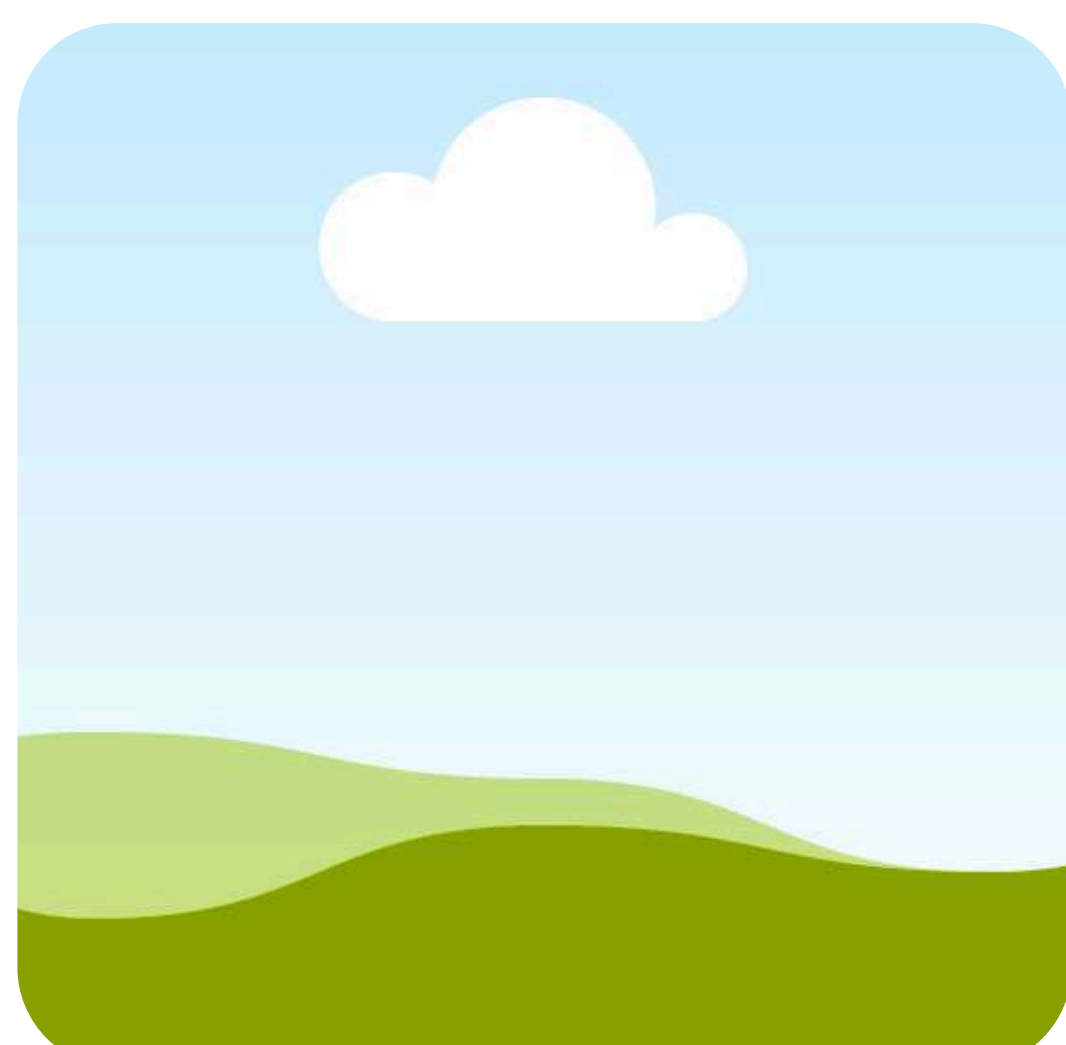
Regent of Mamuju Regency



Speaker

Ms. Suharini Eliawati

Undersecretary for Economic and Finance of Jakarta Capital City Government



Speaker

Mr. Wang Liang

Deputy Director of the General Office of Yiwu Municipal People's Government



Sub Forum

Session 2: Building Climate Resilience

15.30 - 17.00

This topic examines how sustainable tourism can play a key role in addressing climate change impacts on tourism and local communities.



Moderator

Prof. Dr. Bambang Susantono

Dean of Cities and Local Governments Institute Asia Pacific
(a research arm of UCLG ASPAC)



Speaker

Norliza Hashim

Chief Executive of Urbanice Malaysia



Speaker

Mr. Rico Tri Putra Bayu Waas

Mayor of Medan City, Indonesia



Speaker

Mr. Fadly Amran

Mayor of Padang City, Indonesia



Speaker

Mr. Andhika Permata

Head of Tourism and Creative Economy of Jakarta
Capital City Government

Programme Introduction

Fri, 8 May 2026

Training on International Cooperation (MoHA Indonesia - UCLG ASPAC)

13.30 - 17.00

Jointly organised by the Ministry of Home Affairs Indonesia (MoHA) and UCLG ASPAC, focusing on international cooperation frameworks. This forum will be held at the City Hall of Kendari



Executive Bureau Meeting (Invitation Only)

13.30 - 17.00

The Executive Bureau Meeting brings together UCLG ASPAC leadership, including the Presidency, Executive Bureau members, and Council representatives to discuss key organisational priorities, governance matters, and strategic directions for the Asia-Pacific region.



Programme Introduction

Fri, 8 May 2026

Kendari Joint Action & Closing Ceremony

18.00 - 18.30

The results of the Forum in the form of Kendari Joint Action will be presented.



Speaker

Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi

Secretary General of UCLG ASPAC



Speaker

Ms. Siska Karina Imran

Mayor of Kendari City, Indonesia

Gala Dinner: Host City Dinner and Cultural Reception

18.30 - 20.00

Following the announcement of the Kendari Joint Action and the official closing of the Forum, this dinner is held at the iconic **RTH Papalimba**.





Programme Introduction

Sat, 9 May 2026

Site Visit and Exploring the City

09.00 - 17.00

Participants will explore Nambo Beach, one of Kendari's premier coastal destinations, and extend their journey to Bokori Island or Labengki Island. These visits provide firsthand insight into the city's sustainable tourism and community-based initiatives, while showcasing the natural beauty and cultural richness of Southeast Sulawesi.

Training on International Cooperation (MoHA Indonesia - UCLG ASPAC)

14.00 - 17.00

Jointly organised by the Ministry of Home Affairs Indonesia (MoHA) and UCLG ASPAC, focusing on international cooperation frameworks. This training will be held at the Kendari City Hall.

Kendari City Anniversary Festival

19.00 - 21.00

Cultural celebration showcasing the local heritage and community spirit of Kendari City. It is held at Lapangan Benu-Benu

Expected Outcomes

Enhanced Knowledge Exchange

Generate actionable insights on effective sustainable tourism practices

Draw lessons from successful case studies across the Asia-Pacific region

Strengthened Regional Cooperation

Reinforce partnerships among local governments across ASPAC

Enable stronger collaboration to integrate sustainable tourism into regional and local development strategies

Policy and Implementation Outcomes

Produce actionable policy recommendations for sustainable tourism development

Support local governments in embedding sustainable tourism into governance frameworks and development planning

Target Participants

The event is expected to attract a diverse array of distinguished individuals and organisations, including:

- **UCLG ASPAC Presidency and members of the Executive Bureau**
- **Members of the UCLG ASPAC Council**
- **Local government leaders and officials**
- **Associations of local governments**
- **High-Level officials from relevant ministries and government agencies**
- **Academic institutions and research organisations**
- **UCLG ASPAC project partners and technical experts**
- **Private sector and NGO representatives**

Registration at: www.uclgaspac-connect.org





Venue

Claro Hotel Kendari

Detailed information regarding all room types, hotel facilities, and comprehensive logistics is available in the **Logistic Notes** section on the official **[UCLG ASPAC Connect website](#)**.

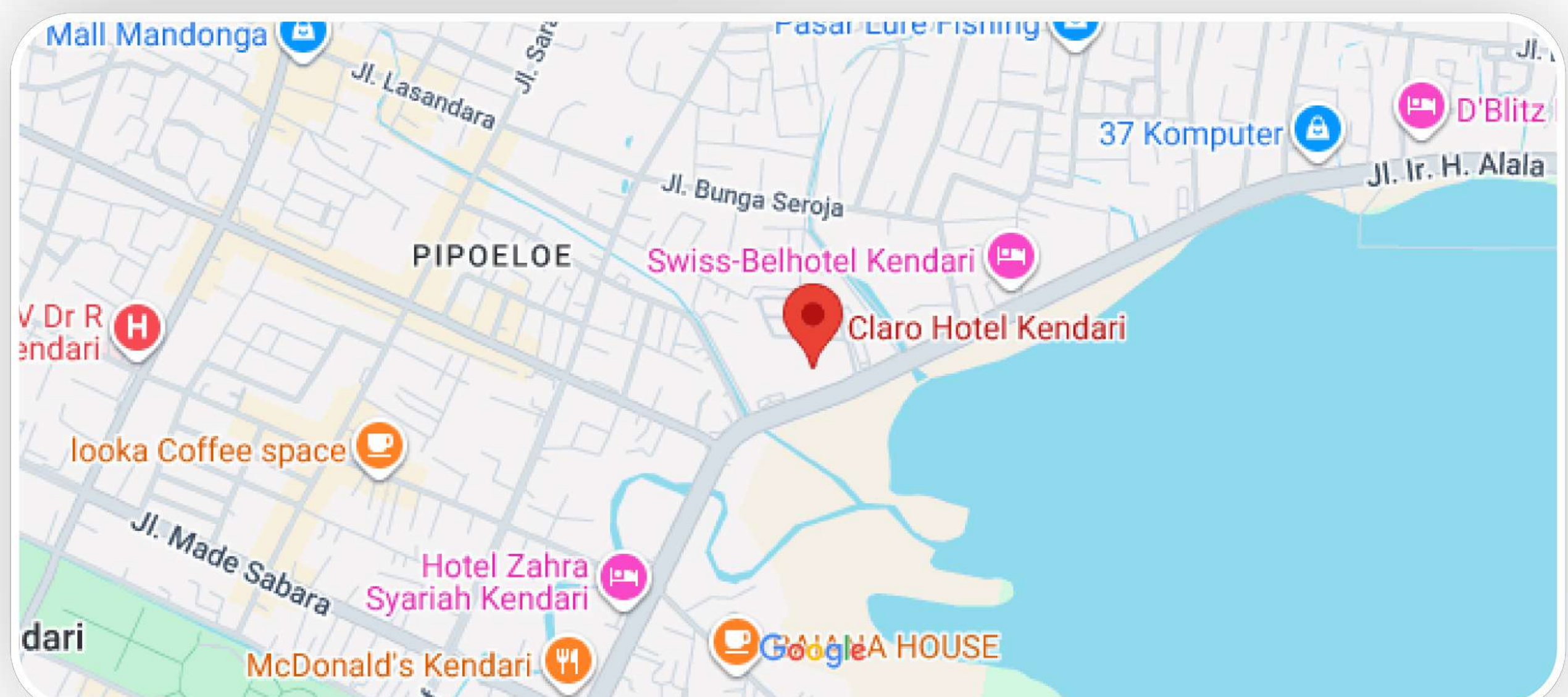
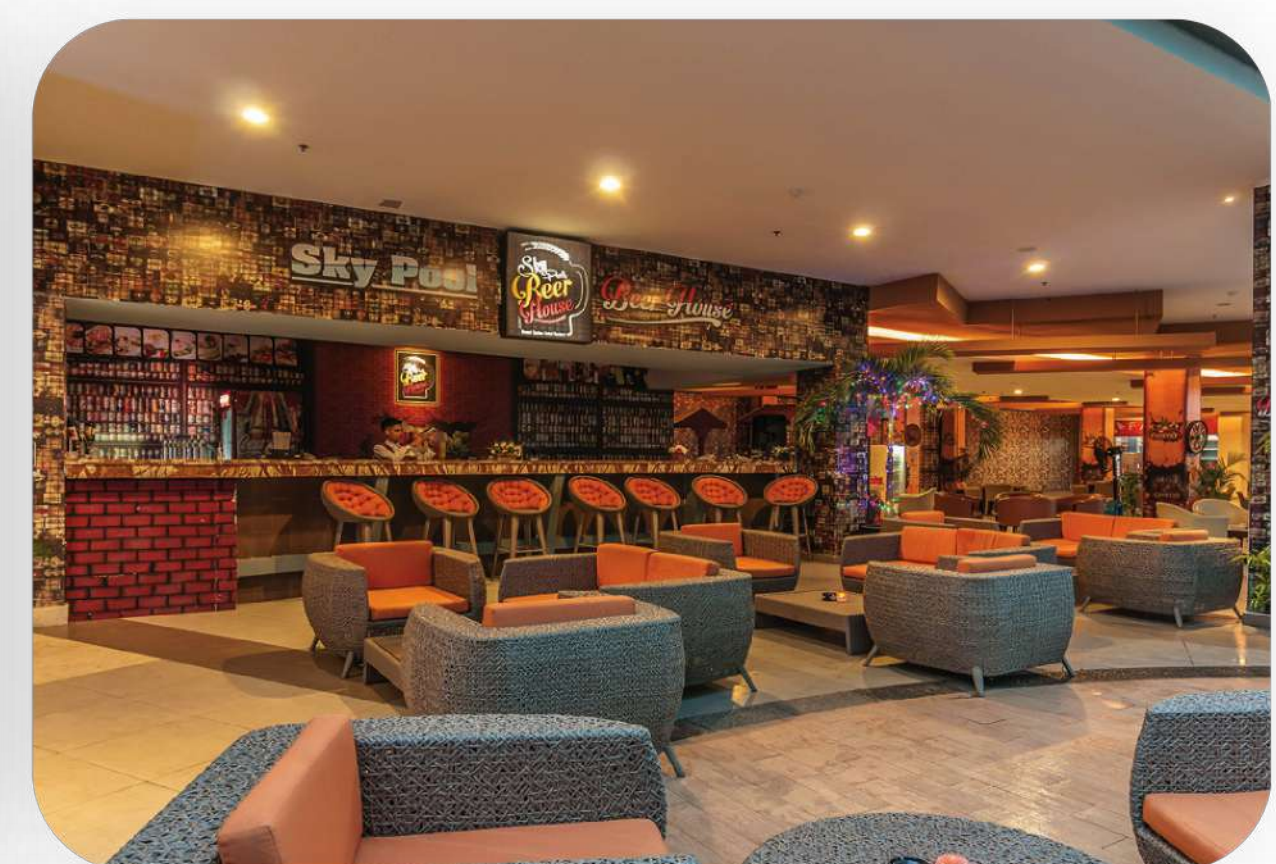
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How to Get There?



By Air

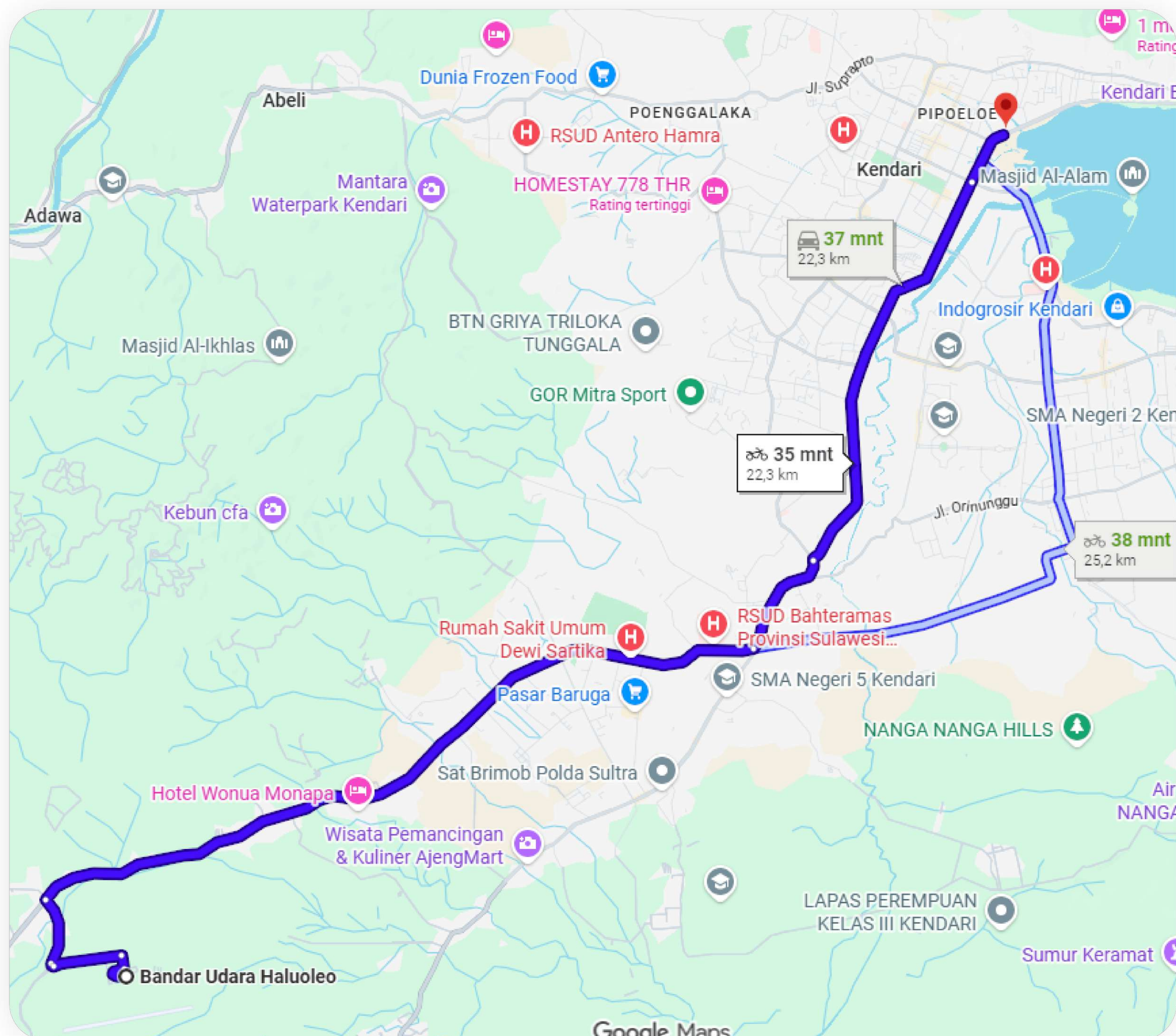
International Participants:

1. Fly to Soekarno–Hatta International Airport (CGK), Jakarta, or Juanda International Airport (SUB), Surabaya.
2. Continue with a domestic flight to Haluoleo Airport, Kendari (KDI).

Domestic Participants

1. Haluoleo Airport (KDI) is the main airport serving Kendari City.
2. Direct domestic flights are available to Kendari (KDI) from:
 - a. Jakarta
 - b. Makassar
 - c. Surabaya
 - d. Bali (Denpasar)

How to Get There?



From Airport to Hotel

Travel time from Haluoleo Airport (KDI) to Claro Hotel Kendari is approximately 30–45 minutes by car, depending on traffic.

Local Transportation

Airport–Hotel–Airport shuttle services will be provided by the host city for registered participants.

To arrange pick-up and drop-off services, participants are kindly requested to submit:

- Flight itinerary
- Arrival and departure details

Details on submission procedures will be shared closer to the event.

Additional Information



Weather and Climate

- Tropical, warm, and humid
- Temperature: 24-32°C
- Occasional rainfall (light to moderate)

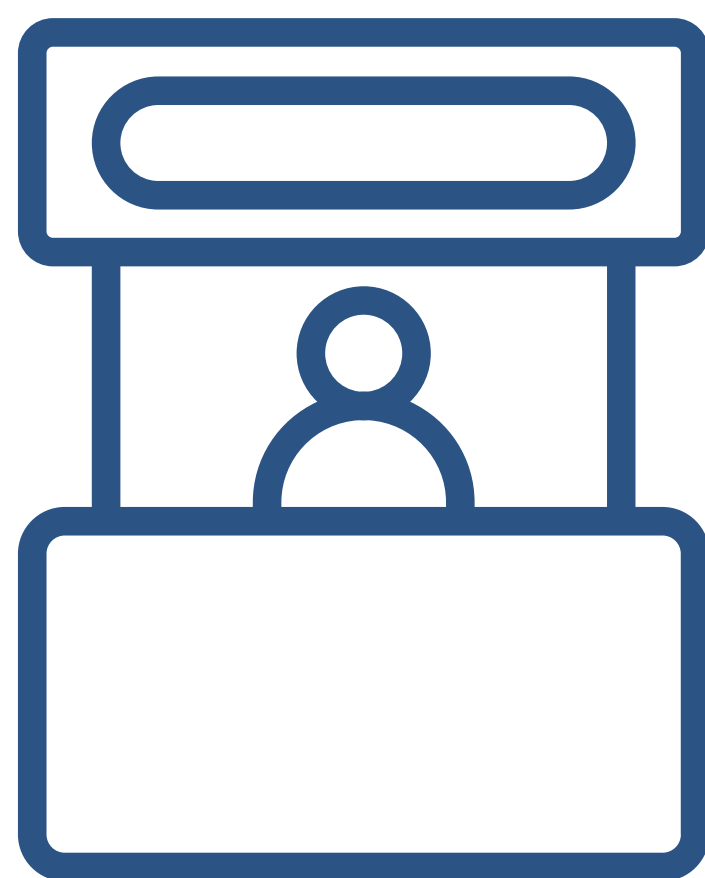


Medical Services

- On-site doctor and first aid station available
- Ambulance services on standby

Nearest Medical Facility:

- **Kendari Regional Public Hospital (RSUD Kota Kendari)** Jl. Brigjend Z.A Sugianto No.39, Kendari, Sulawesi Tenggara



Exhibition

Exhibitions will be held at:

- **Claro Hotel** (7-8 May 2026)
- **Nambo Beach** (9 May 2026)



Currency Exchange

Currency exchange services are available at La Tunrung Money Changer in Kendari.

Local currency: Indonesian Rupiah (IDR)

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We look forward to welcoming you to Kendari!