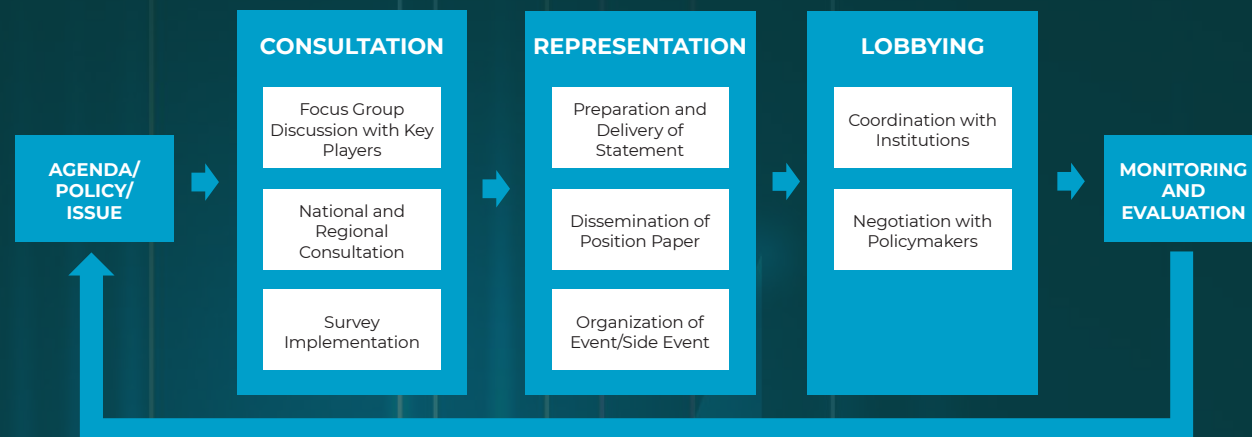


UCLG ASPAC Advocacy Process Flowchart



CONSULTATION

UCLG ASPAC leverages on its wide network in the region to engage with key players in a focus group discussion. Surveys are also conducted to reach a broader audience to support preparation of policy papers and statements. Champion Mayors, with recognized work and credibility in their respective fields, are also identified to represent local government.

REPRESENTATION

UCLG ASPAC facilitates representation of local governments in global platforms and forums. Position papers and statements demonstrate the political will and commitment of local governments to global, national, and local agenda. Side events are also organized to further emphasize the local government opinions and actions.

LOBBYING

UCLG ASPAC plays a significant role in building strategic networks that initiate opportunities for local government to cooperate with national government. This also supports the creation of an enabling environment for local governments.

Accelerating Change through ADVOCACY

UCLG ASPAC AS THE VOICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE REGION



The United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific (UCLG ASPAC) is the largest regional section of UCLG, the biggest local government association recognized by the United Nations. Since its establishment in 2004, UCLG ASPAC has been making progress and gaining achievements in creating a stronger voice of cities and local governments at the Asia and the Pacific and engaging with UCLG World in meeting the global agenda. Good

progress in advocacy in the region is accomplished through several initiatives in support of global agenda on climate change, disaster risk reduction, and sustainable development. Advocacy for local governments is crucial as implementation of global agenda is anchored largely at the local level. Furthermore, impact of actions taken by local government, who primarily provide frontline services, is felt directly by the people.

UCLG ASPAC ADVOCACY MILESTONES



Climate Change

Local governments are now taking voluntary action to combat climate change through the Global Covenant of Mayors on Energy and Climate Change (GCoM). Cities are provided with training and technical assistance as well as platform for common reporting framework on the greenhouse gases (GHG) inventory and development of Climate Action Plan. UCLG ASPAC serves as GCoM Secretariat for Southeast Asia.



Disaster Risk Reduction

UCLG ASPAC integrates the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) through policy consultation, development of communication tools and strategies for local governments and their associations, and contributes to regional cooperation. UCLG ASPAC facilitates the preparation of statements such as the Statement of Action by Local Authorities Stakeholder Group at the Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) 2016 and Local Authority Declaration at the AMCDRR 2018.



Localisation of SDGs

Localisation of global agenda is key to its successful implementation. Indonesian local governments and associations have strengthened capacities in localising the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under the Localise SDGs program implemented by UCLG ASPAC with funding from the European Union (EU). A similar program is launched for selected cities in Pakistan this 2019.



ASEAN and Asia-Pacific Region

UCLG ASPAC serves as the Secretariat and supports the overall function of the ASEAN Mayors Forum (AMF), a regional platform for local leaders to discuss and address key issues in ASEAN. In 2018, the AMF has received accreditation as an entity associated with ASEAN, a first for any local government network.

UCLG ASPAC is also the focal point of the Asia-Pacific Local Government Coordinating Body (APLG) representing local authorities under the regional consultation framework of UNESCAP (United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific).