

# 8<sup>th</sup> UCLG ASPAC CONGRESS

From Steady Recovery to Sustained Prosperity  
in Post COVID Asia and the Pacific

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Proceedings





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## FOREWORDS



**Hou Hong**

Mayor of Zhengzhou City,  
Co-President of UCLG ASPAC  
representing East and Northeast  
Asia sub-region

The 8<sup>th</sup> UCLG ASPAC Congress was successfully held online from 7-9 September, 2021, participants gathered in the cloud to discuss the theme of “From Steady Recovery to Sustainable Prosperity in Post COVID Asia and Pacific”, expressed their views, reached a consensus surrounding the theme and launched the UCLG ASPAC Manifesto 2021-2025. Moreover, they put forward new concept, new views and new solutions in improving urban governance capacity and promoting rapid economic recovery in Post COVID era, and defined the direction and goals of the Asia-Pacific region in the next five years. This Congress has achieved fruitful results, condensed the efforts and sweat of the preparatory team. It was the crystallisation of the collective wisdom of the participants, a symbol of “unity, fraternity and cooperation” in the Asia-Pacific region. It was also an experience reference for its future development. As a member of UCLG ASPAC, Zhengzhou is and will be willing to contribute wisdom and strength to the sustainable development and prosperity of the Asia-Pacific region.



**“The 8<sup>th</sup> UCLG ASPAC Congress will explore and provide references for all stakeholders to join hands from steady recovery to sustain prosperity in post COVID in the Asia Pacific Region. Zhengzhou City has always done their best to create openness and collaboration and will continue to expand friendship among members”**

Welcoming remark by Mayor Hou Hong during the opening ceremony of 8<sup>th</sup> UCLG ASPAC Congress.



**Ashok Kumar Byanju Shrestha**

President of UCLG ASPAC,  
President of Municipal  
Association of Nepal,  
Mayor of Dhulikhel  
Municipality

I am delighted to present the 8<sup>th</sup> UCLG ASPAC Proceedings to all readers. Despite the challenges and uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, the first virtual Congress was successfully held. It was a display of a strong collaboration and commitment of UCLG ASPAC members and partners to recovery from the pandemic to the Sustained Prosperity in Post-COVID-19 Asia Pacific.

I strongly encourage all readers to implement the strategy and actions discussed at the Congress sessions towards a recovery and building back better.

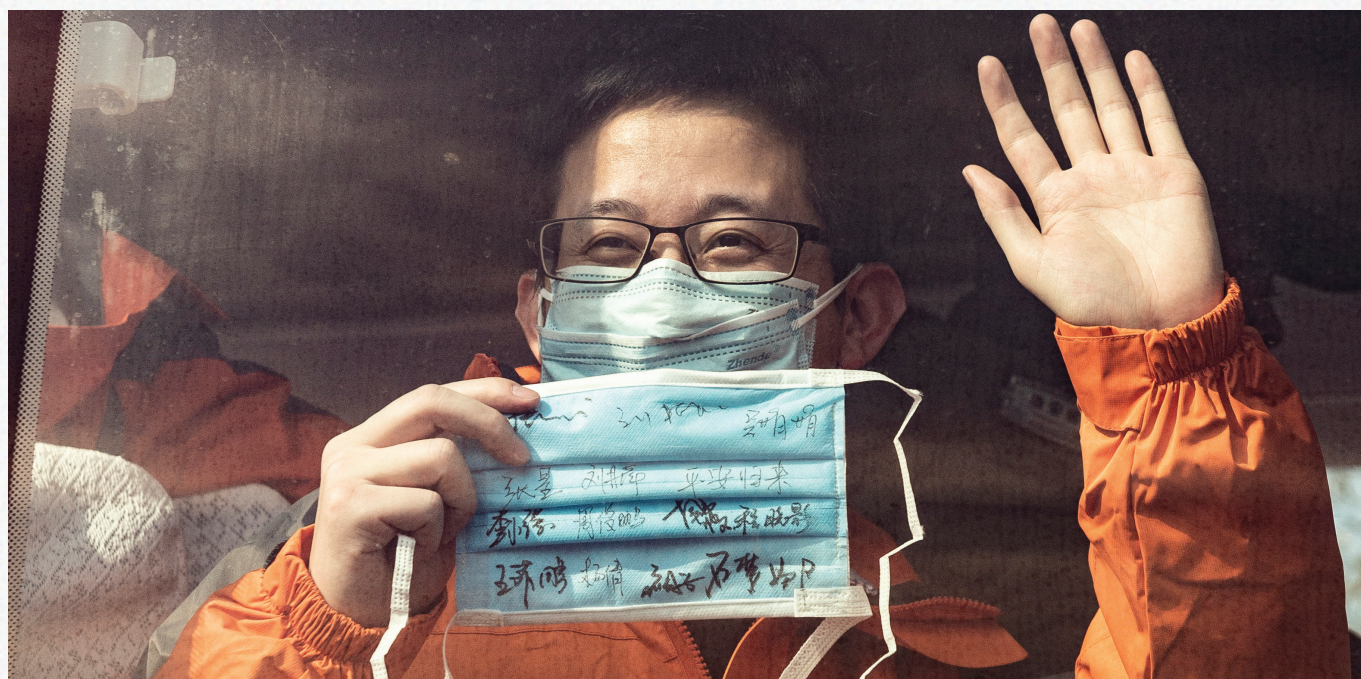


**Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi**

Secretary General  
UCLG ASPAC

The 8<sup>th</sup> UCLG ASPAC Congress provided plenty of opportunities for networking, sharing knowledge, and set the stage for collaboration for all stakeholders, not only local governments. The three-day events captured the spirit and optimism of all the attendees to paving ways to recovery from COVID-19 pandemic as well as planning for sustainable prosperity ahead. I am pleased to present this Congress proceedings that covered takeaway messages discussed during the Congress. I also take this opportunity to call all readers to join hands in collaboration and embrace the new and effective approaches and implementing strategies in driving a sustained recovery. Let's start now, not tomorrow. Let's start together, not alone. Let's start now, together.





## Highlight of 8<sup>th</sup> UCLG ASPAC Congress

The 8<sup>th</sup> UCLG ASPAC CONGRESS was successfully held on 7-9 September 2021, organised by UCLG ASPAC and co-hosted by the Zhengzhou Municipal People's Government and the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC) with the support of UCLG ASPAC strategic partners in the region. Due to travel restrictions, the event was held virtually but it did not reduce the enthusiasm of participants.

### MILESTONES

- Launched the 2021-2025 Manifesto of UCLG ASPAC
- Held the first Photo Contest and Virtual Photo Exhibition
- Built the Congress' Monument in Zhengzhou

### WHAT

Under the theme "From Steady Recovery to Sustained Prosperity in Post-COVID-19 Asia Pacific," the three-day event aimed to accelerate pandemic recovery in sustainable manners through collaborations, and to conduct UCLG ASPAC Statutory Meetings – the Executive Bureau and Council Meetings.

### WHEN

7-9 September 2021 Via Zoom platform

### WHO

- 770 registered participants
- 86 speakers from 4 sub-regions and beyond
- 210 local governments

A wider range of stakeholders took part in the Congress including local stakeholders, civil society groups, national government agencies, international organisations, development institutions, private sector, policy makers, opinion shapers, academicians, and university students.

### HOW

- 8 Side Events
- 7 Committee Meetings
- 2 Statutory Meetings
- 1 Opening Ceremony
- 1 Closing Ceremony
- 1 Plenary Session
- 1 Breakout Session
- 1 Photo Contest

### MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

- 17 Media Representatives and Local Government Websites

### SUPPORT

- 8 Partners co-hosting side events





## OPENING CEREMONY

Ms. Hou Hong, Mayor of Zhengzhou, gave her welcome remarks and stated that Zhengzhou City has always done their best to create openness and collaboration and will continue to do so to expand friendship among members. Mr. Jiang Jiang, Vice President of CPAFFC, in his remarks said that solidarity and cooperation are the only way to fight the pandemic in globalize era. Meanwhile in the next remark, Mr. Ashok Kumar Byanju, President of UCLG ASPAC, promised that under his leadership UCLG ASPAC will strive to become better at assisting others in time of need. UCLG ASPAC will also continue to drive a sustainable path in recovery with focus on local economic development.

Several notable figures also gave their speeches at the opening ceremony. Mr. Boudra as President of UCLG World has realised and seen first-hand how local and regional governments have been struggling to revive economies, reduce mortality, and improve the welfare of communities during the pandemic. He underscored the importance of collaboration and solidarity as well as to

upscale the effort to protect citizens through “health-care for all”, and the time has come to further reflect on how our city planning should in the long-term result in a sustainable future. Mr. Bambang Susantono, Vice President for Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development of the Asian Development Bank, stated that we need to ensure that we do not fall under K-shape recovery. Cities should integrate participatory in urban planning through people-oriented approach. Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), also emphasised the importance of participatory and commitments on urbanisation for recovery. Cities also should be empowered to tackle the challenges. Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director of UN-HABITAT, said that urban prosperity can be achieved through advocacy, digitalisation, and cooperation. Mr. Umesh Shrestha, Minister of Health and Population of Nepal, through a representative, asked all local governments to develop clear strategies to tackle and need to think beyond the Corona Virus Disease to make stronger and healthier cities and region.





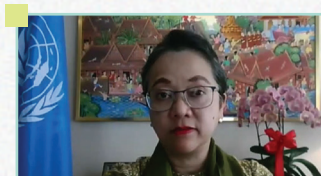
## Official Launching of the Manifesto

The official adaptation of UCLG ASPAC Manifesto and cities signing ceremony agenda also took place during the opening ceremony. Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, Secretary-General of UCLG ASPAC, said that the manifesto is focused on the localisation of the global agenda. It also includes the plan for recovery as an equal strategy component and will encourage cities and local governments to support the region to build resilient and sustainable development. Mr. Ashok Kumar Byanju highlighted that the manifesto will guide UCLG ASPAC members in developing policies, programs, and initiatives.



## Signing Sister Cities Agreements

At the end of opening ceremony, Zhengzhou City as a host city took the opportunity to sign friendly exchange agreement with Balykchy City, Federation Sri Lankan Local Government Authorities (FSLGA), and Kathmandu Metropolitan City.



## CLOSING CEREMONY

Ms. Hou Hong, Mayor of Zhengzhou, delivered her closing remark stating that UCLG ASPAC members should work together while holding the UCLG ASPAC's principle in inclusiveness to achieve a fairer and brighter environment. Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi highlighted that the Congress offers many opportunities, not only amongst cities and local governments but also with other parties. For the past three days, interesting topics were discussed such as climate finance and budgeting, human rights, international cooperation, and SDGs. She also appreciated the initiative of Xi'an to create a Tourism Committee under the framework of UCLG ASPAC to broaden partnership in accelerating the tourism industry recovery.

At the final closing remarks, Mr. Ashok Kumar Byanju thanked all members, partners, and participants who have participated in the 8<sup>th</sup> UCLG ASPAC Congress. He hoped this congress could enhance knowledge and experience. He also said that we must continue our best effort for city recovery, but we do not have to do it alone. Through collaboration and cooperation, everything can be possible.



## PLENARY SESSION

Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, Secretary-General of UCLG ASPAC, in the opening remark before moderating the plenary said that the plenary session is a platform to share experience on actions that have been taken by cities and local governments..

Mr. Yasutomo Suzuki, Mayor of Hamamatsu City shared that the city has taken actions in COVID-19 response ranging in safety and security, economic measures, remote work and services, and promotion of movement. Hamamatsu will also continue to strive to be a smart city and a livable city for its citizen.

Mr. Emil Dardak, Vice Governor of East Java Province highlighted that the best strategy to recovering the economy is to stabilise COVID-19 outbreak. The local governments have also been focusing on social assistance, capacity building, and economic development



programmes for SME businesses and encouraging young people to do work freelance jobs.

Ms. Sheela Patel, Founder and Director of SPARC, conveyed that the pandemic has widened the disparities and inequality gaps. She also mentioned cities that engage with communities will benefit from the relationship. She reminded everyone that in the recovery process, poor and vulnerable people must get the same opportunity. Climate issue was also raised as she reminded that cities might receive climate migrants.

Mr. Lee Hyungjong, Ambassador for International Relations of Daejeon City shared the usage of information and technology development in advancing public services in Daejeon.

And Ms. Li Fang, Director of Zhengzhou Municipal Bureau of Culture, Broadcast-TV and Tourism, Zhengzhou Municipal People's Government shared how Zhengzhou integrated its culture with recovery strategies. Great challenges that were experienced by Zhengzhou gave an opportunity for the government to explore new development in social-economic development.

The session was closed with statements from all speakers on the commitment to continue working on recovery strategic actions and welcomed all future cooperation and collaboration.

## BREAKOUT SESSION

The breakout session focused on exploring the Learning module which enables interactive Learning on Fundamental knowledge for Local governments: Knowing and understanding risks; effective governance mechanisms and organisation; mobilising limited financial resources; and developing future-looking strategies and action for resilient development. The training focused on how these different



elements interact and affect decision-making. Through an interactive role-playing game, participants were able to reflect on how to effectively integrate risk-based planning into local governments' policy cycle.

The session let the trainees to experience what they learned in the form of Futurities dynamic exercise: a governmental role-play game which consists of City Mayor, Head of Employment, Head of Environment, Head of Health Services, and Head of Finance. All participants actively discussed to express their opinions of each role, to choose the future plot of their role city.

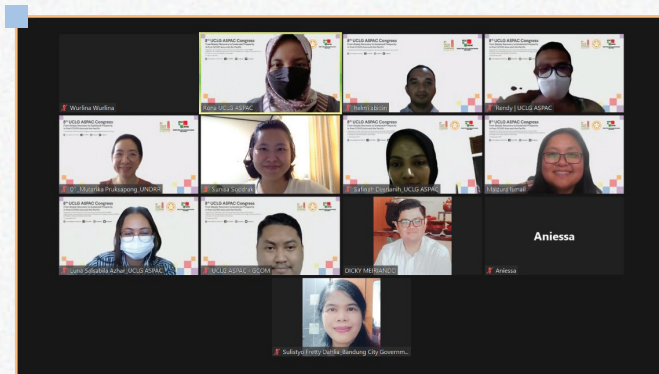
The session also encourages the participants to join the Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR 2030), a global initiative that aims to help cities build their resilience against all forms of disaster, while also contribute in the resilience building efforts in their respective regions. The Resilience Module 1 can be accessed here: <https://www.uclg.org/en/media/news/new-resilience-learning-module-focuses-key-role-local-governance-drr-and-resilience>.



# Resilience Learning Module I:

## Fundamentals of Resilient Governance & Development

Localizing the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction to ensure resilience-based sustainable and inclusive development







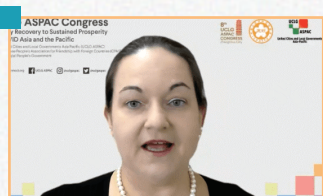
## SIDE EVENT

### 1. Climate Financing and Budgeting

Led by GCoM SEA Secretariat, GCoM Global Regional Coherence for Asia Pacific and UCLG ASPAC

#### Takeaway messages:

Local governments and cities should accelerate climate goals by breaking through problems in financing. The Gap Fund of GCoM and managed by the World Bank provides technical assistance also facilitates the connection between cities and prospective financing partners to help cities build back better. Acting alone is not enough. Global collaboration is the key to tackling climate change.



“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.”

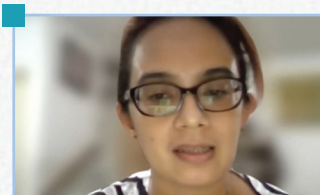
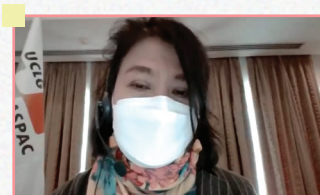
Alexandra Lehmann | Attaché, Foreign Policy Instruments on behalf of EU Delegation to the P.R. of China

### 2. Human Right and Post-Pandemic Future: Opportunity In Crisis

Led by Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

#### Takeaway messages:

‘No one left behind’ is the principle of human rights (and within the SDGs!). It is important for local governments to understand how to overcome this challenge and be aware of the rights of the people. RWI has developed and drafted Localising Human Rights in the Context of SDGs: A Handbook for Cities, with practical guides for cities and local governments to operationalise national human right commitments at the local level. It provides some sort of help to understand how local governments should proceed further to tackle both the pandemic, while also fulfilling and advocating for citizens’ human rights.





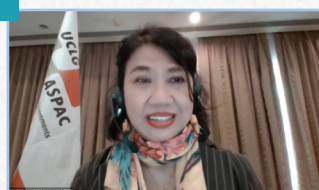
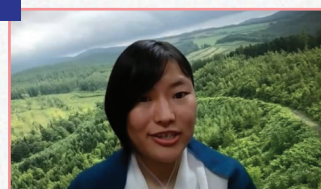
### 3. Reviewing Local Progress and Accelerating Action for the SDGs in a Post-COVID World

Led by UNESCAP

#### Takeaway messages:

The VLRs or Voluntary Local Reviews is the process through which local governments undertake a voluntary review of their progress towards the 2030 agenda and monitor the localisation of SDGs. Therefore, cities in Asia-Pacific are using VLRs as the tool for measuring the implementation of SDGs in their cities. VLRs are there to guide every city about where and how to start, and what to keep in mind when accelerating action for the SDGs, especially in a post-COVID world.

Experiences from various local governments and partners were shared at this Breakout Session.



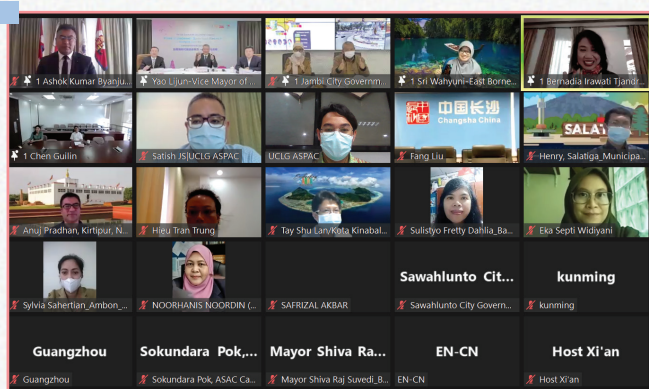
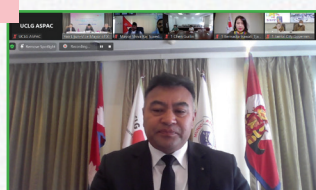
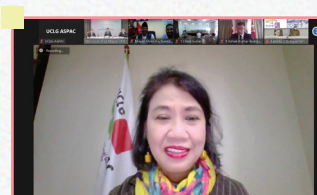
### 4. Post-Pandemic Tourism Recovery Insight and Strategy

Led by Xi'an Municipal People's Government

#### Takeaway messages:

Tourism contributes a lot to GDP and jobs around the world. COVID-19 created a huge impact on this sector. City leaders at this event shared strategies to cope with this challenge, such as utilising digital technology to hold virtual events or tours, along with the help of digital marketing to promote tourism spots. It is time to pay attention to tourism sustainability and capacity building is crucial.

Xi'an briefly highlighted its proposal to set up the Committee on Tourism under the framework of UCLG ASPAC.





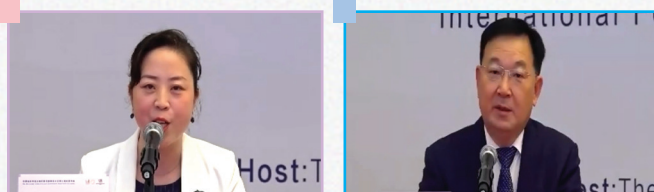
## SIDE EVENT

### 5. Give Full Play to the Role of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) in Fighting the COVID-19 and Strengthen TCM International Exchanges

Led by Zhengzhou Municipal People's Government

#### Takeaway messages:

Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) is a treasure and the key to Chinese civilisation, it is an asset the ancestors left to the Chinese. During the COVID-19 pandemic, TCM has led China to a successful fight against pandemic, together with prevention regulation, to social distancing and the combination of Western medical treatment. The development of TCM, research in theory and practice, has a remarkable result during the COVID-19 pandemic. In the future, international cooperation and exchanges on traditional Chinese medicine are expected to strengthen.



**3. 重型/危重型中西医结合治疗方案研究**

**前瞻性单臂临床研究**

伦理审查: 2020HL-013, 方案注册

病例入选: 2020年1月21日至2月24日河南省8家新冠肺炎定点医院, 50例

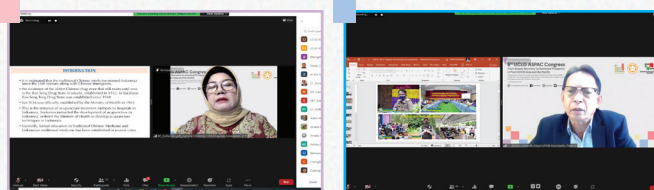
治疗方法: 西医治疗 (根据《新型冠状病毒肺炎诊疗方案 (试行第三、四、五版)》、《新型冠状病毒肺炎重型、危重型病例诊疗方案 (试行 第二版)》)

中医辨证治疗 (参照《河南省新冠肺炎中医辨证治疗要点》)

观察指标: 病毒核酸转阴、疾病转归、住院时间、临床症状体征评分、胸部影像学

辨证治疗方案	证型	治法
重型	湿阻脾胃证	藿朴夏苓汤合麻黄定喘汤加减
	湿热蕴肺证	桑白皮汤合小陷胸汤加减
	疫毒闭肺证	清瘟败毒饮合宣白承气汤加减
危重型	内闭外脱证	四逆加入参汤加味, 送服安宫牛黄丸 (热毒) 或苏合香丸 (湿浊)

用法: 中药饮片水煎服或中药颗粒剂水冲服, 1天1-2剂

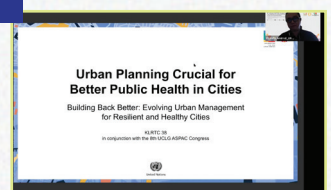
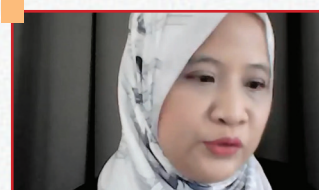
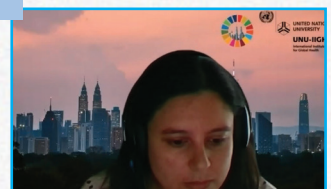


### 6. Kuala Lumpur Regional Training Centre (KLRTC) XXXVIII "Building Back Better: Evolving Urban Management for Resilient and Healthy Cities"

Led by Kuala Lumpur City

#### Takeaway messages:

To build back a better and prosperous city for the post-pandemic world, local governments need to work on better urban planning and management. The urban plans should be aligned with public health sector. Cities must start building infrastructure that addresses the safety for every segment of society. To create a healthy city, we need to consider every sector such as the social, technological, financial, environmental sectors, while also considering several issues such as mental health, clean water and sanitation, and gender gap in urban mobility. To actualise the sustainable development of cities, we must make sure that no one and no place are left behind.



### Guangzhou's Practice on Covid-19 Prevention and Control for Healthy and Sustainable Urban Development

Madame ZHANG Yajie  
September 8, 2021

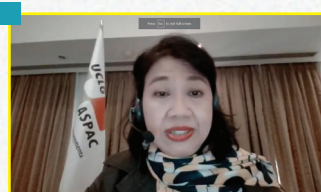


## 7. MCR2030: Strengthening National-Local Collaboration Towards Making Cities Resilient in Asia-Pacific

Led by United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)

### Takeaway messages:

MCR2030 is a global initiative led by UNDRR in cooperation with various partners including UCLG. It focused on helping cities around the world to build their resilience by enhancing knowledge, improving strategic plans, and taking actions along the disaster risk resilience roadmap. MCR2030 is designed based on the needs of local governments in managing cities/regions. By joining the MCR2030, cities and local governments can start their resilience journey with global partners. Resilience-building is a process that cannot be done alone. We need to do it together.



## 8. Decentralised Cooperation and The SDGs

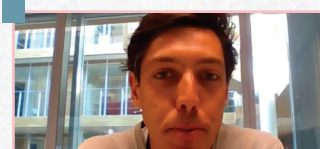
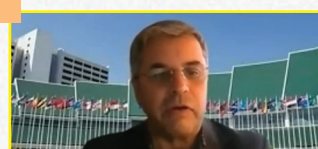
Led by United Cities and Local Governments – World Secretariat

### Takeaway messages:

International Development collaboration between cities and regions across the globe has produced positive results in terms of efficient, sustainable, and responsive territorial policies and innovation. Decentralized cooperation (DC) forms an essential part of the acceleration to the SDGs achievement. It is one of the main ways cities and regions search for good practices and solutions in the international arena, with which to solve their own domestic challenges.

As a global network of local and regional government organizations, UCLG is committed to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and supports its members following the SDG localization processes. In conjunction with the 8th UCLG ASPAC Congress, UCLG Learning in collaboration with UCLG ASPAC, PLATFORMA, and UN-Habitat launched a new “Learning Module 4: Localizing the SDGs through Decentralized Cooperation”. The module builds on the realities of local governments, associations, and organizations that work in decentralized cooperation, considering their experiences, challenges, and best practices.

Following the launch, UCLG ASPAC will be hosting a 3-day TOT on decentralised cooperation and SDGs localisation at the end of October 2021. The TOT will aim to empower and build the capacity of dedicated LRGs staff and LRG associations in the Asia-Pacific region. They will serve as focal points to promote and anchor Decentralized Cooperation and SDGs Localisation.







## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### 1. SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST STANDING COMMITTEE

#### **Takeaway messages:**

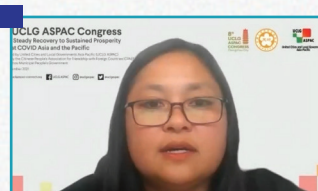
Local Government Association (LGAs) and cities in this region has great efforts, such as implementing projects to respond to social and environmental challenges. There is the LEAD for SDGs Localisation, Climate Resilience on Inclusive Cities and Advocacy Network on Municipal Sanitation. LGAs also provide any kind of support, like researches, consultancies, webinars, reforms in LG legislation, ensure participation of marginalised groups particularly women and provide training for members. There is a need to set the target of what the committee wants to achieve in 2025 collectively, and to formulate a concrete action plan that aligns with the UCLG ASPAC Manifesto 2021-2025.



### 2. STANDING COMMITTEE OF WOMEN IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

#### **Takeaway messages:**

Working towards women empowerments at the local level, here are some activities implemented by the Standing Committee on Women in Local Governments: (1) Increasing Women's Voices in Local Governance and Public Service Deliveries - Training of Trainers Event; (2) Women Leadership in Asia Pacific's Local Governments: Current Condition, Challenges, and Opportunities - survey project; and (3) Telemedicine Programme.



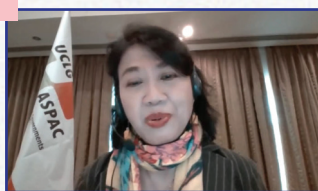




### 3. HDP NEXUS COMMITTEE

#### Takeaway messages:

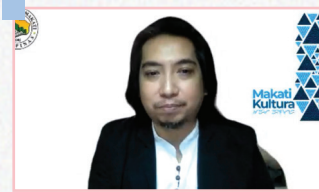
The HDP tippie Nexus refers to the interlinkages between humanitarian, development, peace actors and activities. Therefore, the Committee aims to promote international peace with local governments as the key actor to achieve that goal. Peace ODA is an initiative platform by Gyeonggi-do, to explore new modes of practical cooperation with three main pillars of HDP Nexus, which are better coordination, better programming, better financing.



### 4. CULTURE COMMITTEE

#### Takeaway messages:

Local governments emphasised the important role of culture in recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic. "Arts and culture bring people together and maximise the resilience of our societies through solidarity and cooperation. Even during times of crisis, that is the reason why arts and culture must continue.", remarked Jeju Special Self-Governing Province Acting Governor Mr. Man-seop Koo. Despite the challenges from the pandemic, local governments continue their efforts in making culture accessible for all through online, hybrid, or offline modalities.







## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### 5. SOUTHEAST ASIA STANDING COMMITTEE

#### Takeaway messages:

During the pandemic, cities in the Southeast Asia region have different challenges and situations. Vice President Leni G. Robredo of the Republic of the Philippines stated that the pandemic requires us to take immediate action and strengthens collaboration and solidarity. The Mayor of Subang Jaya and Prik agreed that digitalisation is critical during this pandemic even in the post COVID era. Digitalisation can also enhance the transparency of the government. Secretary General Bernadia emphasised that the UCLG ASPAC's manifesto put digitalisation as one of the priorities to reduce the digital gap. In addition, a representative of Makati City added the funding issue during the pandemic. She said that Makati City is advocating for the integration of requirements for the existing funding so it can be tapped by the local government that needed them, like the climate change-related funds, hitting two priorities in one stone.

Mayor Noraini Roslan of Subang Jaya explained the seven post-pandemic strategies which are planning, goal setting, increasing capacity, effective implementation, evaluation, strategizing, and health assessment. She added that the COVID-19 pandemic requires cities to have a strong collaboration to achieve goals, optimize the data for decision-making, and be agile and adaptable.



### 6. 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY MARITIME COOPERATION COMMITTEE

#### Takeaway messages:

The Secretariat of the Committee briefed on its work and future work plan. Over the past year, the Committee finished the establishment of its official website, held the Online Workshop on Marine Litter Management and provided assistance for members to combat the pandemic. 6 new members and 6 new advisers joined the Committee. Next, the Committee will organize its Second General Assembly and associated events, the eighth committee meeting and a themed workshop.

Representatives from Fuzhou municipal departments shared the development of "Digital Fuzhou", the role of information systems in epidemic prevention and control and the application of digital technologies to resource planning and management. A representative of NetDragon Websoft Holdings Limited, introduced the cooperation on digital education between his enterprise and cities at home and abroad.

Participants presented their cities' development of digital technologies in the fields of epidemic prevention, urban development and governance.

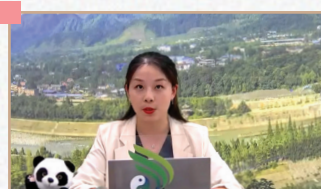
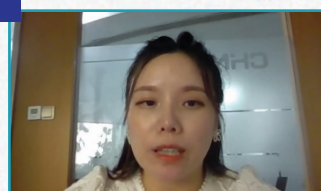




## 7. BELT AND ROAD LOCAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE

### Takeaway messages:

The meeting kicked off virtually on the afternoon of September 8, 2021. During the meeting, representatives of BRLC members and Hangzhou-based enterprises shared the projects outcomes under the framework of BRLC and their keen desire for future cooperation. Six new members joined BRLC at the meeting, including Dhankuta Municipality of Nepal, Cagliari Municipality of Italy, Silk Road Legal Cooperation Network, Argentine Chinese Council, LAC China Business Federation and Dujiangyan Municipality, China. In total, the number of BRLC members had grown to 83.







## STATUTORY MEETINGS

UCLG ASPAC Statutory Meetings were held on 9 September 2021 using hybrid format. Members in Nepal attended the meeting physically and then virtually connected with Zhengzhou City as host city and other members. The Statutory Meetings included the UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau (ExBu) Meeting followed by the Council Meeting.

At the ExBu Meeting, 10 new members were endorsed: 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). The ExBu members also agreed the establishment two new committees: New Committee on Tourism led by Xian Municipal People's Government, and New Committee on Circular Economy led by All India Institute of Local Self Government. In addition, UCLG ASPAC Financial Management Committee were reactivated for 2021-2023.

At the Council Meeting, the members decided to extend the term of current Presidency and representatives of Executive Bureau and Council from 2020-2022 to 2020-2023. The meeting also elected Madam Zhang Yajie is a new Chair of UCLG ASPAC Standing Committee on Women in Local Government and UCLG ASPAC Co-President on Women in Local Government.



## PHOTO CONTEST

On the occasion of 8<sup>th</sup> UCLG ASPAC Congress, a photo competition was held for the first time to raise awareness and capture the efforts of the COVID-19 response and recovery in Asia-Pacific cities. The photo competition was divided into four categories:

1. Community Efforts on COVID-19 Recovery. Despite challenges, communities have engaged in joint efforts to strive and thrive during this pandemic.
2. Economic and COVID-19 Recovery. Economies worldwide have been severely affected by the pandemic, but slowly a new and growing economic landscape is taking shape.
3. Creativity in Crisis. The pandemic's impact on our daily lives sparked peoples' creativity to adapt and maintain their livelihoods.
4. Blessing in Disguise. There is evidence of the pandemic's positive impact on wild, sea and human life, thus illustrating a "blessing in disguise".

There was 1 winner from each category and 1 favorite winner from the voting conducted on the UCLG ASPAC Congress website.

170 photos were submitted from public participants all around Asia Pacific, and this positive response showed the path towards recovery in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

### Congratulations for the winners:

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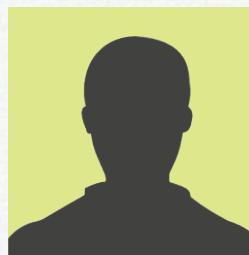


**Dou Yiming**



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**Doctor**

#### 2. Category 2 Economic and COVID-19 Recovery Winner

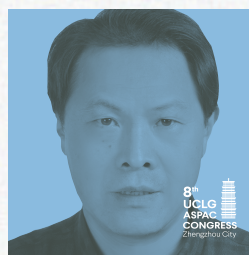


**Mr. Lv Wenzheng**



Photo Title:  
**Market**

#### 3. Category 3 Creativity in Crisis Winner



**Jin Siliu**



Photo Title:  
**Preparing for Test While Fighting Against Epidemic**

#### 4. Category 4 Blessing in Disguise Winner



**Avijit Ghosh**



Photo Title:  
**Photo 3 (blessing in disguise)**

#### 5. Category Favorite Award Winner



**Muhammad Ikhsan**

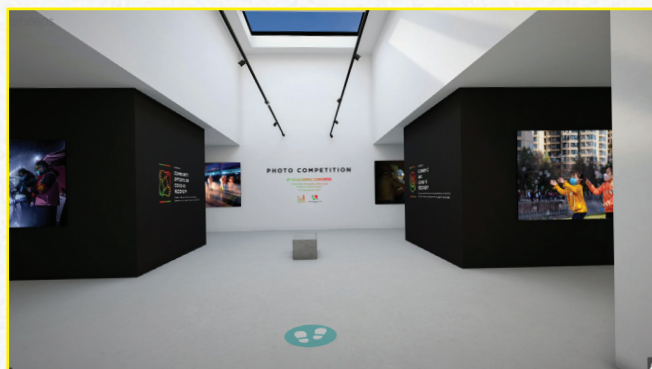


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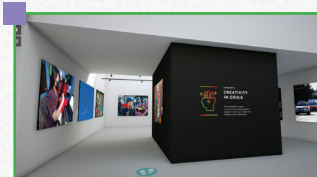
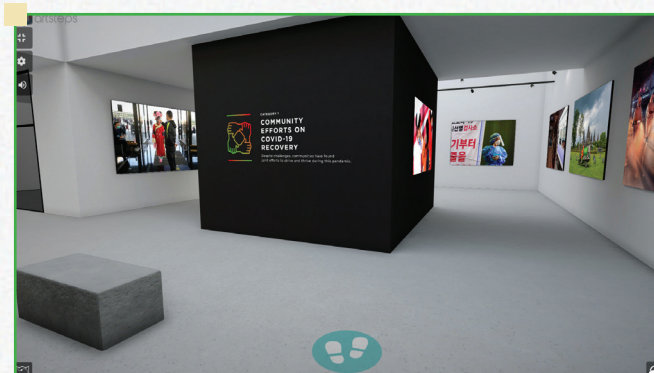




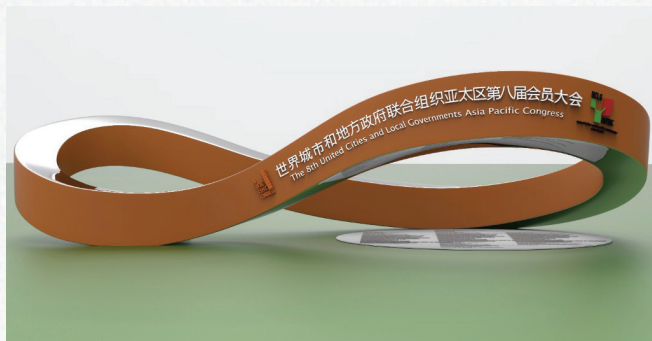
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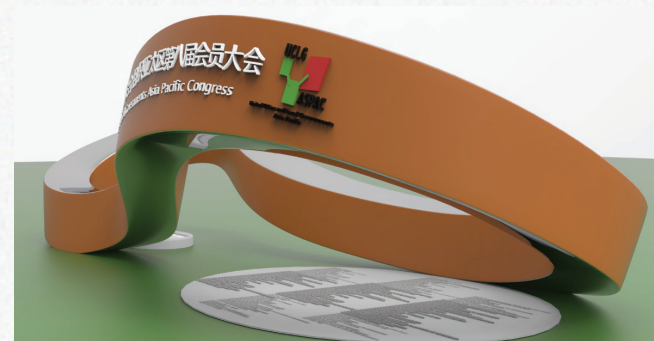
A 3D Gallery was created to compile the submitted photos and it was accessible to the public. Click this link to visit the gallery <https://www.artsteps.com/embed/612cdba4281f1866ff86b66e/1280/720>.



## UCLG ASPAC CONGRESS MONUMENT



Located at Zhengzhou International Friendship Park, UCLG ASPAC Congress Monument was built to commemorate the 8<sup>th</sup> UCLG ASPAC Congress. The monument is in a circular structure, implying “unity, friendship and cooperation” in the Asia-Pacific region. At the same time, it also implies the interconnection between member cities and local governments in the Asia-Pacific region and between the Asia-Pacific region and the world. From a positive point of view, it is an Arabic numeral “8”, implying the successful convening of the eighth UCLG ASPAC Congress; From the above, it looks like a loop line, implying that



the Congress was held online. The sculpture shows a floating ribbon, which means that under the concept of “one belt, one road”, all members of the Asia-Pacific City work together to advance the development of the community and to reflect the common destiny of mankind. In addition, 184 UCLG ASPAC members since the establishment of UCLG ASPAC in 2004 was crafted in the monument.

To see the video of the Congress Monument built by Zhengzhou, please click:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=laiE6naziZM>



## MEDIA COVERAGE

UCLG ASPAC, in collaboration with Zhengzhou Municipal People's Government and Municipal Association of Nepal, closely engaged with media to promote the 8<sup>th</sup> UCLG ASPAC Congress and to quickly publicise information on the Congress. Thank you for the media and local government websites for their support.

List of Media Outlets and Local Government Websites attending and covering the Congress:

1. (Zhengzhou People's Broadcasting Station News Center)
2. (Zhengzhou Daily)
3. Antara News (Jatim)
4. Detik.com
5. Antara News (Sumsel)
6. Haluan Sumsel
7. Pemerintah Kabupaten Musi Banyuasin
8. Foreign and Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the People's Government of Henan
9. (Changjiang Daily)
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9月7号到9号，由中国人民对外友好协会和郑州市人民政府共同承办的世界城市和地方政府联合组织(UCLG)亚太区第八届会员大会将以视频会议方式召开。此次大会的主题为“后疫情时代亚太区从稳步复苏走向持续繁荣”，参会人员主要来自亚太区主席团成员、各会员单位代表、有关国际组织和国家政府机构代表等，涵盖亚太区22个国家和地区180多个会员城市或国家级地方政府协会。

本次大会会期3天。9月7号、8号将召开亚太区7个委员会会议。其中，郑州市承办的平行论坛“岐黄润中原中医惠民生”——中医药防治新冠肺炎及后疫情时代慢病管理国际论坛定于8号召开。

9月9日，召开亚太区第八届会员大会暨“后疫情时代亚太区从稳步复苏走向持续繁荣”会议，议程包括开幕式主题论坛、亚太区执行局会议、亚太区理事会议和闭幕式等。

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**世界城市组织亚太区第八届会员大会成功举办**

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9月9日，由世界城市和地方政府联合组织亚太区主办，中国人民对外友好协会、郑州市人民政府承办的世界城市组织亚太区第八届会员大会以视频会议形式成功举办。中国人民对外友好协会副会长姜江，郑州市市长、世界城市组织亚太区联合主席侯红出席相关活动并致辞。

姜江在致辞中说，新冠肺炎疫情冲击和百年变局交织叠加，全球公共卫生面临严重威胁，团结合作是应对全球化时代流行性疾病的唯一选择，唯有秉持人类卫生健康共同体理念，维护并践行真正的多边主义，国际社会才能走出疫情至暗时刻。希望各会员城市充分利用世界城市组织这一平台，持续深化合作，让城市在构建人类命运共同体进程中发挥更大作用。

侯红在致辞时表示，近年来，郑州市完整准确全面贯彻新发展理念，深度融入共建“一带一路”，着力打造国内大循环的重要枢纽、国内国际双循环的战略支点，城市知名度和影响力持续提升。郑州将全力支持世界城市组织亚太区各项工作，积极在经贸、教育、文旅等领域贡献力量、分享经验，共同探索全球化背景下互促共赢的新路径。郑州将以更加开放包容姿态，持续拓展与亚太区各会员城市之间的交流合作，并携手为构建人类命运共同体贡献力量。

据了解，会议期间，来自亚太区22个国家和地区100多个城市的500多名会员代表，围绕“后疫情时代亚太区从稳步复苏走向持续繁荣”这一主题，深入探讨交流并凝聚了广泛共识。亚太区第八届会员大会纪念雕塑在郑州同期落成。同时，我市还与巴塞罗那市、加德满都市签署友好城市关系意向书和友好交流城市关系协议书，市人民对外友好协会与斯里兰卡地方政府协会签署友好合作备忘录。

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世界城市和地方政府联合组织，是目前最大的世界城市和地方政府国际组织，被誉为“地方政府联合国”，在国际上有很强的影响力。目前，该组织在全球140多个国家和地区中拥有城市会员1000多个、全国性地方政府协会会员112个。

举办此次大会，能让更多的国际朋友认识郑州，加强我市与亚太区“一带一路”会员城市的合作交流，助力“一带一路”倡议的落实。据郑州市人民对外友好协会会长崔萍介绍，“本次大会原定于去年8月举办，因全球新冠肺炎疫情被迫两次推迟，举办形式也从现场改为线上。这次在全球新冠肺炎疫情肆虐的情况下，举办第八届会员大会，彰显了郑州的责任担当，也展示了中国的抗疫成就，对全体会员是一个极大的鼓舞。”



## OUR APPRECIATION

UCLG ASPAC, Zhengzhou Municipal People's Government, and the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC) would like to extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude for all partners that have inspired participants with the knowledge and experience to drive sustained prosperity and well-being in post-COVID-19 as well as to ensure sustainable development through city- and local government-led actions.

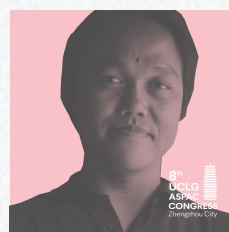
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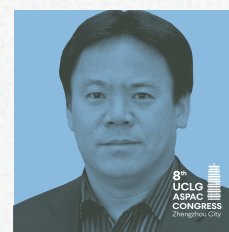
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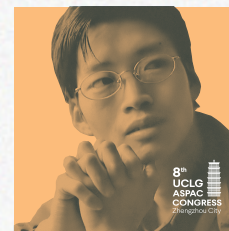
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