ACTIVITY REPORT

EAST & NORTHEAST ASIA SUB-REGION

Guangzhou

Activities organized by UCLG and UCLG ASPAC

- 1. 7th UCLG ASPAC Congress
- Background

The 7th UCLG ASPAC Congress was held in Surabaya, Indonesia from 12 to 14 September carrying the theme "Innovation-Driven Development for Sustainable Cities".

• Result

A senior official delegation of Guangzhou actively contributed to the event. Madam Chen Yini, Vice Chair of Guangzhou People's Political Consultative Committee took part in the panel discussion on Leveraging Innovation in Sustainability Context and shared the Guangzhou Award experience to facilitate peer learning and exchange in urban innovation and localization of SDGs.

Guangzhou also held a workshop on Urban Innovation for the Local Implementation of Global Agendas. The finalists for the 2018 Guangzhou Award were announced after a 4.5-day-closed-door meeting by an independent Technical Committee. An in-depth discussion on the 15 shortlisted initiatives responded how innovation driven development for sustainable cities by local wisdom and solutions. 100 delegates, experts as well as representatives from international organizations and local governments joined the workshop.

2. 2018 UCLG ASPAC Retreat

Background

With a strong support from the City of Guangzhou, the 1st UCLG ASPAC Retreat was held from 7 to 10 December, 2018.

Result

Moderated by Dr. Bernadia Tjandradewi, Secretary General of UCLG ASPAC, Retreat discussed visions and benefits of membership. Mr. Tu Hongzhe, Deputy Director General of Foreign Affairs Office of Guangzhou People's Municipal Government joined the meeting.

A two-day Peer-Learning Workshop on Building a Local Government Alliance for Localizing New Urban Agenda (NUA) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) was held during the retreat. Mr. Liu Baochun, Director General of Foreign Affairs Office of Guangzhou People's Municipal Government delivered welcome remark on behalf of the host city and a senior urban planner from the Guangzhou Urban Planning & Design Survey Research Institute (GZPI) shared Guangzhou's experience in implementing NUA with high-quality development. Some 50 participants took part in the Retreat including mayors, senior city officials, professionals and experts.

- 3. 2019 UCLG ASPAC Annual Retreat
- Background

The UCLG Annual Retreat 2019 was held in Barcelona, Spain from 11 to 15 February under the theme "Local Action For the People and By the People".

Result

As the Co-presidency City of UCLG and METROPOLIS, a Guangzhou delegation led by Mr. Liu Baochun, Director General of Foreign Affairs Office of Guangzhou People's Municipal Government actively join the discussion on hot topics among cities around the world as well as the tendency of urban innovation responding to the goals and targets of global agendas including the Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda, and highlighted responsibilities of local governments in their implementation.

• Follow-up

The Guangzhou delegation met with the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments team to further the discussion in the localization of the SDGs and look into collaboration for the reports to UN by making good use of Guangzhou Award initiatives.

- 3rd UCLG Culture Summit, UCLG Executive Bureau Meeting and 2019 METROPOLIS Board of Director Meeting
- Background

The 2019 UCLG Executive Bureau meetings was celebrated from 4 to 6 April in Buenos Aires and Montevideo. This is back to back with the UCLG Culture Summit, taking place in Buenos Aires (Argentina) from 3-5 April, and in conjunction with meetings of Metropolis.

Result

A Guangzhou delegation led by Madam Chen Yini, Vice Chair of Guangzhou People's Political Consultative Committee joined the events. In UCLG Policy Council Meeting on Safer, Resilient and Sustainable Cities, Capable of Facing Crises, Madam Chen shared Guangzhou's solution on old city micro-reconstruction. She also took part in the panel discussion in the METROPOLIS Policy Debate on Civil Engagement in Changing Metropolises introduced how Guangzhou's Political Consultative Scheme facilitates civil engagement in decision-making and law-making.

• Follow-up

With the witness of METROPOLIS Board of Director members, Madam Chen exchanged the host and organizing agreement of 2020 METROPOLIS 13th World Congress with Mayor Michael Muller, President of METROPOLIS in the BOD meeting.

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Organized activities

Global Mayors' Forum & 2018 Urban Innovation Conference and the 4th Edition of Guangzhou Award

Background

The Global Mayors' Forum & 2018 Urban Innovation Conference and the 4th Edition of Guangzhou Award were held on 6-8 December 2018 in Guangzhou, under the theme of Global Openness and Inclusive Innovation.

Result

Hosted by the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), UCLG, METROPOLISES and Guangzhou Municipal People's government, the events served as a platform for leaders from cities, international organizations, multinational companies and research institutes to exchange ideas on innovation in global urban governance and sustainable development through insightful dialogues and discussions. Seven parallel sessions were held covering global hot issues and key aspects in urban development, such as development in bay area, blockchain application in governance and city management, education, urban construction, mobility and transportation, cultural inheritance and innovation, and urban green development. Competed for the 5 laureates, representatives from 15 shortlisted cities made presentations in Urban Innovation Seminar. And

the final award assessment result was released in the Award Ceremony. 400 registered guests from 39 countries attended the conference including representatives from 105 international and domestic cities.

• Governors Associations of Korea (GAOK)

Activities organized by UCLG and UCLG ASPAC

- 1. 7th UCLG ASPAC Congress
- Background

GAOK, along with Gunsan City, is executive member of UCLG ASPAC (until the Surabaya Congress). We are also council member along with 8 Korean local government members. GAOK represent the Korean member cities and act as a mediator between ASPAC Secretariat and Korean members. We update and inform Korean members of any news or meetings provided by the ASPAC Secretariat as well as facilitate their participation to UCLG ASPAC matters.

Result

GAOK attended the 7th UCLG ASPAC Congress held in Surabaya on 12-15 September along with <u>25</u> other participants from 7 Korean local governments and institute.

During the congress period we conducted an exhibition booth under the name of 'Korean Local Governments' along with all the Korean members, which provided the opportunity to promote the cities and their events.

GAOK also organized luncheon for the Korean members who attended the congress, which was also attended by Governor Won Hee-Ryong of Jeju, President of UCLG ASPAC then, and Secretary General Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi was invited as special guest.

In addition, Goyang and Jeonju were approved as new members of UCLG during the congress and the two cities had opportunities to further broaden their plan for establishing a community within UCLG ASPAC, through discussions with counterparts they met during the congress.

- 2. WORLD Council & Executive Bureau
- Background

GAOK is member of the Executive Bureau and Council of the WORLD. We represent the Korean member cities and act as a mediator between WORLD Secretariat and Korean member cities. We update and inform Korean members of any news or meetings provided by the WORLD Secretariat as well as facilitate their participation to UCLG WORLD matters.

Result

GAOK attended the UCLG WORLD Council & Executive Bureau Meeting held in Madrid on 5-8 November along with <u>8 participants from 7local governments of Korea(Seoul, Busan, Daegu,</u> <u>Ulsan, Gyeongsangnam-do, and Jeonju)</u>

A short ASPAC meeting took place among the ASPAC participants chaired by Mayor Tri Rismaharini, President of UCLG ASPAC and Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, Secretary General of UCLG ASPAC.

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1. 2018 K2H Certification Ceremony	
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Background

The K2H(Korea Heart to Heart) Program is a 6month training program designed to foster a new generation of public officials and future decision-makers from around the world. It provides opportunities for local public officials from foreign local governments, sister cities of Korean local governments, to experience and benchmark Korean culture, history, language and local administration. This annual fellowship program has had more than 812 public officials from approximately 32 different countries participating since 1999.

Result

In year 2018, 57 participants from 11 different countries were invited.

The participating countries were China, Japan, Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, Mongolia, Zimbabwe, Germany, Russia, Cambodia and Panama.

To complete the program for the year, the participants gathered in Jeju Island on 17-19 September,2018 for the Certification Ceremony where participants shared their 6months experiences in a presentation or performance format in Korean language. Participants also enjoyed field trips to various tourist attractions of Jeju and were also awarded with certificates for the successful completion of the program.

• Follow-up

GAOK earlier announced a call for the 2019 K2H Fellowship Program.

This year, 50 participants from 12 countries are expected to start their 6months training in Korea starting from 10 April 2018.

2. 20th Korea-China-Japan Local Governments Conference

Background

Korea-China-Japan Local Governments Conference is a trilateral meeting that is held annually since its inception in 1999. GAOK(Korea), CPAFFC(China), CLAIR(Japan) are the co-organizers of the meeting. The Conference was held in Kaifeng, China from 17-20 October 2018.

Result

Around 500 local government officials (including Mayors), academics and businessman from Korea, China and Japan gathered in Kaifeng for the conference.

The three-day meeting was to mark the continuing relations of the neighboring countries. There were three subtopics: Development of inherited Traditional culture and human civilization, Environmental protection and sustainable development, and Smart City and Technology advancement.

• Follow-up

The 21st Conference will be taking place in Ehime Prefecture, Japan, in 28~31 October, 2019. GAOK will be organizing and attending the conference along with the Korean Local Governments.

- 3. 2nd Korea-China Governors and Mayors Meeting
- Background

The Korea-China Governors and Mayors Meeting is held bi-annually in each country in pursuit of strengthening networks, discussing collaborative plans and sharing best practices among the local governments of Korea and China. The first meeting was launched in Incheon Metropolitan City in 2016.

Result

The 2nd meeting was attended by 7 Mayors and Governors from Korea (Seoul, Daegu, Sejong, Chungnam, Jeonnam, Gyeongbuk, Jeju) and 10 leaders from Chinese provinces and metropolitan cities.

The local government leaders gathered in Beijing to discuss plans for boosting their bilateral exchanges in wide-ranging areas, including climate, the environment and tourism.

Most significantly, a joint declaration for cooperation in improving the air quality of both countries was adopted.

• Jeju Special Self-Governing Province

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The 7th UCLG ASPAC Congress was held in Surabaya, Indonesia and Jeju Governor WON Hee-Ryong participated for various activities and presiding the meetings.

Result

Governor Won made the speech at the opening ceremony of the Congress and proposed to build ecosystem for innovation and he also joined GCoM to celebrate the launching. There was Culture Workshop organized by Jeju & UNITAR and it is in the process of leading the paradigm of Asia Pacific Culture & Tourism Policy.

Governor Won chaired the various meetings during the Congress and stepped down from the UCLG ASPAC president and become the immediate president. He played a pivotal role of ASPAC president for 4 years (2014-2018) for the development and expansion of ASPAC.

• Follow-up

Jeju Special Self-Governing Province has been shared the main policy of it such as Carbon Neutral Island and Green Big Bang Project and Jeju is going to share and develop together with the member of UCLG for common interests by building close cooperation among members.

2. UCLG ASPAC Retreat & Workshop Guangzhou

Background

UCLG ASPAC Retreat Guangzhou with Guangzhou Award Ceremony was held from December 7 to 10 and Jeju delegation participated into UCLG ASPAC Retreat Guangzhou.

Result

5 members of Jeju Government joined the Group Discussion of Retreat to share the benefits, expectations and challenges of member cities. Also participated into workshops to share Peer-Earning for NUA & SDGs localizing with activities among member.

Follow-up

Jeju Special Self-Governing Province is leading the area Climate Change with Carbon Neutral Island 2030 and more actively share and promote this project to accomplish the Localizing SDGs.

Activities organized by other International Organizations

2019 Boao Asia Forum

Background

Jeju Governor participated into 2019 Boao Asia Forum in Hainan, a sister city of Jeju island and did a various activities including Congress Session, Hainan Session, opening ceremony, Kor-Chi Luncheon, Gala Dinner.

Result

Governor Won Hee-Ryong was invited to one of Congress Session especially Free Trade Harbor Zone session to share the good example of Jeju Free International City Project including a wide variety of range projects & policy including JIPZ, No-Visa Policy, DFS for domestic travelers and Carbon Free Island 2030. This time he also introduced and suggested the Dust-Free Island initiative which could provide the solution of Dust-Free Island for the fine dust problem Korea, China and Japan have faced recently. This concept of idea will bring easy the conflict among

countries and share the technology of fine dust problem for more pleasant daily life. He was also invited to Hanian Session to share the example of Jeju island tourism and provide the direction of tourism & investment local residents and investors, visitors are harmonized (winwin strategy).

• Follow-up

Jeju is in the process of designating as Block Chain Special Zone by Korean Central Government and this time signed MOU with Hainan Government to build cooperation in the area of Block Chain. Jeju is ambitiously leading the 4th Industrial Revolution through Block Chain Special Zone policy.

• How these activities related to UCLG ASPAC?

Those new concept of policy and project including Dust-Free Island & Block Chain Special Zone will be shared with members of UCLG further cooperation and also Jeju is going to share the case of Jeju in the area of positive & negative impacts of tourism & investment development for SDGs.

Organized activities

2018 UCLG Global Youth Forum

Background

2018 UCLG Global Youth Forum was held within the old town area of Jeju City and it was co-hosted by Jeju & UCLG.

Result

A wide variety of artists especially young artists joined the Forum and exhibited their own arts works by inviting local citizens. In particular there was a group of workshop grogram including dialogue between well-known and young artists for better works.

• Follow-up

This is the annual occasion and 2019 UCLG Global Youth Forum is going to be organized for further progress of art and culture area.

Hamamatsu City

Activities organized by UCLG and UCLG ASPAC

Meeting between Mayor and UCLG ASPAC Secretary General

Background

Taking advantage of Secretary General Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi's visit to Japan, we arranged a meeting between her and our mayor.

Result

Hamamatsu's selection for the SDGs Mirai Toshi within Japan became a topic of discussion. As part of its efforts to realise the SDGs, there was a proposal to co-host an international conference with the SDGs as one of the themes.

• Follow-up

Hamamatsu is making progress with the preparations for the proposed international conference to be held on 23–25 October 2019.

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Organized activities

Hosting of the 10th Hamamatsu International Piano Competition

Background

The Hamamatsu International Piano Competition has been held once every 3 years ever since it started in 1991. Today it is considered as a gateway to success for pianists and attracts many promising future talents.

Result

There were 88 pianists from 19 countries who participated at the 10th Hamamatsu International Piano Competition held on 8–25 November 2018. Hamamatsu lived up to its name as the City of Music when the competition saw a total of 24,800 visitors for the preliminaries, finals and the winner's performance etc.

Also, the competition has helped promote music culture amongst the residents even further through its homestay activity and school concerts participated by some of the contestants, and exchanges between the residents and the pianists.

The competition had 148 volunteers, and was a huge event made possible through the combined efforts of both the administration and the residents.

• Follow-up

During last year's competition we presented the Mayor of Warsaw Prize for the first time. This prize is given to the best performing Japanese contestant and was established as a result of discussions between the mayors of Hamamatsu and Warsaw in May 2018. This new initiative promotes exchanges between our cities and promotion of music culture.

• New Taipei City

Activities organized by UCLG and UCLG ASPAC

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Organized activities

Launch of New Taipei for SDGs

Background

New Taipei City Government launched an online English platform themed on the sustainable development goals (SDGs) of the United Nations, displaying its determination to achieve highquality governance and to comply with the development standards of major international cities.

Result

This was the first-ever introduction of the VLR and the aforementioned English website in Taiwan, and that future governance of the city will endeavor to comply with 17 SDGs goals.

• Follow-up

New Taipei City Government will release the Voluntary Local Review results in July.

• Taipei City

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- Background

Mr. Gordon Yang, the deputy executive director of Taipei's International Affairs Advisory Council, was assigned by Mayor Ko Wen-je to attend the 7th UCLG ASPAC Congress, which was held in Surabaya, Indonesia. This was the first time the member city Surabaya had hosted the biennial event.

Result

The theme of the event was "Innovation-driven Development for a Sustainable City," which gave the participants opportunities to share ideas and experiences on the cities' sustainable development. The congress elected the chairman, the executive bureau, and the council of UCLG ASPAC for the 2018 to 2020 term and heard the report on the work of the secretariat. Taipei City, re-elected as an executive bureau member, also submitted its activity report at the meeting.

- 2. 10th UCLG World Council
- Background

Taipei City Government has been a member of the UCLG Council since 2014. By participating in UCLG activities, Taipei City can encourage exchange and enhance cooperative relations with other member cities. For example, Deputy Executive Director Gordon Yang was invited to attend the UCLG High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development Goals held in July 2018 in New York City, USA.

Result

A total of 380 representatives from cities or regions, experts, and scholars attended the 2018 UCLG World Council. In addition to hearing the UCLG Secretariat report, Taipei City's chief of the Secretariat's International Affairs Division, Anna Cheng, attended the meeting on behalf of Mayor Ko Wen-je and shared the city's public housing policy in the UCLG "Community Housing Practice" subforum. Last October, Taipei Mayor Ko signed the "Urban Home Ownership Declaration" initiated by the UCLG at HLPF, which was publicly recognized and affirmed by the UCLG World Council.

Activities organized by other International Organizations

- 1. 2018 Global Social Economy Forum
- Background

The 2018 Global Social Economy Forum was initiated and established by the City of Seoul in 2013. Leaders of local governments, international organizations, and experts discuss issues and trends related to the social economy. The 2018 Forum was held last 29 September – 6 October 2018 in Bilbao, Spain with the theme "Social Economy and Cities: Values and Competitiveness for Inclusive and Sustainable Local Development."

Result

At the invitation of Seoul City Government, Taipei Mayor Ko Wen-je designated Deputy Secretary-General Chen, Chih-ming to attend the forum and share Taipei's experiences on smart cities and gender equality with the other participants.

2. 37th CityNet Executive Committee Meeting and International Seminar

Background

CityNet, the largest association of urban stakeholders committed to sustainable development in the Asia Pacific region, was established in 1987. Taipei City has been an active CityNet member since 2004. The 37th CityNet Executive Committee was held in Da Nang, Vietnam from November

21 to 23, 2018. Along with the other representatives from 28 cities in 13 countries, Gordon Yang, Deputy Executive Director of Taipei's International Affairs Advisory Council, participated in the meeting.

Result

In the meantime, CityNet also held the Urban Network International Forum, for which the theme was "Investing in Sustainable Urbanization." This explores how private investment promotes sustainable urban development. Deputy Executive Director Yang joined one of its panel discussions and presented the case of "Taipei Energy Hill," whereby a used landfill site was converted into a green energy park. Taipei City shared with other CityNet members its successful experience of using public–private partnerships to pursue sustainable development within the city.

3. 33rd International Mayors Conference

Background

The International Mayors' Conference has been hosted and held in Israel annually. It brings together global city leaders with groundbreaking Israeli high tech, energy, and cyber security companies and urban development experts to discuss smart, sustainable, and secure cities, focusing on cutting edge urban development in the 21st century. Taipei Mayor Ko Wen-je was a first-time participant and led a delegation to attend the conference from February 23 to 27, 2019.

Result

Throughout the conference, Mayor Ko strived to strengthen the network linking Taipei City to mayors from Israel and around the world. Mayor Ko and his delegation took the opportunity to visit the world-famous autonomous driving company Mobileye, which has further enhanced technological collaboration between cities, especially in terms of green public transportation in Taipei. Mayor Ko also visited Mayor Ron Huldai of Tel Aviv to discuss matters of mutual interest, including an ongoing exchange students' program between Taipei City and Tel Aviv.

Organized activities

1. 2019 Taipei Lantern Festival

Background

The Taipei Lantern Festival is an opportunity to perpetuate our cultural heritage, incorporate creative arts and technology, and promote tourism within Taipei. The festival, whose brand image is represented by Taipei, has become a major tourism event in the city, inspiring festive Lunar New Year spirit among citizens, who uphold the folk culture of the Lantern Festival. No less momentous than other famous celebrations overseas, the Taipei Lantern Festival brings world-renowned stars and theatre troupes to perform as part of the effort to attract foreign visitors. In addition, the festival has established a "friendship foreign lantern zone" to increase Taipei's international visibility and further strengthen the friendship and cooperation between Taipei and cities worldwide. The Taipei Lantern Festival was held last 24-28 February 2019.

Result

In recent years, the festival has become a popular tourist attraction for visitors to Taipei, giving them the opportunity to engage with the city and enjoy a unique and innovative experience. This year's festival has focused on a cultural and creative market that uses interactive technology and audiovisual art performances to give the annual event a new twist. The festival ended with a parade and the 9-day event attracted more than four million visitors.

2. Taipei City Delegation to US

Background

Mayor Ko Wen-je led a Taipei City delegation of 50 high-ranking officials, city councilors, business executives, and journalists on a tour of United States cities, including New York City, Washington

D.C., Atlanta, and Boston. The delegation met with city mayors, councilors, and other officials to discuss concerns such as urban development, public housing, smart cities, green transportation, circular economy, in-house medical care, and start-ups. The delegation also visited relevant institutions and infrastructures in the cities. The mission was held last 18-23 March 2019.

Result

Taipei City Government held an event in New York City, where Mayor Ko and his team made presentations to city officials and councilors as well as to NGOs in the New York area. This facilitated the sharing of experiences regarding Taipei's progress on sustainable development goals promulgated by the United Nations from both holistic and gender equality perspectives. Taipei City also plans to release its first Local Voluntary Report in the near future.

3. 2019 Taipei Smart City Summit & Expo with GO SMART Day

Background

Taipei City Government has hosted and organized the Smart City Summit & Expo (SCSE) since 2014, so 2019 marks the sixth consecutive year of this. Moreover, the Taipei SCSE has become the largest smart city event in Asia and the second largest in the world. The event has provided all city mayors and decision-makers, domestic and international, with a platform for exchanging information and experiences regarding policies, resources, problems, and solutions. It has also provided all participants with a variety of practical solutions that are showcased at the exhibition and applied in cities worldwide. The event was held last 26-29 March 2019.

Result

A total of 128 city mayors or representatives attended the Taipei SCSE this year. The summit that focused on the two themes of "city sustainability" and "innovation and start-up" was particularly popular. They were also divided into three groups, titled the C-Talk sessions, addressing subjects such as smart transportation, smart governance, and innovative applications. All participants were actively engaged in discussion and found the subsequent feedback to be valuable.

At the expo, Taipei City established its vision pavilion, "Smart Taipei One City," using techinteractive and virtual–real integrated methods to showcase its achievements in the fields of smart public housing, smart transportation, smart healthcare, smart education, smart innovation, smart security, and smart government. The event represented one of the highlights of this year's SCSE and attracted numerous participants.

Most importantly, Taipei City initiated and launched the intercity organization GO SMART (Global Organization of Smart Cities) at the 2019 Taipei SCSE. The organization has thus far recruited 140 members from cities, enterprises, industries, and academic and research institutions from around the world. GO SMART promotes intercity PoC or facilitates intercity collaboration on smart city concepts. Taipei City would like to invite all smart cities to join GO SMART and to participate in the 2020 SCSE, to be held on March 24–27, 2019.

PACIFIC SUB-REGION

LGA Maldives

Activities organized by UCLG and UCLG ASPAC

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Did not get the opportunity to participate in activities within the period from September 2018 to February 2019.

Activities organized by other International Organizations

1. Training Workshop for Cultural Tourism for Sustainable Cities in the Asia-Pacific Region

- Background
 The event was held last 12-15 September 2018 in Surabaya, Indonesia and organized by
 UNITAR CIFAL Jeju/JITC. It was aimed at building the capacity of participants on cultural
 tourism policy, whilst promoting awareness and recognition on the importance of cultural
 and sustainable tourism development.
- Result

Provided a platform for knowledge exchange and discussions on cultural tourism in the Asia-Pacific.

- Follow-up Imparted knowledge on sustainable tourism practices.
- How these activities related to UCLG ASPAC? Advocates for the sustainability agenda.
- 2. Regional Training Workshop on Building Cities Resilience to Climate and Disaster Risks
- Background

The event was held last 17-21 September 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand and organized by Regional Resource Center for Asia and the Pacific (RRC.AP) of Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) and United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR). It provided an opportunity for disaster prone developing countries to: 1) Contribute to mainstreaming disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation into local planning and policy development processes, using the Making Cities Resilient (MCR) global campaign methodology, tools and templates based on UNISDR's 10 Essentials for Resilience, that is an "operational framework of the Sendai Framework at local level"; 2) Increase political commitment and address social demand for disaster resilient development, climate change adaptation, and sustainable development; and 3) Link the process of cities and local governments resilience baseline data compilation, resilience assessment reports, countries cases studies preparation, and monitoring and evaluation reporting with Asia-Pacific Adaptation Information Platform (AP-PLAT).

Result

Provided a platform for knowledge exchange and discussions.

• Follow-up

Imparted knowledge.

 How these activities related to UCLG ASPAC? Advocates for the sustainability agenda.

Closing the Loop - Unlocking the Informal Economy in an Inclusive Circular Economy ApproachBackground

The event was held last 21-23 November 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand and organized by United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific (UNESCAP) Environment and Development Division in close partnership with the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) Asia office and Kashtakari Panchayat (based in Pune) India – the local partner of Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO). The project aimed to make waste management processes more inclusive and circular to increase the rate of recovery and reduce

the leakage of plastics. The goal is to deepen understanding of local informal and formal waste streams, capitalize on the opportunities where such waste streams intersect, and build multi-stakeholder partnerships that bridge the sectors. Measures to recover and recycle plastic are an essential element of a larger circular economy approach that internalizes the value of plastic and reduces marine litter.

- Result
- Provided a platform for knowledge exchange and discussions.
- Follow-up
- Imparted knowledge.
- How these activities related to UCLG ASPAC? Advocates for the sustainability agenda.
- 4. Smart Republic 2019
- Background

The event was held last 27-28 February 2019 in New Delhi, India and organized by the All India Institute of Local Self Government (AIILSG). The event aimed at: 1) Strengthening and deepening the collaboration among multiple implementing agencies working in the domains of smart cities and smart villages; 2) Fostering knowledge sharing among practitioners of Smart Cities and Smart villages programs to ensure adherence to global standards and good practices for accelerated achievement of SDGs; 3) Helping government agencies leverage private sector investment, knowledge and resources through innovative public private partnership models; 4) Supporting deliberations among multiple players to formulate structured mechanisms for improving crosssectoral integration to accelerate deployment of sustainable smart city and smart village programs; 5) Facilitating sharing of good practices among the Smart City and Smart Village practitioners for development and deployment of Digital Platforms and Solutions for transformative interventions across multiple thematic areas.

- Result
- Provided a platform for knowledge exchange and discussions.
- Follow-up
- Imparted knowledge on said objectives.
- How these activities related to UCLG ASPAC?
- Advocates for the sustainability agenda.

Organized activities

- 1. Conducted Development Planning Workshop in AA Atoll, Rasdhoo Island, Maldives
- Background

Development planning for the islands are conducted according to the template developed by LGA such that the areas for which development planning will be carried out are specified based on localized SDGs. This ensures that all development initiatives fall into these areas and are compatible and promote the SDGs at a local level.

Result

Development plan for the 5-year period have been developed according to the template.

- Follow-up Need to follow up and monitor the implementation of the planned development projects.
- 2. Stopped the use of single plastic products in the organization's activities and premises.
- Background

This is in line with the pledge of the Maldivian president to reduce the contribution to plastic waste.

Result

Stopped the contribution to plastic waste by the organization.

• Follow-up

Successful initiative in reducing waste.

- 3. Conducted capacity building trainings and workshops in several atolls and islands across Maldives
- Background

Trainings related to finance, leadership, women's empowerment, governance and other topics contributing to the development of the decentralization process of the country were conducted in various atolls across the Maldives.

Result

Capacity of the local councils increased as a result of the trainings.

• Follow-up

Capacity assessment required to assess the effectiveness of the trainings.

- 4. City and Atoll Councils Forum held with participants from local councils and women's development committees across the country.
- Background

The purpose of the forum was to get the inputs from the participants themselves to get their suggestions for improving the decentralization process, specifically the Decentralization Act of the Maldives.

Result

A conducive platform where suggestions and recommendations of the participants were incorporated into a document, a declaration which was submitted to the relevant line ministries and organizations. These recommendations would be taken into consideration in formulating the new Decentralization Act of the Maldives.

Follow-up

The results of the forum will be apparent when the new Decentralization Act is formulated.

- 5. Conducted session on E-council system to the local councils. Specifically, user interface single sign-on.
- Background

E-council system was developed to digitalize the administrative and financial framework of local councils by creating a platform to deliver services, maintain records and to be able to communicate with other organizations in a single network. This will contribute to the streamlining of the administrative system of the local councils across the Maldives.

Result

Build capacity of the local councils thus strengthening the decentralization system of the country.

• Follow-up

To be assessed once the system has been implemented across all councils.

• Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ)

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Background			
LGNZ has undertaken a survey to measure the impact of sea level rise on local infrastructure,			
assets and services. It was the first time such a survey had been undertaken in NZ.			
Result			
The results of the survey have been used to get central government's support to establish a			
fund to assist communities adapt to sea level rise.			
Follow-up			
LGNZ is continuing to work with the Government to assist it to develop a national programme			
to assist councils develop adaption strategies.			
Participation in Activities			
Background			
LGNZ is contributing to the Government's voluntary report to the United Nations outlining			
progress on the SDGs. Councils were invited to contribute examples of actions they had			
taken to achieve one or more of the SDGs.			
Result			
Fifteen councils contributed examples of action taken to achieve the SDGs.			
Follow-up			
LGNZ will work with the Government on follow up to the United Nations report.			

SOUTH & SOUTHWEST ASIA SUB-REGION

• Association of District Coordination Committees of Nepal (ADCCN)

Activities organized by UCLG and UCLG ASPAC			
•	Background		
•	Result		
•	Follow-up		
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•	Background		
•	Result		
•	Follow-up		
•	How these activities related to UCLG ASPAC?		
Organiz	Organized activities		
1.	1 st National Convention of ADCCN		

• Background

First National Convention of ADCCN was organized on September 8, 2018 where 75 districts out of 77 districts took participation gathering about 600 delegates in Kathmandu.

Result

There was declaration of 13 points approved by the convention that was more on the functional role of DCC, additional staff for the effective monitoring and coordination work that supported by additional budget.

- 2. National Climate Conference
- Background

To increase awareness on the impacts of climate change in different sectors and the importance of adaptation strategies to reduce the threat in Nepal, a national level climate change conference was initiated by ADCCN and organized in the Singdhupalchok District last 31 December 2018 to 01 January 2019.

Result

Joint effort and commitment for the mitigation of climate change.