

## Declaration on Green Growth

Nature is the root of all living creatures and the origin of life. Sustainable economic growth is a key challenge faced by all countries today.

In the midst of a global environmental crisis rooted in climate change, Changwon City and its representatives who participated in the UCLG-ASPAC Executive Bureau and Training consider the following to support green growth:

1. We will contribute to the economic recovery of Changwon in the short term and apply a number of well-targeted policy instruments to construct the environmentally-friendly infrastructure required for the transformation to green growth in the mid and long term, noting that public investment should be consistent with a long-term framework for generating sustainable growth.
2. The world is facing fundamental changes in ways of life including housing and transportation among other areas due to climate change and is exposed to a variety of threats such as natural disasters and extreme weather. Green growth will be relevant in that it will go beyond the current crisis, addressing urgent challenges including the fight against climate change and environmental degradation, enhancement of energy security, and the creation of new engines for economic growth. Therefore, UCLG-ASPAC member cities and Changwon City and local governments will collaborate to devise effective measures for green growth and enforce them together.
3. UCLG-ASPAC member cities and Changwon City and local governments will closely cooperate with other cities and share the best practice and technologies recognizing the role of advanced cities to assist developing cities which lack the capacity to tackle climate change and environmental threats.
4. In order to advance the move towards sustainable low carbon green growth, international cooperation will be crucial in areas such as the development and

diffusion of clean technologies, renewable energy technologies and the development of an international market for environmental goods and services. Collaboration will also be essential among UCLG-ASPAC member cities and local governments to build a low carbon green city through supplementing vulnerable points in climate change and improving recuperative powers.

5. UCLG-ASPAC and Changwon City can assist countries in their efforts to respond to the growing policy demands to foster green growth through policy analysis and identification of best practices and collaborate with countries to develop further measures to build sustainable economies.
6. Acknowledging that “Green” and “Growth” can indeed go together, we will strengthen our efforts to pursue green growth and encourage green investment and sustainable management of natural resources.
7. In addition to the promotion of sustainable low carbon infrastructure and R&D technologies, we will strengthen our effort to adopt efficient and effective climate policy mixes including through market-based instruments, regulations and other policies to change behavior and foster appropriate private sector responses.
8. Approaches to recognize the value of low-carbon green growth should be encouraged through appropriate instruments. UCLG-ASPAC member cities and Changwon City and local governments will share information with international organizations, governments, NGOs and environmentally-friendly companies on green investment flows and policies and best practices.
9. We will ensure close collaboration of green growth measures with labor market and human capital formation policies noting that these can create green jobs and we will also encourage domestic policy reform to improve environmentally-harmful policies that might threaten green growth.

10. We recognize the special efforts needed at the international level for cooperation on developing clean technology, fostering market mechanisms and other support for developing countries in their fight against climate change and promote the achievement of sustainable economic growth depending on the stages of individual cities based on the existing principles.

For the enhancement of the happiness of all mankind and generations to come through the fight against climate change, and the creation of new engines for economic growth, UCLG-ASPAC member cities and Changwon City and local governments adopt this declaration at the UCLG-ASPAC Executive Bureau and Training activity meeting which will be held in Changwon on October 20, 2009.

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