ANNUAL REPORT 2018

Global Connection for Local Development
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 50 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

Bernadia Irawati Tjandra Dewi
Secretary General, UCLG ASPAC

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 South, 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!
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.

**Vision**

**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 organization;
- To promote twinning and partnership between local governments and peoples.
The 7th UCLG ASPAC Congress

UCLG ASPAC held its 7th 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 organizations 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.

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 Siaki, Kampung Kesambi, Kampung Ketandan, Siola, Tunjungan, City Hall, Jembatan Suroboyo, and Kepuluh and to visit Lapindo mudflow area in Sidoarjo Regency (outskirt of Surabaya).

137 Speakers (from all over the world)
6 Training Events
11 Global Partners
9 Networking Events
13 On-site Activities

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

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 Rismaharini 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.
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.

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.

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

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.

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

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.

Hand stamping ceremony in the tree planting activity during the 7th UCLG ASPAC Congress.

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.

One of traditional dances shown at the opening session of the Congress.
UCLG ASPAC Governing Body for 2018-2020

**PRESIDENT**

TRI RISMARHANI
Representing Southeast Asia sub-region
Mayor of Surabaya City Government

**CO-PRESIDENTS**

ASHOK KUMAR BYANJU
Representing South and Southwest Asia sub-region
President of the Municipal Association of Nepal
Mayor of Dhusitlal Municipality

DAVE CULL
Representing Pacific sub-region
Mayor of Dunedin City

STEHANY UY-TAN
Representing Women in Local Government
Mayor of Catbalongan City

YOU MENGJUN
Representing Southeast Asia sub-region
President of the Municipal Association of Nepal
Mayor of Phutth Municipal People’s Government

RAURENTI TOATU
Chairman
Kiribati Local Government Association

**DESIGNATED MEMBER**

AIRIN RACHMI DIANY
President
Association of Indonesian Municipalities
Mayor of South Tangerang

SAK KOCHAL
President
People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries

NE PENG TONG
Immediate Past President
Mayor of T'ong T'ng District

**DESIGNATED MEMBER**

**SECRETARY GENERAL**

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

BERNADIA IRAWATI
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 construes 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 Past President) and the co-President (Immediate 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.

Data shown based on updates received in 2018.
UCLG ASPAC 1st 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.

Expectations shared from group discussion

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 territorial 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.

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

UCLG ASPAC Manifesto 2015-2020

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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 5th 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!

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 3rd 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 and ASEAN leaders in articulating policies and actions at the regional level.

Mr. Khoo Teng Chye, Executive Director of the Centre for Liveable Cities, addressed mayors and other participants at the 4th ASEAN Mayors Forum, held in Singapore, on 7 July 2018.
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 flagship project, aimed specifically at localising SDGs in 10 provinces and 14 cities throughout the country’s main archipelago.

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This is particularly the case for the country like Indonesia – the 4th most populous nation, with 250 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. 56/2017 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 endeavor, 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 Stakeholder 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 20 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, combined 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’ readiness to integrate the Goals, targets and indicators in their Local Medium-Term Development Plans, as required for by the aforementioned 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, IDNRI 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: https://localise-indonesia.org and other social media platforms.

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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. The Agreement also pledges to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.

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 constituencies. 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.

To date, more than 9,260 cities, representing 801 million people worldwide (13% of the world’s population), 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 or telephone: +6221 389 01 801

Cities matter as they...account for 70% of global CO2 emissions and 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.

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 (AMCRR)

Ulaanbaatar | Mongolia
3 - 6 July 2018
Role: Take lead of stakeholder consultation (local authorities)
Partner: UNISDR

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

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

The 7th UCLG ASPAC Congress

Surabaya | Indonesia
23 - 24 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

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

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. Iliza 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.

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.

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.

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

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. Lamonirhat District
3. Shariatpur District
4. Pabna District
5. Jhenaidah Municipality

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Rapid Sanitation Assessment in Nepal and Bangladesh

Using KOBOCollect Application, a rapid assessment was conducted.

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

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

19 November 2018
Lahan Municipality (Nepal)

4 December 2018
Waling Municipality (Nepal)

23 December 2018
Bheemdatt Municipality (Nepal)

25 December 2018
Lamahi Municipality (Nepal)
**Fuzhou | China**

**Moving Towards Better Maritime Cooperation**

UCLG ASPAC’s 21st 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 21st 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.

**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 a 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.

**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 policymakers 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.
Forum.

Feature of youth engagement in various session of the event was, thus, designated to promote among youths, 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 human settlement, and establishment of communication platform where young artists can share experience and cooperate.

Global Youth Culture Forum from October 30 to November 4, 2018, was 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 2nd 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 transport. The city - known in short as Tanger 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 II was organized under the theme “Transport Innovation Development: People Oriented” and brought together government officials, academics, and international experts to analyze 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. Yong-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 on other people. While efficiency and equity are two fundamental principles for designing public use of roads, the key to promote social justice for mobility lies in political leadership.”

The Framework of Cities’ Transportation Development is a synergy between central and local government as well as private sector. The central and local government contribute in selecting or providing part of infrastructures investment. The local government then guarantees 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.

The 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 liveable environment, access to transportation system and citizens’ 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 Philippines, Indonesia, and Malaysia are the first three countries that have started planning. The local government and the central government of Indonesia take the lead in coordinating the action, which is also the role of the Ministry of Urban Planning and Culture. Moreover, the Ministry of Public Works and Housing and the Ministry of Transportation and its affiliates in the areas of transportation, urban planning, and urban development also play important roles in supporting the process.

The 2015-2019 Framework of Infrastructure Development is an important component of the National Framework of Cities’ Vision and Mission. 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.

Mr. Bika Zainibiy, ST., MA., Functional Planner of BAPPENAS, mentioned population that would live in cities by 2045 was predicted around 80% of the total. Unfortunately, not all urbanisation issues can be handled by local governments. City-level governments need a multidimensional policy which can cover beyond administrative boundaries.

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

Did You Know That

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
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 localising the 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

Changwon, South Korea, 2nd Seberang Perai International Conference on Ecotourism and Conservation Effort (SPICEC 2018)

Seberang Perai | Malaysia

2nd Seberang Perai International Conference on Ecotourism and Conservation Effort (SPICEC 2018)

On 8-9 October 2018, Secretary General Bernadia Irawati Tjandra delivered her opening remarks at the 2nd Seberang Perai International Conference on Ecotourism and Conservation Effort (SPICEC 2018), organised under the theme Promoting 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 emphasized 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

Siem Reap, Cambodia, 9-10 December 2018, 10:00-18:00

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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).
Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi represented UCLG ASPAC, thus, has continuously expressed its full support to the initiative of Guangzhou in collaboration with Chinese People’s Association for People’s Friendship with Foreign Countries (OWAFC), 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 Metropolises (Metropolis) to host the Guangzhou Urban Innovation Award; The 4th edition of Guangzhou Award: Milan of Italy, Guadalajara of Mexico, Wuhan of China, Mvillifi 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. Mayor Tri Rismaharini of Surabaya elevated the collaborative efforts in overcoming waste challenges in the city by submitting the initiative to the 4th edition of Guangzhou Award.

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, Mvillifi 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.

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 2019. 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.

SECRETARY GENERAL Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi attended the UN High Level Political Forum (HLPF), a central platform to review the SDGs progress, during 9-14 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 implementation of 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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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/](http://jakberketahanan.org/draft-0/)

Resilient Jakarta is supported by Rockefeller Foundation with grant management by UCLG ASPAC.

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.
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 civilization.
Municipal Commissioner: Hon. Dr. H.L.K. Kadura
Area: 7,179 km²

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

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: Fusta Khalid Warrich
Area: 4,364 km²
Population: 2,190,015 (2017)
Website: ttsingh.dc.lhc.gov.pk

LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION OF BALOCHISTAN
Is a designated organisation to ensure that local government’s voice is heard within the organization. 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: Mr. Abd Huzain Lehri
Website: lcab.org.pk

NEW MEMBERS

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 Anwar Ariz
Website: mci.gov.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: Sheikh Mahab Mir Methu
Area: 2,072.72 km²
Population: 1,912,969
Website: www.faridpurmunicipality.gov.bd

LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION OF BALOCHISTAN

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: 267.39 km²
Population: 1,073,069
Website: 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 km²
Population: 652,392
Website: 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 km²
Population: 1,000,096
Website: www.padang.go.id

LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION OF BALOCHISTAN
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 post 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

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Increase: 33.96%
Increase: 39.48%

Expense Breakdown:

- Salary and Social Charges: $152,398.00 (7%)
- Communication and Publication: $14,388.00 (7%)
- Travel: $68,728.00 (3%)
- Programmes: $900,608.00 (44%)
- Fees: $13,913.00 (7%)
- Overhead: $51,515 (2%)
- World Portion: $115,928.00 (6%)
- Nett Asset: $726,562.00 (36%)

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

[Logos of contributing organisations]
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.

UCLG ASPAC Website
www.uclg-aspac.org

Other Publications
ASEAN Mayors Forum

Social Media
Twitter: +26.6%
2017: 1,598
2018: 2,024

Facebook: +22.1%
2017: 1,109
2018: 1,355

Organisation Profile

The 7th UCLG ASPAC Congress Promotion

Sanitation & Solid Waste Management

Disaster Risk Reduction

Newsletter

E-newsletter

Congress Proceedings

Manifesto Publication

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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.

Mizalina 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)

“Thank you for giving students insights on working in an international organisations.”

Mizalina Nursabrina
Law, 2014, University of Gajah Mada (Indonesia)

“*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.*”

Mizalina Nursabrina
Law, 2014, University of Gajah Mada (Indonesia)

Hanh Huynh
International Relations, Deakin University (Melbourne)

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

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

Ginzej Heng Huan Tuti
Architecture, 2012, Bandung Institute of Technology (Indonesia)

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

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

Ayu Nadia Putri
International Relations, 2014, Parahyangan Catholic University (Indonesia)

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

Nikolai Ayton 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
- **15-16** National Conference “Local Government” - A Partner in National Development
  - **Islamabad** | Pakistan
  - Organised by: EU, LCAP, and Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF)
- **30** 4th World Congress on Disaster Management
  - **Mumbai** | India
  - Organised by: AILSG

### FEBRUARY
- **11-15** UCLG Retreat and Campus
  - **Barcelona** | Spain
  - Organised by: UCLG World
- **17-22** 5th International Faecal Sludge Management Conference
  - **Cape Town** | Africa
  - Organised by: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

### MARCH
- **13-15** Global Policy Forum Development
  - **Brussels** | Belgium
  - Organised by: EUROPEAN UNION
- **27-29** Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD)
  - **Bangkok** | Thailand
  - Organised by: UNESCAP

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

### MAY
- **13-17** 6th Session of the Global Platform for the Disaster Risk Reduction (GP2019)
  - **Geneva** | Switzerland
  - Organised by: UNISDR
- **17-19** Marine Economy and Urban Development - Coastal and Port Cooperation Forum of the 21st Century Maritime Cooperation Committee
  - **Fuzhou** | China
  - Organised by: UCLG ASPAC MCC

### JUNE
- **3-5** 3rd UCLG World Culture Summit
  - **Bangkok** | Thailand
  - Organised by: UCLG World

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

### AUGUST
- **2-5** 2019 UCLG ASPAC Council Meeting
  - **Geneva** | Switzerland
  - Organised by: UCLG ASPAC, Makati City Government

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

### OCTOBER
- **17-19** 3rd UCLG World Culture Summit
  - **Fuzhou** | China
  - Organised by: UCLG World

### NOVEMBER
- **11-15** UCLG World Congress and Local and Regional Governments Summit
  - **Denpasar** | Indonesia
  - Organised by: UCLG World

### DECEMBER
- **17-19** 3rd UCLG World Culture Summit
  - **Bangkok** | Thailand
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