

OUTCOME

FOR THE 1st Dialogue of URBAN MEKONG CORRIDOR INITIATIVE

We, the stakeholders, representing various cities and local governments across the Mekong Corridor, along with representatives from civil society, the private sector, and international partners, on the occasion of the First Dialogue of Urban Mekong Corridor Initiative in Vientiane, Lao PDR on 27th February 2024, hereby declare our commitment to the goals and principles of the Urban Mekong Corridor Initiative.

Recognising the unique challenges and opportunities presented by the rapid urbanisation and development of the Mekong region, here by agree to take the following measures:

1. Collaborative Action: Actively participate in collaborative efforts, sharing knowledge, resources, and good/best practices to address the critical challenges, risk and opportunities facing Mekong Basin.
2. Inclusive Urban Approach: Work towards an inclusive approach to urban development, ensuring that small and intermediary cities and local governments are given particular consideration and support.
3. Inclusive Green Growth: Promote and implement strategies for inclusive green growth, aligning sustainable economic development with environmental stewardship and social equity.
4. Multi-Level Stakeholder Engagement: Engage in open and inclusive communication and collaboration across various levels of governance and with all stakeholders, including civil society, the private sector, and international partners.
5. Regular Participation and Review: Meet bi-annually to review progress, discuss collective challenges, share experiences, and adapt strategies as needed, ensuring the continuous relevance and effectiveness of our efforts.
6. Representation and Advocacy: Represent the interests and needs of our respective cities, local governments, and organisations, advocating for policies, strategies, initiatives, and actions, that support the objectives of the Urban Mekong Initiative.
7. Collaborate access to finance and technology.

By adopting this commitment, we pledge to uphold these principles and work collectively towards achieving a sustainable, inclusive, and prosperous future for the cities and communities of the Mekong region.

Adopted at the First Dialogue of the Urban Mekong Corridor Initiative, hosted by Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR, on 27 February 2024.