FOREWORD

Dear Valued Members and Partners,

First, I would like to express my gratitude for the opportunity given to me to lead this great organisation. For one year, I have directly collaborated with local governments and witnessed their enthusiasm and fighting spirit, particularly in handling the pandemic challenges. Words cannot explain how inspired and grateful I am for having them as fellow city leaders.

Taking this leadership role amidst the pandemic, I can say that there is no better way to move forward than enhancing our cities’ resilience to be much better prepared in facing challenges ahead. Good city resilience is a great foundation to overcome challenges. In the context of our organisation, we have Disaster Resilience as our signature programme, which we take further through the implementation of various projects mainly focusing on cities’ resilience. This is part of the organisation’s commitment to assist cities and local governments in improving their resilience capacity as a foundation to build cities more sustainably.

On the other hand, we acknowledge that cities have different capacities to meet their needs and overcome different challenges with different resources. While some cities have sufficient resources to meet their needs and even extend their oversupply to help others, some others are still building a foundation in many aspects. And when we are talking about resilience, we are not only referring to one’s capacity to be able to achieve this, but we also need to build a perspective that this is also a shared work; because when one city collapses, it will also impact others in various ways.

I can say that there is no better way to accomplish this than strengthening cities’ collaboration spirit. It can take various forms, including solidarity action. With that, I, on behalf of my people and friends, would like to express my greatest gratitude to local government leaders who are still willing to extend hands and support while facing the pandemic challenges. I hope this will strengthen the connection among us much more than ever.

MAYOR ASHOK
President, UCLG ASPAC
President, Municipal Association of Nepal
Mayor, Dhusiwak Municipality

Dear Readers,

Entering 2022, we are in the third year of the pandemic challenges. Some of us may enter the recovery phase, but some others may still struggle to mitigate the virus spread. At whatever stage of our fight now, I am proud to share with you all how we, as the organisation, thrived amidst the challenge.

First, we managed to organise the 8th UCLG ASPAC Congress last September virtually. The three-day event brought together more than 700 participants involved in various topics of discussion under the theme “From Steady Recovery to Sustained Prosperity in Post-COVID Asia and the Pacific”. Knowledge exchange and intensive discussions among city leaders and global partners was amazing. It exposed insights for participants and gave directions to the course of the organisation.

We also completed the LOCALISE SDGs programme. The word “complete” here does not truly reflect the meaning, because apart from the “completion” as a programme, UCLG ASPAC is committed to continuing our assistance to local governments up to 2030 in various SDGs localisation efforts.

In 2021, we are also grateful to continue our journey as Secretariat of the Global Covenant of Mayor (GCoM) for the Southeast Asia sub-region in the second phase of the GCoM Programme implementation. This climate action programme truly complements the Climate Resilient and Inclusive Cities (CRIC), which is also supported by the European Union. We are honoured for the trust.

We are also glad that in 2021, our one-year support to the Indonesian Ministry of Home Affairs was also fruitful with the finalisation of the revised ministry regulation on the minimum standard for local governments in public service delivery. We are happy to be able to support in the preparation for the dissemination of the regulation at the end of last year.

Year 2021 already passed. Indeed, the pandemic is still around us and so is our fight. For now, let’s take time to be proud of what we did and ensure that we will only deliver our best effort to our people. Together we can!

Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi
Secretary General, UCLG ASPAC

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“The road to recovery will never be easy. But let us take this as an opportunity to make our cities safer, more healthy, inclusive, environmentally sustainable, and resilient—and with our local leaders at the forefront.”

Dr. Bambang Susantono | Vice-President for Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, ADB

“Recovery requires focus... This must be done through commitment and actions.”

Prof. Armida Alisjahbana | Executive Secretary, UN ESCAP

“Together,... I know we can build a truly better normal. A world that is better, fairer, that is more just and compassionate where we can all thrive and prosper.”

Ms. Leni Robredo | Vice President, Philippines

“The lesson of solidarity will be key to carry out the pact of future that works for people, planet, and local governments.”

Mr. Mohamed Boudra | Mayor, Al Hoceima and President, UCLG World

Ms. Li Fang | Director of Zhengzhou Municipal Bureau of Culture, Broadcast-TV and Tourism, Zhengzhou Municipal People’s Government

Mr. Suzuki Yasutomo | Mayor, Hamamatsu

“Reduced Mobility leads to Reduced Economic Volume... Combination of technologies, social programme, and ensuring that important economic activities remain in operation are at the heart of our current COVID-19 handling strategy.”

Dr. Emil Dardak | Vice Governor, East Java

“Daejeon has three major policy directions for digitalisation: Digitalise Public Administration and Services, Enhance Digital Infrastructure, and Promote Inclusive Digitalisation.”

Mr. Hyungjong John LEE | Ambassador for International Relations of Daejeon Metropolitan City

“During the COVID-19 pandemic, ... we have launched our innovation for the civilised development and launch out the regulations to the sanitation, waste to dispose them, as well as imposed on the regular anti-pandemic approaches to our social society and guide our citizens to form the habit of healthy living.”

Ms. Li Fang | Director of Zhengzhou Municipal Bureau of Culture, Broadcast-TV and Tourism, Zhengzhou Municipal People’s Government
"Acting alone is not enough. Thus, global collaboration is the key to tackle climate change as every country is affected. This encompasses steps to reduce greenhouse emissions and achieve carbon-neutral for climate adaptation."
Alexandra Lehmann | Attaché, Foreign Policy Instruments on behalf of EU Delegation to the P.R. of China

"Crisis presents big opportunities, what we need now is to make resilient communities and resilient cities."
Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi | Secretary-General, UCLG ASPAC

"The crisis gives us the opportunity to transform how cities operate to achieve SDGs. Cities can start to build infrastructure to ensure safety for women and disabled people. Local governments also can start to include gender-sensitive COVID-19 response to reduce the gap in inequality."
Dr. Fatima Sayeda | Postdoctoral Fellow United Nation University

"Resilient building is a process. MCR2030 is being designed by the need of local governments."
Ms. Mutarika Pruksapong | UN DRR

"In achieving 2030 agenda, it requires collaboration to build back better."
Mr. Curt Garrigan | Chief Sustainable Urban Development Section, UN ESCAP

1. Adoption of Manifesto 2021-2025 | After approximately two-year long of preparation and discussions among members conducted offline and online, UCLG ASPAC Manifesto 2021-2025 was finally adopted. For the implementation, UCLG ASPAC formulated workplan of the Organisation (2021-2022) accordingly

2. Upcoming 9th UCLG ASPAC Congress to be conducted in 2023

3. Tenure Extension of Presidency, representatives of Executive Bureau and Council from 2020-2022 to 2020-2023

4. Madam Zhang Yajie (Guangzhou) is the new Chair of UCLG ASPAC Standing Committee on Women in Local Government and UCLG ASPAC Co-President on Women in Local Government.

5. Reactivation of Financial Management Committee for 2021-2023

6. Xi’an to host the next UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau Meeting in June 2022

7. Establishment of new committees: Humanitarian, Development and Peace (HDP) Nexus Committee led by Gyeonggi Province, Tourism Committee led by Xi’an, and Circular Economy Committee supported by AIILSG

8. Approval of New Members: Semarang City, Banjarmasin City, Musi Banyuasin Regency, Sawahlunto City, North Minahasa Regency, Balikpapan City, Maritime Local Government Network (LGN), Dhulikhel Municipality, Namyangju City, and National Association of Mayors of Korea (NAMK)
Heading to the 8th Congress, UCLG ASPAC held a first ever photo competition. Winners were announced and all photo submissions were also exhibited virtually at the Congress. UCLG ASPAC thanks all participants for the good works. Below are some of them.

"Connecting the World" Sculpture

The 8th UCLG ASPAC Congress saw the inauguration of sculpture built by Zhengzhou, the host city. The sculpture is in a circular structure, implying “unity, friendship and cooperation” in the Asia-Pacific region. It implies the interconnection between cities and local governments in the Asia-Pacific region and between the Asia-Pacific region and the world.

The sculpture may look like the Arabic numeral “8”, implying the successful convening of the eighth UCLG ASPAC Congress. From above, it also looks like a loop line, showing the virtual mode that connected participants of the Congress. The sculpture also resembles a floating ribbon, which implies that, under the concept of “one belt, one road”, all cities in the Asia-Pacific will work in harmony to advance the development of the community and reflect the common destiny of mankind.
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 decides UCLG ASPAC’s policies in a collegial way and ensures that general policies adopted by the General Assembly are implemented. The 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 Associates and International Members, as well as ex-officio namely the co-President (Host), 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.

*Names and designations are based on updates as of December 2021*
NEW MEMBERS IN 2021

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATIONS

MARITIME LOCAL GOVERNMENT NETWORK
Leader: Mr. Hugua
Email: lgncommunication@gmail.com
LGN provides a platform for local governments to collectively discuss and collaboratively develop and strengthen projects, policies and action agendas that protects, manages, and improves the health of coastal and marine ecosystems, and strengthen the socio-economic conditions of coastal communities.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MAYORS OF KOREA (NAMK)
Leader: Mr. Hwang, Myeong-Seon
Website: namk.or.kr
National Association of Mayors of Korea (N.A.M.K.) is an organisation that consists of the elected mayors who represent each local government in lower level: city, county, and autonomous district in a metropolitan city in Republic of Korea.

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

BALIKPAPAN CITY
Mayor: Mr. Rahmad Masúd
Website: http://web.balikpapan.go.id/
Located in East Kalimantan Province, Indonesia, the city is the site of a major oil refinery that processes both imported and local crude oils.

BANJARMASIN CITY
Mayor: Mr. Ibnu Sina, S.Pi, M.Si
Website: banjarmasinkota.go.id
Located in South Kalimantan Province, Indonesia, it is known as city of a Thousand Rivers. It is famous for its water tourism which is influenced by the natural state of the city.

DHULIKHEL MUNICIPALITY
Mayor: Mr. Ashok Kumar Byanju
Website: https://dhulikhelmun.gov.np/en
Dhulikhel is popular for its natural beauty and ancient traditions. It is located about 30 km to the east of Kathmandu valley.

MUSI BANYUASIN REGENCY
Mayor: Dr. H. Dodi Reza Alex Noerdin
Website: mubakab.go.id
The Government of Musi Banyuasin Regency, South Sumatra, opens green investment opportunities to create new economic development.

NAMYANGJU CITY
Mayor: Mr. Cho Kwang-Han
Website: nyj.go.kr
Located in Gyeonggi Province, South Korea, Namyangju City has been tirelessly working to lay the foundation for a self-sufficient green city centred on culture and economy.

NORTH MINAHASA REGENCY
Mayor: Mr. Joune J.E. Ganda, SE
Website: www.minut.go.id
The Regency includes the offshore islands of Bangka (Pulau Bangka) and Talisei (Pulau Talise) to the north of Sulawesi, and Mantenang (Pulau Mantehage) and Naeng Besar (Pulau Nain Besar) to the northwest.

PALEMBANG
Mayor: Mr. Harnojoyo
Website: https://palembang.go.id
Palembang is the oldest city in Indonesia. Known as Sriwijaya Land, it was the biggest Buddhist Kingdom that controlled Malacca Strait. Venice of the East is another name of the city.

SAWAHLUNTO CITY
Mayor: Mr. Deri Asta, SH
Website: www.sawahluntokota.go.id
Sawahlunto is the mining town in West Sumatra. It was first established as a town in 1882 by the Dutch along with coal mining operations.

SEMARANG CITY
Mayor: Mr. Hendrar Prihadi, S.E., M.M.
Website: www.semarangkota.go.id
Semarang is the capital city of Central Java Province. Under the Smart City concept, the city applies three main agendas to support in the social (security), economic (competitive), and environmental (comfort) dimensions.
NEW COMMITTEES

UCLG ASPAC accommodated new initiatives from members on specific fields through Committees establishment approved on Executive Bureau Meeting 2021 at the 8th UCLG ASPAC Congress hosted by Zhengzhou:

**NEW COMMITTEES**

**Tourism Committee**
Led by Xi’an city, the Committee was joined by 18 founding members on 20 October 2021. The principle of this Committee is to promote harmonious development; exchanges and mutual learning of tourism; enhance cultural and tourist exchanges and cooperation between member cities and cities along the Silk Road; and push forward the coordinated development; mutual benefit and a win-win result of cultural tourism among cities.

Activity: 7 Keys Workshop

**Humanitarian Development Peace (HDP) Nexus Committee**
Led by Gyeonggi Provincial Government, the establishment of this Committee is a response towards humanitarian condition impacted by conflict, violence, and disasters that continue to uproot millions of people from their homes every year. Amidst the pandemic challenge, the HDP Nexus Committee would like to utilise the opportunity to adapt to COVID-19 responses in various areas to bring peace and sustainable development in Asia-Pacific region.

Activity: HDP Nexus Webinars

**Circular Economy Committee**
Proposed by All India Institute of Local Self-Government (AIILSG), the Committee is established to assist cities and local governments in facing ambitious goal for economic prosperity while at the same time striving to continually challenge and eliminate unsustainable and linear economic models by ensuring the well-being decoupling, an approach to increase the service provided for human and societal needs per unit of resource use.

Activity: Training and capacity Building Programmes

CITY SOLIDARITY ACTS: TOGETHERNESS DEFEATING THE OUTBREAK

UCLG ASPAC is proud to see unwavering commitment of city leaders for concrete collaboration amidst this pandemic. In 2021, UCLG ASPAC continued facilitating city solidarity actions through donation of medical supplies.

**Sponsors** Fuzhou Municipal People’s Government and 21st Century Maritime Cooperation Committee

**Beneficiaries** Dhulikhel Municipality, Kirtipur Municipality

**Donation** Bilevel positive airway pressure units, oxygen concentrators, pulse oximeter, medical disposable protective coveralls, disposable medical surgical masks

**Sponsors** Zhengzhou Municipal People’s Government, Nanning Municipal People’s Government, New Taipei City

**Beneficiaries** Association of District Coordination Committees of Nepal (ADCCCN), Dhulikhel Municipality, Pokhara Metropolitan City

**Donation** Surgical masks, face shield, gloves, protective clothing, oxygen concentrators

**Sponsors** Beijing Municipal People’s Government, Shanghai, Municipal People’s Government, Guiyang City, Changsha City, Jeollanamdo Province, Chungcheongbukdo Province, Jeju Special Self-Governing Province, Nonsan City, Gangbuk City

**Beneficiaries** Jakarta Capital City Government, Yogyakarta City, Malang City, Semarang City, West Java Province, Central Sulawesi Province, Central Java Province, Bali Province, UCLG ASPAC Secretariat

**Donation** Nasal high-flow oxygen therapy devices, infusion pumps, oximeters, oxygen concentrator, surgical masks, mask KF94, mask N95, protection suits
**REVISION OF MINISTRY REGULATION ADAPTED**

UCLG ASPAC’s support to the Indonesian Ministry of Home Affairs for the revision of Ministry Regulation No.100/2018 (improvement of the minimum standard applied by local governments in public service delivery) was fruitful. After organising a series of Focus Group Discussion (FGD) (from 14 February to 25 May 2021), the revision was finally approved in 2021 (known as the Ministry Regulation No.59/2021).

The regulation rules out minimum standard to be applied by local governments in Indonesia in delivering public services (Standar Pelayanan Minimum/SPM) in six sectors: Education, Health, Public works and spatial planning (including access to clean water, electricity, vital infrastructures), Public housing, Community and public safety (human rights, gender, safety), Social sector (poverty, inequality, disaster management).

Results of the revision include simplification of SPM indicators, SPM achievement index with grouping scale up to 100%, selection of regional SPM team to be articulated on mayor/governor’s decree, performance reporting system to be conducted online and submitted every quarter incentives for regions with the highest achievement and an award for the best performing local government.

**ASEAN MAYORS FORUM 2021: INVIGORATING MAYORS’ COMMITMENT ON CLIMATE RESILIENCE**

UCLG ASPAC, the Secretariat of the ASEAN Mayors Forum (AMF), organised AMF 2021 in a special format on 29-30 June 2021. Engaging China and India, AMF 2021 identified and acknowledged the commonness of cities in Southeast Asia as well as China and India in facing climate challenges that urbanisation brought. This situation reveals that both the economic and environmental aspects of urbanisation should go hand in hand in the interests of climate resilience.

Therefore, cities need to develop strategies to sustain the momentum of economic activities, provision of housing, healthcare, education, energy services, and mitigate the impacts of climate change. This event brought together city leaders with a shared commitment to climate resilience and opportunities for networking and knowledge sharing. This event also contributed to the development of the final appraisal document for the Urban ACT (Integrated the Urban Climate Action for Low-Carbon and Resilient Cities) Programme that will be implemented by UCLG ASPAC in 2022 onward.

"The Paris Agreement requires action across levels of government. As local communities and the National government develop COVID-19 recovery strategies, it is time to accelerate this action to be more resilient and greener. No local or national government should act alone, vertical integration of policies is critical. The role of cities must be well defined."

Ms. Armida Alisjahbana, the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)

"Today’s forum serves as a window of opportunity to take stock and learn from each other’s experience in climate-proofing our cities and he hopes that this gathering will also allow us to reflect on possible avenues for cooperation as we champion climate-smart cities in ASEAN."

Mr. Kung Phoak, The Deputy Secretary-General (DSG) ASEAN for ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC)

"Cities have a great role in tackling the impacts of climate change, to provide a liveable living environment for its inhabitants."

Mr. Anies Rasyid Baswedan, Ph.D, Governor of Jakarta

UCLG ASPAC is proud to be able to take part in the process of minimising the gap of public service delivery among cities and local governments in Indonesia. We are looking forward to further collaboration in the future.
LOCALISE SDGs: COMMITMENT EXTENSION UPON PROGRAMME COMPLETION

THE year 2021 marked the conclusion of the UCLG ASPAC’s LOCALISE SDGs, a collaborative programme of UCLG ASPAC and Association of Indonesia Municipalities (APEKSI) with funding from the European Union (EU). LOCALISE SDGs, which stands for Leadership, Ownership, and Capacities for Agenda 2030 Local Implementation and Stakeholders Empowerment, started in 2018. The programme’s completion was marked by the Online Conference on Dissemination of Learning and Program Outcomes of LOCALISE SDGs “Encouraging Acceleration Recovery from Pandemic through Commitment and Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals Attainment”, on June 24, 2021. On the occasion, big applause and appreciation were mentioned, reflecting the contribution of this programme to local governments.

"The European Union is proud that the EU-funded LOCALISE SDGs programme implemented by UCLG ASPAC in collaboration with APEKSI has been able to support the Government in these important areas. The local government is a key player in achieving SDGs in Indonesia. It is at the local level where we can have a most direct and positive impact on people’s lives.”
Mr. Vincent Piket | The European Union Ambassador to Indonesia and Brunei Darussalam

"It is estimated that 65 percent of 169 targets of the 17 SDGs will not be achieved without the involvement of the local governments.”
Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi | Secretary General, UCLG ASPAC

Provincial Government of DKI Jakarta, the host city of UCLG ASPAC Secretariat Office, represented by Deputy Governor for Population and Settlement Control, Ir. Suharti, MA., Ph.D, expressed their appreciation for good cooperation on the LOCALISE SDGs programme.

"LOCALISE SDGs programme has good practices and should be a reference for mainstreaming SDGs in all regions. As the host city of UCLG ASPAC, the DKI Jakarta Provincial Government thanks the EU, Secretariat of UCLG ASPAC, and all of you for this well-executed collaboration.”

This final event also involved high-level persona such as Erna Witoelar, the Board of Trustees of the Yayasan Pembangunan Berkelanjutan, who delivered keynote speech; Alissa Wahid, the Indonesian SDGs Ambassador, acting as a moderator of the talk show series; Dr. Bima Arya Sugiarso (Chairman of APEKSI and Mayor of Bogor); Dr. H. Syarif Fasha, M.E (Mayor of Jambi); Deri Asta, S.H. (Mayor of Sawahlunto); and Marten Taha, S.E., M.Ec.Dev. (Mayor of Gorontalo), who represented the target Local Authorities (Las) and Association of Local Authorities (ALAs) of the LOCALISE SDGs programme. In addition, Las in the Asia-Pacific region - Naga City in the Philippines, Subang Jaya City in Malaysia - were present to share their experiences and provide inspiration for pandemic recovery and SDGs attainment programmes that can be adapted by Las.

- Organised 3 national trainings
- 38 local trainings
- 3 collaborative trainings
- Participants: Indonesian Las and ALAs: APEKSI, APPSI, ADEKSI, ADKASI
- 21 Publications (multi-sectoral research to help local governments identifying challenges and formulating policies to tackle the impact of pandemic) including infographics, research report, policy recommendations, pocketbooks, monitoring and evaluation tools, synthesis reports, modules.
- Target: 30 local authorities in Indonesia
- in which 196 Las joined virtually and 49 Las attended face-to-face gathering (prior to the pandemic).
- More than 6,500 local governments coming from 245 Las
- The outreach to 245 Las is much higher than the LOCALISE SDGs targets of 30 Las.
- 4 MoUs with SDGs Centres of Leading Universities in Indonesia (Universitas Indonesia, Institut Teknologi Bandung, Universitas Diponegoro, Universitas Lampung)
- Partnerships with Indonesian National Development Planning Agency (Bappenas), Indonesian Ministries (Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Village, Development of Disadvantaged Regions and Transmigration/Kemendesa PDTT, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Finance), and Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation Agency

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COLLABORATION FOR SDGs IMPLEMENTATION

ONE of UCLG ASPAC’s commitments for SDGs implementation has been assisting (local) governments in reporting their SDGs implementation progress through Voluntary Reports, including Voluntary Local Review (VLR), Voluntary Sub-National Review (VSR), and SDGs Snapshot. UCLG ASPAC is glad for the trusted funding support and collaboration from partners in realising this mission: UN ESCAP, ADB, and UCLG World.

UCLG ASPAC, with the support of UCLG World, has commitment to support the drafting of VSR in Indonesia, Pakistan, the Philippines, and Sri Lanka. Throughout April-June 2021, UCLG ASPAC has completed the VSR Indonesia in partnership with the Association of Indonesia Municipalities (Asosiasi Pemerintah Kota Seluruh Indonesia/APEKSI), Association of Indonesian City Councils (Asosiasi DPRD Kota Seluruh Indonesia/ADIKSI), Association of Indonesian Provincial Government (Asosiasi Pemerintah Provinsi Seluruh Indonesia/APPSI), and SDGs Network of Institute of Technology Bandung.

The Methodology

- Decentralisation and Enabling Environment
- Setting SDGs Priorities
- Identification of Best Practices and Data Collection
- Stakeholder Engagement and (Public) Consultation
- Report Drafting
- Report Submission
- Analysis and Synthesis
- Conclusion and Recommendation
- Case Studies as Pilot Project
- Primary Surveys (Questionnaires, interviews, etc)
- FGD with local governments
- Validation Meeting for VLR of Surabaya
- Focus Group Discussion for Development of VLR for Jakarta

The Result

The Indonesian VSR and Surabaya VLR have been included in the Voluntarily National Review (VNR) of the Government of Indonesia which was submitted to the UN in 2021.

Year 2021 also marked the beginning of support that UCLG ASPAC, in collaboration with ADB, delivered in drafting the development of Indonesia SDGs Snapshot.

UCLG ASPAC-Indonesian Parliamentary MoU Signing: Support to Localise SDGs in Indonesia

13 August 2021 | UCLG ASPAC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indonesian Inter Parliamentary Cooperation Body or Badan Kerja Sama Antar Parlemen (BKSAP) to ensure the localisation of SDGs. BKSAP has tasks to coordinate and strengthen the SDGs awareness raising among parliament members in Indonesia and build partnership on SDGs implementation with other parliamentarians at the global level.
CONTRIBUTION THROUGH FLAGSHIP PROGRAMME

UCLG ASPAC’s commitment on Disaster Risk Reduction was realised through various capacity building activities and collaboration with our global partners.

9-11 March 2021
Training of Trainers on Fundamentals of Resilient Governance and Development
Participants: 30 trainers from the four sub-regions of Asia and Pacific
Collaboration: UCLG World Learning Team (module developed together with UN DRR and UN Habitat)

17-20 May 2021
Bringing up Disaster Resilience issues on "Open Government Indonesia (OGI) Week"
Participants: cities and local leaders in Indonesia

13, 21 July 2021
Engaging Stakeholders in Zero Draft Consultation Meeting for Disaster Risk Reduction Action Plan 2021-2024
Stakeholders involved: Asia-Pacific Local Governments Coordinating Bodies (APLG) members and partners (UN-Habitat, UN ESCAP, UCLG MEWA), City of Makati, Vigan, Banda Aceh, and All India Institute of Local Self-Government (AIILSG).

November-December 2021
Promoting Disaster Risk Reduction and the Making Cities Resilient Campaign to increase the number of local DRR plan/strategy in 2021-2022
22 November | First MCR2030 Webinar
21 December | Second MCR2030 Webinar

18 October 2021
Leading a Focus Group Discussion Workshop organised by the Indonesia National Disaster Management Agency in celebrating International Disaster Risk Reduction Day 2021
Participants: more than 300 local representatives (province, municipality, regency)

SOLIDARITY ACT FOR PALU

In 2021, CUF-UCLG ASPAC collaborative programme proceeded to the capacity building activities and preparation for public space construction.

27-30 April 2021
Two-day capacity development workshop on Disaster Risk Study at the Balaroa permanent housing area

8-11 June 2021
Community meeting to engage larger community groups for inclusive planning

July-August 2021
Focus Group Discussion (bottom-up approach) on development of public space to create opportunities for local economic development and enable greater participation in empowering citizens of all ages, gender, and social status

Public space construction in Palu is a solidarity action between Cités Unies France (CUF) and UCLG ASPAC. This project has started from 2018 and both parties agreed to prioritise local involvement and project success despite challenges.
THE JOURNEY TOWARDS CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND INCLUSIVE CITIES

UCLG ASPAC’s programme for cities to enhance their climate resilience and inclusiveness entered the next phase in 2021. In its second year, UCLG ASPAC enhanced cities’ efforts through various programme implementation, from identification of cities needs to organisation of capacity building activities on Climate Action Plan.

"We need more than technological solutions to solve problems in the cities ... Local leaders have to turn their political commitment into action."

Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi Secretary General, UCLG ASPAC

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Extending the support to cities in Indonesia on climate resilience through workshop to prepare coastal cities for climate change

Echoing a stronger call-to-action and collaboration message at Human Rights Festival 2021. The festival was held by the Indonesian National Human Rights Commission, INFID, the Presidential Staff Office, and this year hosted by the Semarang City Government on hybrid mode, taking the theme “Moving Together to Strengthen Diversity, Inclusion and Resilience”

Climate Action Plan Training #1 Phase Participants: Gorontalo, Cirebon, Mataram, Pangkalpinang, Samarinda, Kupang, Bandar Lampung, Ternate, Pekanbaru Composition: 156 male, 111 female

“"There are several initiatives in place to promote climate action that consider the needs of people with disabilities. In terms of policies, we have regulations to protect people with disabilities. We provide home care to provide them access to health services. We raise awareness on disaster risks and preparedness at school, and we build accessible infrastructure for people with disabilities.”

Mayor H. Ibnu Sina, S.Pi., M.Si. of Banjarmasin

Strengthening collaboration with the Ministry of Environment and Forestry’s Directorate General of Climate Change through a courtesy call

"We're not just talking about the future; we're creating it, together."

Annals of the International Visitor Center
UCLG ASPAC: HOME OF GLOBAL COVENANT OF MAYORS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

8 October 2021
UCLG ASPAC as Secretariat of GCoM SEA, secured the commitment of related stakeholders in Viet Nam for smooth programme implementation, including the Institute for Natural Resources and Environment (ISPONRE) and Association of Cities of Viet Nam (ACVN).

14 October 2021
Showcasing works of local champions by participating in the EU Climate Diplomacy Week, in collaboration with UCLG ASPAC Climate Resilient and Inclusive Cities (CRIC) programme team.

26 October 2021
Consolidating actions and workplan with partners through the second Coordination Call, participated by more than 20 representatives from the European Union Delegation, CDP, ICLEI Southeast Asia, GCoM Global Secretariat, GCoM Asia Project, Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission, and UN-Habitat.

29 October 2021
UCLG ASPAC facilitated the visit of the European Union-funded GCoM Asia Programme to its four selected pilot cities/regencies in Indonesia to ensure a clearer path to move forward and realise their commitment to climate actions.

12 November 2021
Kick-Off meeting for GCoM SEA in Viet Nam. The meeting was attended by representatives of the four selected pilot cities, the European Union Delegation (EUD), Association of Cities of Vietnam (ACVN) and Institute for Natural Resources and Environment (ISPONRE).

14 October 2021
“Local governments are climate champions to lead climate actions in cities, thereby contributing to the Paris Agreement.”
Mr. Henriette Faergemann, First Counsellor – Environment, Climate Action, and ICT at the EU Delegation for Indonesia

26 October 2021
“Southeast Asia is the centre of this strategy with an important goal of supporting close to 200 cities to advance on the climate actions through the GCoM.”
Mr. Michel Mouchiroud, EUD to Thailand

29 October 2021
“An enabling environment for climate action at the local level should be encouraged through regulations… MoEF will also be in touch with the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) to ensure project sustainability.”
Mr. Budi Wirawan, Head of Programme and Evaluation Division, Directorate General of Climate Change Control, Ministry of Environment and Forestry of the Republic of Indonesia

12 November 2021
“The Association of Cities of Viet Nam is strongly committed to supporting the project implementation in Viet Nam and contributing to project’s goals, achievements, and its capacity-building efforts in fighting climate changes.”
Dr. Ngo Trung Hai, Secretary General, Association of Cities of Viet Nam (ACVN)
LEAD FOR SDGs: 
ADVOCATING FOR SDGs LOCALISATION IN PAKISTAN

UCLG ASPAC Programme for SDGs localisation in Pakistan funded by the EU, LEAD for SDGs, continued the commitment to create enabling environment for smooth implementation of sustainable development goals by strengthening coordination and institutional relationship with different tiers of government and between various public, private, and civil society organisations.

11-12 March 2021 - Balochistan
Conducted three activities on advocacy and capacity building at Quetta:
- Consultation with Local Council Associations of Balochistan (LCAB)
- Consultation with Provincial Alliance on SDGs in Balochistan (PASB)
- Training Workshop on SDGs Localisation and Processes of District Plan Development in Balochistan

10 June 2021 - Balochistan
Mapped contributions of the private sector and civil society towards SDGs localisation, and establishment of public private partnership through the corporate social responsibility programme to achieve the 2030 Agenda.

23 June 2021 - Islamabad
Organising an orientation session with 29 newly elected senators on “Government of Pakistan’s Commitment to 2030 Agenda and Potential Role of Senate in Localisation of SDGs” at Pakistan Institute of Parliamentary Services (PIPs).

7 July 2021 - Islamabad
UCLG ASPAC LEAD4SDGs Programme in Pakistan organised a “National Policy Dialogue on Resource Allocations for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”. The policy discussion was based on a research study “Analysis of Budgetary Allocations for SDGs,” which provides empirical evidence on how far the federal and provincial governments have taken the SDGs into account when preparing their annual budgets.

25-26 August 2021
Pre-test of training manual for mainstreaming SDGs into local plans via the adoption of an inclusive and participatory development approach.

August-September 2021
THE partner of LEAD for SDGs programme and a member of UCLG ASPAC, was engaged in consultative meetings to ensure a uniform and sustainable local government system in Pakistan. These meetings were mainly arranged to explore different options to strengthen the local governments in the country because local governments are considered the key stakeholders in achieving the SDGs.

25-26 August 2021
LEAD for SDGs Programme Pakistan signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Local Government Department (LGD), Government of Sindh (GoS) represented by Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, Minister LGD, GoS, Syed Kumail Hyder Shah, representing Local Council Association Sindh (LCAS) as President, to ensure the localisation and attainment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Sindh Province.

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UPLIFTING LOCAL VOICES IN THE 8TH APFSD

UCLG ASPAC, under the framework of Asia-Pacific Local Governments Coordinating Body (APLG), uplifted the voices of local governments at the 8th Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD), organised virtually on 23-26 March 2021.

In the local governments’ statement, UCLG ASPAC President and Dhulikhel Municipality Mayor Ashok Kumar Byanju Shrestha, stated three key actions that support the implementation of SDGs at the local level:

1. The effective decentralisation with vertical and horizontal integration across all levels of government;
2. The integration and contextualisation of SDGs in planning through localisation;
3. To recognise and support the voluntary local review (VLR) and voluntary subnational review (VSR) as bottom-up approaches that will provide reality-grounded information to the voluntary national reviews (VNRs).

During the Agenda 2 of APFSD, UCLG ASPAC Secretary General Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi highlighted the indispensable role of local governments in the achievement of the SDGs and pandemic recovery, and the need for access to clear channels on COVID-19 recovery financing. UCLG ASPAC, together with Huairou Commission, UN ESCAP, and UN-Habitat, co-organised the side event “Our Vision of a Sustainable and Resilient Recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic: Grassroots Women and Local Government Leaders Speak-out!” on 22 March 2021. It focused on how the organised grassroots group led by women and local governments addressed the pandemic and adapted the lessons learned in developing their recovery plan and programme.

“Women’s empowerment and gender mainstreaming should be implemented, and we encourage participation of women in local government for better sustainable development.”

Mayor Ashok Kumar Byanju Shrestha of Dhulikhel Municipality, the President of UCLG ASPAC

“There is no development where there is no universal compassion and commitment for women citywide, nationwide, and worldwide. Our city believes that women are the force behind positive change.”

Mayor Ma. Josefina Belmonte of Quezon City

ASIA-PACIFIC MAYORS ACADEMY IN 2021

THROUGHOUT 2021, UCLG ASPAC, a permanent member of the Academy’s Advisory Board, contributed to the capacity building of Mayors under the framework of Asia-Pacific Mayors Academy. UCLG ASPAC is glad to be able to collaborate, witness, and meet the enthusiasm of Mayors in Asia-Pacific to serve the city. In 2021, the Mayor’s Academy saw the graduation of its second cohort and the entrance of the third one.

Embodying the Journey

The graduation ceremony was conducted online on 22 June 2021. Ten Mayors from five countries successfully completed the programme after intensive training conducted virtually from November 2020 to May 2021.

- Mr. Bernard Faustino Dy (Cauayan, Philippines)
- Mr. Nasrolah Abadiyan (Tehran District 11, Iran)
- Mr. Deri Asta (Sawahlunto, Indonesia)
- Ms. Madelaine Arlene Alfelor (Iriga, Philippines)
- Mr. Morteza Rahmatzadeh (Tehran District 22, Iran)
- Mr. Richard Gomez (Ormoc, Philippines)
- Mr. Chaiyant Thurasakul (Koh Tao, Thailand)
- Mr. Neslson Legacion (Naga, Philippines)
- Mr. Seyed Mostafa Mousavi (Tehran District 9, Iran)
- Mr. Kamardeen Abdul Baiz+ (Puttalam, Sri Lanka)

Welcoming Third Batch of Fellows

- Shusha and Ismayilli Region (Azerbaijan)
- Chandpur and Gazipur (Bangladesh)
- Gelephu Thromde (Bhutan)
- Kochi (India)
- Ternate (Indonesia)
- Taribo and Tabiteuea Island Council (Kiribati)
- Sepang and Kuala Selangor District Council (Malaysia)
- Fuvahmulah (Maldives)
- Iloilo and Vigan (Philippines)

More information on the Asia-Pacific Mayors Academy is available in its official website:
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ON 2 December 2021, UCLG ASPAC and its active member, City Government of Yogyakarta launched the https://parikolektif.com/ website in Purbayan, Kotagede, Yogyakarta (one of the urban farm areas in Yogyakarta) with support from UN Habitat’s Global Public Space Programme. This launching event marks the support of UCLG ASPAC towards the commitment of the Mayor of Yogyakarta City, Haryadi Suyuti, highlighting the need for digitalisation for the city. Attending the launch ceremony were Komaru Ma’arif (Head of Kotagede District, Yogyakarta), representing the Mayor as well as the local farmers. The launching event concluded with picking (vegetable) harvest as the symbol of growth and wellbeing of the urban farming activities that is hoped to be achieved by the optimisation of the website.

How It Started: Efforts Met Shared Commitment

The programme started from a concern shared by Mayor Haryadi on the need for digitalisation in Yogyakarta City. Responding to that, UCLG ASPAC collaborated with the local government and local farmers’ community “Panen Apa Hari ini (What We Harvest Today)” to optimise the existing efforts on digitalisation. This shared commitment is realised into a programme aiming to optimise the existing digital tool and improve the understanding and capacity of local farmers in utilising the tool. This will surely help local farmers to strive economically and, at the same time, provide local people with daily needs supply. Implemented since December 2020, the programme has: (i) updated the data of every local farmer group in the city; (ii) improved databases of each local farmer group (members and products); (iii) developed a more regular harvest schedule/calender from the local farmer groups so that products can be consistently available in the digital marketplace, and (iv) improved documentation on the local farmer groups activities and products to provide added value.

Commitment and further collaboration with Yogyakarta City Government

UCLG ASPAC also met representatives of Yogyakarta City, from the Economic and Development Division, Department of Food and Agriculture, Department of Communication, Information, and Codes, and Sub-division of Partnership to discuss further collaboration. The discussion focused on the possibilities of programme upscaling and alignment with the local work plan.

YEAR 2021 also marked UCLG ASPAC Culture Committee finally launching its first publication “Culture Policies and Actions of Local Governments: An Asia-Pacific Perspective”. The launch was conducted virtually through a webinar “Show Must Go On: Culture and Cities in the Next Normal” on 17 June 2021.

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UCLG ASPAC Secretariat operates under the leadership of the Secretary General. The Secretariat is supported by a team of 40 members (as of December 2021), including core and project staffs who are responsible for a broad range of UCLG ASPAC’s work and activities throughout the Asia Pacific region.

As in 2021 the pandemic still hit, UCLG ASPAC followed the regulation of Indonesian Government to shift mode between Work From Home (WFH) and Work From Office (WFO) with limited capacity. In early December 2021, when cases in Indonesia were very low and local travel was allowed, UCLG ASPAC Secretariat Team conducted a team building programme in Magelang (health protocol applied) to strengthen the teamwork.

**Highlights on UCLG ASPAC Secretariat:**

1. Completion of two programmes: LOCALISE SDGs and Municipalities Network Advocacy on Sanitation in South Asia/MuNASS (Phase 1)
2. Approval for continuation of MuNASS (Phase 2) Programme funded by BMGF
3. Development of Enterprise Resource Plan (ERP) System
4. Organisation of UCLG ASPAC Congress

The above highlights are reflected on resource distribution in UCLG ASPAC as shown on Human Resources and Financial Highlights below:

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*) Number of employees in 2021 declines as some staff members became consultants.

**INCOME VS EXPENSES**

- **INCOME**
  - 2019: USD 1,381,721.78
  - 2020: USD 1,819,369.42
  - 2021: USD 2,500,603.63

- **EXPENSES**
  - 2019: USD 1,351,754.10
  - 2020: USD 1,652,345.36
  - 2021: USD 2,697,725.83

*) Income 2021 increases due to receiving additional pre-financing from EU and BMGF for the implementation of MuNASS programme (Phase 2), membership fee payment, congress funds, other sources.

*) Expenses 2021 declines due to closing of two major programmes.

**EXPENDITURE - FISCAL YEAR 2021**

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**OTHER FACTORS THAT ALLOW UCLG ASPAC TO OPERATE AT REDUCED COSTS:**

- Host City (Jakarta) provides the office space for the UCLG ASPAC Secretariat, including electricity and water.
- Organisations and local governments host and partially finance the Statutory Meetings and the programme activities.

**MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO PROGRAMMES**

- European Union
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- UN-Habitat
- UCLG ASPAC
THROUGHOUT 2021, UCLG ASPAC produced and disseminated various knowledge development products and distributed to members and partners (mainly online).

NEWSLETTER

WEBSITE

TWITTER

2020 2021 2021
2,740 2,960 34.86%
36.02% 34.86%

FACEBOOK

2020 2021 2021
1,745 1,855 22.92%
3.36% 3.36%

OTHER PUBLICATION

SECONDEES AND INTERNS

IM CHANGSOO
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**CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES 2022**

**4-5 April**

National Training on Climate Adaptation and Mitigation (Viet Nam)

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**May**

The Second General Assembly of 21st Century Maritime Cooperation Committee and Forum on Smart Ocean

Organised by: UCLG ASPAC, Fuzhou

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**22-25 May**

National Training on Climate Adaptation (Indonesia)

Organised by: UCLG ASPAC as GCoM SEA Secretariat

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**May/June**

2022 UCLG Executive Bureau Meeting

Organised by: UCLG World, San Jose

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**9-10 June**

2022 UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau Meeting

Organised by: UCLG ASPAC, Xi’an

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**June 2022**

Panel of Expert 2: Good Governance linked to Climate and Social Action

Organised by: CRIC

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**June 2022**

Regional Workshop (Southeast Asia)

Organised by: UCLG ASPAC as the Secretariat of GCoM SEA

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**August 2022**

Workshop on the Ocean and Climate Change

Organised by: 21st Century Maritime Cooperation Committee

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**August-September 2022**

Track 5: Climate, Health, and Environment for th World Planning School Congress - 16 Asian Planning Schools Association Congress

Organised by: CRIC

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**5-7 October**

2022 ASEAN Mayors Forum

Organised by: UCLG ASPAC as AMF Secretariat, Surabaya

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**10-14 October**

2022 UCLG ASPAC Council Meeting in conjunction with 2022 UCLG World Congress

Organised by: UCLG ASPAC, UCLG World, Daejeon

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**October**

The 8th Meeting of 21st Century Maritime Cooperation Committee

Organised by: 21st Century Maritime Cooperation Committee

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